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A former Gasconade County Sheriff's deputy and a rural Owensville man are jailed without bond following their arrest Tuesday on multiple felony charges stemming from a 14-month long state investigation into sexual assaults first alleged against the deputy in October and November 2012.

Marty L. Rainey, 51, Sullivan, and Jonathan Edward Pohlmann, 46, Owensville, were arrested without incident in Union and Washington respectively on Tuesday and are jailed in Crawford County on no bond warrants issued by Associate Circuit Judge Robert D. Schollmeyer.

Rainey worked for the Gasconade County Sheriff's Department until he resigned Nov. 8, 2012. Sheriff Randy Esphorst said Rainey was the subject of complaints made by a mental health counselor in the county on behalf of two clients who alleged inappropriate, criminal, sexual behavior by a deputy and his friend.

On Oct. 23, 2012, Esphorst and Sheriff's Capt. Chuck Howard interviewed one of the alleged victims and the counselor. According to Esphorst's report, "an alleged victim, identified only as T.M., related she had had several sexual encounters with Gasconade County Sheriff's Deputy Marty Rainey and his friend John Pohlmann that she thought were inappropriate."

Esphorst said he and Howard determined Rainey had been in violation of several "Sheriff's Office policies and procedures."

After additional complaints were received throughout the year following Rainey's departure, Esphorst said on Nov. 18, 2013, he requested an investigation by the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control (DDCC).

Esphorst said the additional complaints against Rainey also stemmed from the period when he patrolled for the county.

"We discovered several incidents after he resigned," said Esphorst. "We investigated lots and lots of potential victims. Some of it happened on duty but it was not illegal since they were adults. But it was against policy."

During the DDCC investigation, allegations were made that Rainey and Pohlmann had sexual relations with two girls, 16 and 17-years-old, at Pohlmann's mobile home south of Owensville off

of Route V.

Rainey and Pohlmann are both charged for their encounter with the 16-year-old with statutory rape, a class C felony, and the class C felony alleging use of a child in a sexual performance.

A third woman, in her mid-30s, is an alleged victim whose case is part of the prosecution against both men.

Pohlmann is charged also with one count of felony sexual abuse, a class C felony.

Rainey is charged with two separate counts alleging “acceding to corruption by a public servant,” both class D felonies, and two class C felony counts of sexual assault. Charges against Rainey stem from incidents which allegedly took place both while he was on duty and off duty, the sheriff said.

The additional charges against Rainey stem from an incident which allegedly took place at a motel. Pohlmann was not present, according to Esphorst.

Esphorst said the charges against Rainey take into consideration that “while in uniform, in an official capacity, he is alleged to have committed sexual assaulted, rape, and statutory rape.”

Investigators seized computer-generated files which included names of some of the potential victims, according to Esphorst. “Several of our victims are on that list,” he said. “That just helped confirm what they were investigating.”

Additional victims have been interviewed and additional charges may be filed, the sheriff said.

“We have cooperated fully with the DDCC investigation,” said Esphorst. “I asked for a full and vigorous investigation. I did not want this swept under the rug.”

Rainey has not worked in law enforcement since late 2012 when he left Gasconade County employment, according to Esphorst. Pohlmann was a customer of Rainey’s at an electronics business Rainey formerly owned. A prosecutor with the Missouri attorney general’s office participated in the investigation along with the DDCC. Both men are being held without bond. They are scheduled for arraignment in Gasconade County court on Feb. 7.

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