

Midland constable arrested on an assault charge, expected to keep job for now

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2016 Cop Domestic Violence Theodore Macklin



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For the second time in a little over a year, Midland County Constable for Precinct 3 Theodore Macklin is facing an assault charge.

In 2014 records, from the city of Midland and the County clerks office said Macklin was accused of assault and official oppression. This time, he was arrested after he was accused of hitting his girlfriend in the face during an argument on Tuesday.

Sheriff Gary Painter of the Midland County Sheriff's Office said, "He will be treated just like any other citizen. The judge has required he be arraigned before a magistrate. The determination will be made whether or not be issued to protect the victim."

Painter said a possible trial may be a year or two down the road but Macklin will still be employed by the Sheriff's office in the meantime.

"He still will keep his job and still maintain his peace officer status until the Texas Commissioner of Law Enforcement takes away his certification, he's convicted, or removed from office," said Painter.

Painter added Macklin is set to run for re-election for Precinct 3 Constable as a democratic candidate this November and his status is unchanged as well.

"Just because he's been accused doesn't mean he's been removed from office. There can be a process where someone can file in district court to have him removed from office but it has to be somebody that is a qualified voter in Precinct 3."

Macklin is no longer listed as an inmate at the Midland County Jail. Officials at the county clerks office say Macklin is set to go on trial for his two previous charges on September 15th. Sheriff Painter added the next thing he has to do is pass this information to the Texas Commissioner of Law Enforcement and they will decide the next steps.

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