



## Former Warren Co. Sheriff indicted on charges of sexually assaulting child

EDWARD BULLOCK

Former Warren County Sheriff Edward Bullock (*Express-Times file photo*)

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Former Warren County Sheriff Edward G. Bullock of Whiting, who will turn 85 on March 10, was indicted by a Warren County Grand Jury on Feb. 26 on charges of sexually assaulting a child.



Accusations of sexual abuse against Bullock go back many years.

Bullock resigned in November 1991, while under investigation for incidents allegedly involving his soliciting sex with an undercover State Trooper who posed as a 17-year-old boy.

More recently, **a civil lawsuit was filed in April** by a man claiming he was molested by the former sheriff in the 1980s.

Bullock was the county sheriff from 1982 until he resigned.

At the time, he told authorities he had used his authority over boys at Warren Acres, a former youth detention center, to cultivate future sex partners and admitted he had sexual contact with eight boys, authorities say. He later pleaded guilty to official misconduct and spent nine months in Hunterdon County Jail.

A criminal investigation into Bullock was launched Sept. 17 by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office, a week after a tort claim was filed with the county.

In the indictment Bullock faces:

- Three counts of aggravated sexual assault, first degree, for committing acts of sexual penetration upon a child under the age of 13. The incidents allegedly occurred in Mansfield Township on or about Jan. 7, 1988.

- Two counts of sexual assault, second degree, for committing acts of sexual contact with a child under the age of 13 years of age, and at least 4 years younger than the defendant. Those incidents also allegedly occurred in Mansfield Township on or about Jan. 7, 1988.
- One count of sexual assault, second degree related to an incident which allegedly occurred in Belvidere, Warren County, on or between Dec. 18, 1986 and Jan. 7, 1988.

Bullock could face up to 20 years in prison on the first degree charges.

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