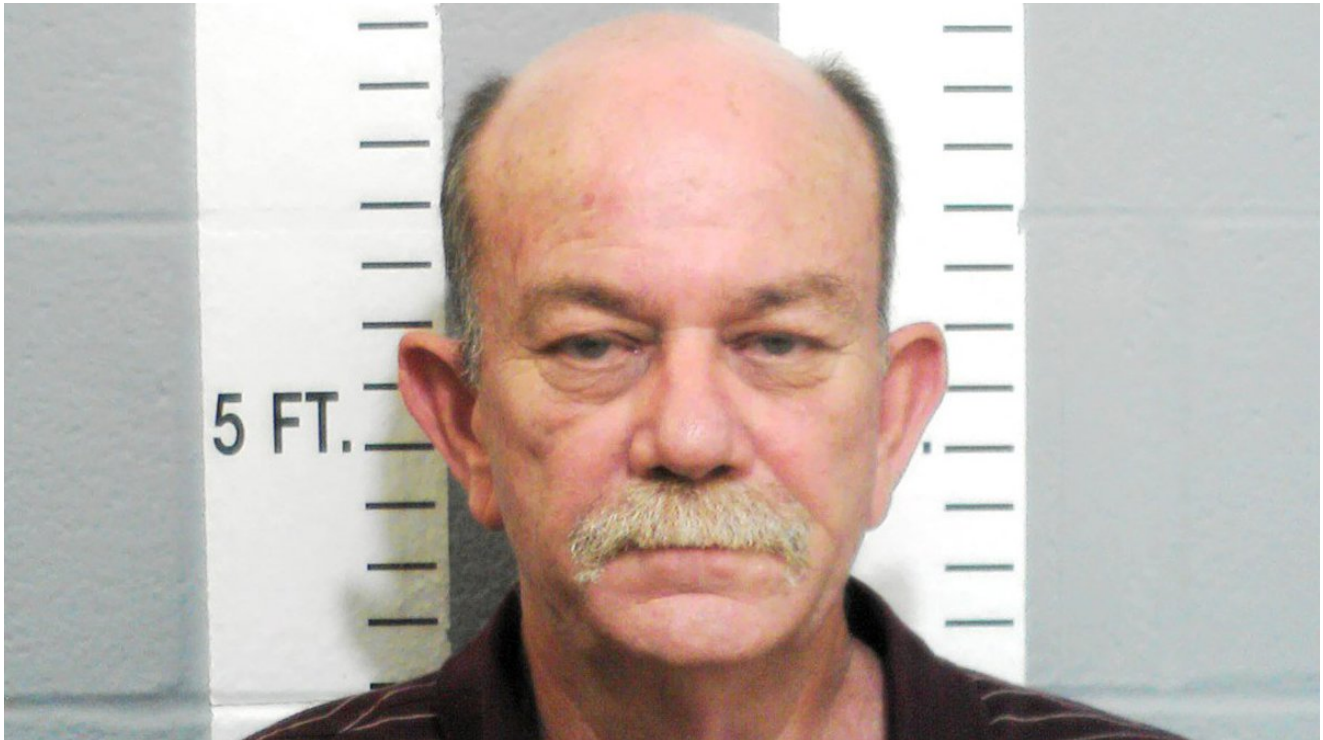


Former Carter County deputy hit with two felony charges

kxii.com/content/news/Former-Carter-County-deputy-hit-with-two-felony-charges-396078331.html



Geary Williamson (KXII)

By Andrew Freeman

Published: Oct. 5, 2016 at 5:07 PM CDT

(Update @ 10:20 p.m. 10/5/16)

ARDMORE, Okla. (KXII)-- A former Carter County Sheriff's Deputy was in court Wednesday morning, where he was charged with raping a female inmate at the county jail last year.

63-year-old Geary Williamson is accused of using his fingers and mouth to inappropriately touch the woman in September 2015, and June 2016, while she was in jail custody.

District attorney Craig Ladd says they haven't found anything to say this wasn't consensual, but under Oklahoma law, it is still considered rape.

"There are no allegations of coercion or non consensual conduct," Ladd said. "Its just that it's the kind of sexual activity that's not permitted between a sheriff's deputy and an inmate."

Residents had mixed reactions to the news.

"The prosecution shouldn't be near as much if its consensual," Carter County resident Charles Stanley said. "Losing his job should be plenty."

"We would hope that the officials that we elect, legislators, sheriffs, deputies, whatever, would be above reproach." Carter County resident Brook Edmonds said.

But the people we talked to did agree that after a deputy and the sheriff himself were charged with sexual crimes, something in that office needs to change.

"It doesn't give you much confidence in it at this particular point in time if that's what's going on down there," Stanley said. "They need to clean it up."

Now suspended sheriff Milton Anthony is charged with bribery and sexual battery, accused of forcing a female employee to sleep with him to keep her job, and her husband's job, in the sheriff's office.

He's also accused of touching another female sheriff employee inappropriately.

He has dropped his re-election bid and is due in court next week.

Williamson made his \$10,000 bond this morning, and is due back in court for a preliminary hearing on the rape and sexual battery charges on December 1st.

(ORIGINAL:)

ARDMORE, Okla. (KXII) -- District Attorney Craig Ladd filed charges Wednesday accusing Geary Williamson with rape and sexual battery.

Williamson, a former Carter County deputy sheriff, was charged with the felonies from incidents that happened this past September.

Williamson posted \$10,000 bond.

He is the second member of the department to face felony charges this year.

Sheriff Milton Anthony was charged with bribery and sexual battery for allegedly forcing a female employee to sleep with him in order to keep her, and her husband's, job with the department.

Anthony was also charged with inappropriately touching a female office employee.

Anthony was suspended and has dropped his re-election bid.

Williamson is due back in court Dec. 1.