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Burke County NC March 4 2011 A Morganton man who was night sergeant at a jail in Burke County has been charged with having sex with an inmate, authorities say.

Thomas Edward Pearson, 58, was arrested Friday and charged with sexual activity by a custodian. In this case, the word “custodian” refers to Pearson’s role as overseer at the facility. The charge is a felony, Burke County officials say.

Pearson has resigned his position at the Burke-Catawba Confinement Center, a jail facility in Morganton shared by Burke and Catawba counties.

According to the police report, Pearson is accused of having a sexual relationship for 14 months with Alicia Camille Goode, 32. Goode was jailed on murder charges, in connection with an August 2007 Burke County case in which a man was killed during what police described as a botched home invasion.

Pearson faces an initial court hearing Monday.

He is being held in the Caldwell County Jail, under \$50,000 bond

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