

Charges dropped against former Iva police chief

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[2014 Cop Domestic Violence Police Chief](#) Thomas Miller

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Charges of domestic violence and third-degree assault and battery were dropped this week against former Iva Police Chief Thomas Miller.

Seventh Judicial Circuit Assistant Solicitor Danny Fulmer said that Anderson County Chief Magistrate Nancy Devine dismissed the case Monday after Miller's wife said she did not want to proceed with the domestic violence charge or have her teenage son testify regarding the assault charge.

The case was handled by the solicitor's office in Spartanburg at the request of 10th Judicial Circuit Solicitor Chrissy Adams to avoid any appearance of conflict.

Anderson County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Miller at his home on Hampton Street in Iva on July 26, 2014. According to arrest warrants, Miller struck his son repeatedly with a stick, causing lacerations on the boy's arms. He also was accused of grabbing and throwing his wife in an aggressive manner.

Miller was placed on paid suspension after his arrest. He resigned a week later as Iva's police chief on the eve of a specially called Town Council meeting. Miller had served as chief since 2007. Jason Hawkins replaced him as the town's police chief.

Miller could not be reached for comment.

His lawyer, Anderson attorney Druanne White, said Miller is now working at the Iva Rescue Squad.

Miller and his wife, Sharon J. Miller, are in the process of getting a divorce.