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### Somerset County grand jury indictments

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SKOWHEGAN — A former sheriff's deputy accused of molesting three children at a Norridgewock day care center owned by his wife has been indicted by a Somerset County grand jury.



Horace Barstow

Horace Barstow, 67, of Upper Main Street, Norridgewock, faces three counts of unlawful sexual contact for acts alleged to have happened between Nov. 1 and Dec. 7, 2012.

He entered no plea during his initial appearance in court April 3.

Barstow, who was arrested on the charges in March, is free on \$20,000 property bond, according to a published report.

The molestation is alleged to have happened at ABC 123 Daycare, which was owned and operated by Barstow's wife, Barbara, at their home.

The state Department of Health and Human Services closed the site temporarily March 18. Since then, Barbara Barstow has surrendered her license and closed the center.

Barstow is a former Somerset County Sheriff's Department deputy. He was employed by the county as a reserve deputy from April 1985 to March 2001.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt, but is a determination by the grand jury that enough evidence is present to proceed with a trial.