



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE

Terminated Deputy Arrested on Allegations of Misconduct

December 13, 2015 – Jonathan Christensen, a former Corporal at the Sheriff's Office who was terminated in August, was arrested and charged with several crimes.

In April of 2015, the Sheriff's Office received an anonymous email alleging Mr. Christensen, amongst others, engaged in misconduct. Sheriff Pat Garrett quickly placed Mr. Christensen on administrative leave and requested a comprehensive independent investigation into the allegations. Portland Police Bureau (PPB) agreed to investigate the allegations against the individuals named in the anonymous email.

While the original investigation was ongoing, Mr. Christensen was served with a restraining order which was upheld by a circuit court on June 22, 2015. Based upon the evidence and findings of the circuit court, Sheriff Pat Garrett terminated Mr. Christensen's employment (Imposition of Discipline letter attached).

The Portland Police Bureau recently concluded its investigation and forwarded the case to the Multnomah County District Attorney for review. On December 11, 2015, the Multnomah County District Attorney presented the case to a Washington County Grand Jury. The Grand Jury returned an indictment of:

- Coercion
- Four Counts of Official Misconduct
- Assault 4-Domestic
- Strangulation-Domestic

On December 13, 2015, Mr. Christensen voluntarily turned himself in to the Washington County Jail where he was booked on the listed charges.

In response to Mr. Christensen's arrest, Sheriff Pat Garrett said, "I extend my gratitude to the Portland Police Bureau and the Multnomah County District Attorney for their dedication and critical work on this case. While there is a presumption of innocence in our justice system, the allegations against Mr. Christensen are very serious. The Grand Jury's decision is an important reminder that no one, including a law enforcement officer, is above the law. I will continue to enforce the highest standards of conduct and professionalism at the Washington County Sheriff's Office."



Jonathan Christensen