

Former Franklin deputy faces additional charges

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[2015 Cop Pedophile](#) Carl Nathan Weeks Jr

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RUSSELLVILLE — A Franklin County grand jury has issued more charges, including additional sexual abuse and rape charges, against a former Franklin County sheriff's deputy.

Court officials said Carl Nathan Weeks Jr., 33, of Phil Campbell, was indicted on six counts of second-degree sexual abuse, three counts of first-degree sexual abuse and one count of first-degree rape.

Weeks, a former deputy with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, was arrested in December after an investigation by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's State Bureau of Investigation. At the time of his arrest, he was charged with only three counts of sexual abuse of a child.

The case was presented to the recently concluded January grand jury, and the new charges were issued.

Sheriff Shannon Oliver said Weeks, along with his attorney, Tim Case, of Florence, came to the jail Friday and surrendered to authorities. He has been released on bail of \$150,000.

Officials said Weeks is accused of inappropriately touching the girls. The indictment accuses him of raping one of them.

Authorities said, according to the allegations, one of the girls was 5 or 6 years old, while the others were 13. Weeks is a family acquaintance of the three girls.

According to the accusations, the incidents all occurred at Weeks's house in Franklin County.

"I've known Nathan and his wife for a long time through law enforcement," Case said. "They are good people, and I'm confident once the jury hears the accusations against him, we will have a good result.

"We feel like the presumption of innocence will follow him throughout these proceedings."

Weeks is currently a member of Bear Creek Police Department. Case said Weeks has been on paid leave since his arrest.

Oliver said Weeks left the Sheriff's Department in early 2013.

He said Weeks worked as a road deputy and a member of the Franklin County Drug Unit for about three years.

Authorities said once the allegations were reported, the SBI was contacted by the Franklin County District Attorney's Office and the Franklin County Department of Human Resources. The investigation began in December.

The Winston County District Attorney's Office will be prosecuting the case.

Franklin County District Attorney Joey Rushing said his office filed a petition to be removed from the case because Weeks is a former Franklin County deputy.

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