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Officials: KS deputy used Taser on child with autism

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A state law enforcement oversight group says a former Jackson County sheriff's deputy used his Taser on a 12-year-old autistic boy who was handcuffed and hogtied inside the deputy's vehicle.

The oversight body reprimanded the deputy for using excessive force on the boy in February but did not revoke his law enforcement certification.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports Matthew Honas was terminated from his job with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department in March.

The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training said the boy was in Honas' patrol vehicle because he had run away from foster care.

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