

Colville officer pleads guilty to on-duty sexual misconduct

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COLVILLE, Wash.--A Colville police officer pleaded guilty to multiple felony and misdemeanor charges Tuesday after several women accused him of sexual misconduct while on duty.

Charging papers show the first woman to come forward reported being sexually assaulted by Officer Rex Newport at her apartment in Colville in March 2013.

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The woman said Newport handcuffed her and then later had sexual intercourse with her, according to charging papers. The papers also said the woman went to the hospital for a sexual assault examination and reported the incident to the Stevens County Sheriff's Office.

Court documents said after the first woman reported her encounter with Newport, several other women reported to the SCSO that Newport had also made sexual advances toward them while he was on duty.

The SCSO included documentation of four other women who were targeted in documents filed with the court.

The Attorney General's Office filed charges on behalf of the Stevens County Prosecutor's Office on Oct. 4, 2013.

Newport pleaded guilty to residential burglary, unlawful imprisonment with sexual motivation, custodial sexual misconduct in the first degree, making a false or misleading statement to a public servant and Official misconduct.

"The Attorney General's Office appreciates the opportunity to work with the Stevens County Sheriff's Office to bring Mr. Newport to justice," said Attorney General Bob Ferguson.

The standard sentencing range for the felonies is 22 to 29 months in prison, according to the Attorney General's office.

Sentencing is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on April 1.