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Former Muskogee Co. Sheriff Accused Of Reckless Conduct With Gun, Firing Shot Into Truck



A former Muskogee County sheriff who is running for that job again was booked into jail Monday night.

The district attorney said Charles Pearson was drunk when he pointed a gun at his brother and shot into his truck.

The district attorney said after Charles Pearson shot at his brother's vehicle, he drove away drunk, before deputies arrested him.

Charles Pearson served Muskogee County as Sheriff for more than 16 years and was a deputy before that.

This year, he had filed to run for sheriff again as the only Democrat candidate.

"Our 911 center received a call regarding an individual who was intoxicated and discharged a firearm," said Orvil Loge.

Muskogee County district attorney Orvil Loge said Pearson got into a fight with his brother at this home in East Muskogee Sunday night.

"He was intoxicated and upset, and they got into an argument," said Loge.

An affidavit said Person fired the shot then left the home and deputies pulled him over.

The affidavit said he was unsteady on his feet, had bloodshot eyes and his breath smelled like alcohol and deputies recovered a Glock handgun from Pearson's vehicle.

"He's to be held accountable just like anybody else," Loge said.

Pearson's attorney Janet Bickel Hutson said her client's life has been spent protecting the community and She said she looks forward to fighting the charges every step of the way and said she's honored to represent Pearson.

Pearson was charged today with felony pointing a firearm and misdemeanors carrying a firearm under the influence, DUI and reckless conduct with a gun.

"He should be held to the same standard as everybody else and that's what we intend to do," Loge said.

Pearson has a court date set for Thursday.

His bond is \$50,000.