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Pocahontas ex-deputy, ex-prosecutor indicted on sex charges By Alison Matas

MARLINTON, W.Va. -- A former Pocahontas County sheriff's deputy and a former assistant county prosecutor were indicted this week on sexual assault charges.

Bradley C. Totten, the former sheriff's deputy, faces 21 counts of third-degree sexual assault and 21 counts of sexual abuse by a parent, guardian or custodian. Totten allegedly had sexual intercourse with a girl younger than 16 years old on several occasions between October 1992 and August 1994.

Totten also faces charges of second-degree sexual assault and sexual intercourse with an incarcerated person by a person working as a deputy sheriff. In July 2009, he allegedly pushed a woman who was incarcerated to the couch or floor and forced her to have sexual intercourse, according to the indictment.

Also, Totten faces two counts of first-degree sexual abuse and one count of attempted first-degree sexual abuse. He allegedly touched the breasts of a different girl younger than 16 through her clothing in 2005.

In April, Totten was indicted on 12 counts of sexually abusing four children and one woman between May 1999 and April 2010, the Gazette previously reported. Court officials said Friday that this week's indictments are separate from those.

Totten is scheduled to be arraigned at 10:15 a.m. on Sept. 7 in front of Circuit Judge James Rowe, Pocahontas County Circuit Clerk Connie Carr said.

The lawyers in the case, assistant Fayette County prosecutor Brian Parsons and defense lawyer Michael Callaghan of Charleston, were in court on Friday and unavailable for comment.

In the other case, Jarrell Lee Clifton II, a former assistant prosecuting attorney for Pocahontas County, was indicted on two counts of second-degree sexual assault and two counts of imposition of sexual intercourse on an incarcerated person.

According to the indictment, Clifton twice forced an incarcerated woman to perform oral sex on him in May and June of 2010.

Clifton was arraigned in front of Circuit Judge Joseph Pomponio and pleaded not guilty. His bail was set at \$10,000 personal recognizance on the condition he has no contact with the alleged victim, Carr said.

Clifton's pretrial hearing is set for 9:45 a.m. on Oct. 26, and his trial is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Nov. 1.

Carr said Parsons is prosecuting, and Jody Wooton of Beckley is Clifton's attorney.

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Must be really rough finding a suitable date in Pocahontas County.

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Doesn't sound like its THAT tough habib

I assume these Democrats were just having a little fun with their prey. I mean leeches don't really have a conscience

Now....if we had a decent govvernment these men would be punished...and punished hard

But since we've elected excuse makers for the last 100 years these two will get a pat on the rump and 6 months in sensitivity training.

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I'm sure Mr. Clifton is very popular with his cellmates and just think, they're all his type: incarcerated!

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Its too bad Pacaderm that we can't elect more honorable GOP candidates like Arch Moore, huh?. No one would ever accuse Moore and his gang of exploiting the state, taking massive kickbacks blatantly and selling the state to whoever had cold hard cash to offer...I think the WV Dems look like saints compared to our state's history with the GOP. And look at the current slate of GOP poodles running for the cliff now! And they're the best you have to offer? Bwahahahaha!

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