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## Ex-Sneedville chief faces charges of contributing to delinquency of minor, theft

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SNEEDVILLE, Tenn. - A Hancock County grand jury indicted a former police chief today on charges that range from improper conduct with a teenage girl to putting pressure on grand jurors.

Charlie H. Dunsmore served as part-time police chief for the city of Sneedville until his retirement Feb. 4. That retirement came just after the [Tennessee Bureau of Investigation](#) opened a probe into accusations against him, city officials said.

Deputies served Dunsmore this afternoon with a sealed indictment charging him with official misconduct, theft, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and improper influence of a grand juror, said C. Berkeley Bell, 3rd Judicial District attorney general. Dunsmore was booked into the county jail and released after posting \$20,000 bond, according to the Sheriff's Department.

Bell wouldn't give specifics about the case, but city officials have said the case involves a teenage girl. The latest charge - improper influence of a juror - suggests Dunsmore tried to pressure members of the county grand jury for leniency.

A court date for Dunsmore wasn't immediately available tonight.

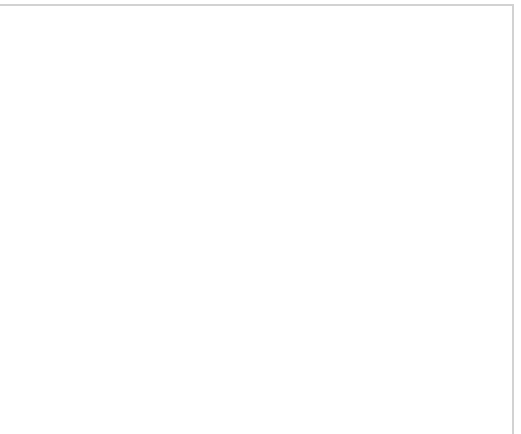
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