



## Grand Jury indicts Harrison County Sheriff Michael Deatrck

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(WHAS11) - Long time Harrison County Indiana Sheriff Mike Deatrck is out of jail on a \$90,000 bond.

Thursday night he was indicted on 12 charges including sexual battery, insurance fraud and obstruction of justice.

He's accused of sexually harassing two county dispatchers. A judge ordered Deatrck to stay away from them immediately.

"As with any criminal case that I prosecute, I am interested in the victims and pursuing justice," says special

prosecutor Nancy Jacobs.

Right now, Sheriff Deatrick still has the legal right to stay in power as the sheriff despite a county commissioner's request for him to step down.

Deatrick's pre-trial is set for the middle of May with a jury trial in July.

Two other people were also indicted Thursday in relation to this case.

Dee Walden is a former corrections officer charged with insurance fraud.

Jail Commander Nathan Simpson is charged with obstruction of justice and false informing.

Thursday's criminal indictment of Sheriff Deatrick comes after a civil lawsuit.

Last year two female dispatchers settled the suit against Deatrick and Harrison County for sexual harassment for just over \$375,000 dollars.

The county was also required to pay for training sheriff's department employees to avoid acts of discrimination.

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