

Paden City Police Chief Arrested

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2015 Cop Domestic Violence Police Chief Joseph Richardson

A local police chief was arrested by West Virginia State Police Monday morning on domestic battery charges.

Paden City Police Chief Joseph Richardson was booked into the North Central Regional Jail on charges of domestic battery. His bail was set at \$10,000 cash or surety.

On Tuesday, Luke Furbee, Prosecuting Attorney of Tyler County, made the following statement:

Joseph Lee Richardson was charged in a complaint on October 12, 2015 by Trooper First Class B. Justice of the West Virginia State Police with the misdemeanor offenses of domestic battery and unlawful restraint. He was incarcerated in jail following his arrest and was arraigned later in the morning. His bail was set at \$10,000 cash or surety, with specific conditions that he must not have any contact with the alleged victim, and that he surrender all firearms to the West Virginia State Police. He satisfied that bail and was released from jail.

On Tuesday, Prosecuting Attorney D. Luke Furbee presented a request to Judge Jeffrey D. Cramer, that he and his office be disqualified from the proceedings and that a special prosecutor be appointed.

Judge Cramer granted the request.

A special prosecutor will be nominated by the West Virginia Prosecuting Attorneys Institute in the near future. Mr. Furbee will have no further comment on this matter at this time.