

Former Lyon Deputy Accused of Sex With Prisoner

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YERINGTON, NV - A former Lyon County Sheriff's deputy is being held in the Washoe County Jail, accused of sex crimes with at least one inmate in the Lyon County Jail.

Accusations against Jerry Peek, a 14-month veteran of the agency, led to investigations that began in 2013. One was internal; the other, a criminal investigation, was done by the Nevada Division of Investigation. Peek was immediately placed on paid Administrative Leave pending the outcome of these investigations, and was never brought back to work in any capacity. He was fired in March of 2014.

The Nevada Division of Investigations found evidence of several crimes, filed these charges with the Nevada Attorney General and obtained a warrant for the arrest of Peek, who was taken into custody October 14, 2014. He is charged with six Felony charges and three Gross Misdemeanors with a total bail of \$750,000.

The charges are: Coercion, Asking or Receiving Bribe by Public Officer, Voluntary Sex between Prisoner and Another, Preventing/Dissuading Victim from Reporting Crime, Misconduct of Public Officer, Open or Gross Lewdness, Indecent Exposure, and Inhumanity to a Prisoner.

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office has issued a statement:

"Unfortunately these types of crimes occur across the country and are a blemish and embarrassment to all of Law Enforcement with the majority of them being upstanding, professional men and women. Since this incident we have made changes in policy and practice to ensure that nothing like this happens again. We had not released any information prior to this at the requests of the victims.

The most important thing we need to remember are the victims and we are incredibly sorry this happened and we thank them for having the courage to come forward and for having faith and trust in the Lyon County Sheriff's Office that we will do what is right no matter who is involved. We are a transparent agency and we want to ensure you that we will continue to be a transparent agency."