

EX-DEPUTY DAVID JACOBS PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGES OF THEFT FROM A PRISONER

In District Court Monday, David Jacobs and his attorney entered into a blind plea with District Judge Richard Van Dyck. The plea was guilty on all charges. Jacobs sentencing date is set for January of 2012 in front of Judge Van Dyck. Back in early 2009, Deputy Jacobs was investigated by Sheriff's Investigators and OSBI agents for stealing money from a person he had arrested. The claim was over \$2000 in missing cash after the deputy retrieved a large amount in cash from his prisoner. Overwhelming evidence was the key to his plea of guilt.

"Lawmen must be held to a higher standard, an expectation from those we protect that projects honesty and integrity. It is truly sad when one who has given authority over others breaks that bond of trust and sworn oath to uphold the law – when he himself breaks it!" The Bible makes a bold statement when it is written "to which much is given much is expected!" No one is above the law – even those who enforce it.

I have been criticized, by former employees, for demanding a high standard for my deputies to follow – that standard places upon each of them an accountability and responsibility not only to me but primarily to the people, who expect the best of Grady county. When that standard is ignored, each deputy will face the consequences for their actions. I promised to change not only the appearance of the Grady County Sheriff's Department but its internal attitude and discipline; even when that mandates disciplinary action or termination, such action will be rendered by me (your Sheriff) in order to maintain that trust and respect of the citizens of Grady County, no matter the criticisms that come with it. That will always be my promise as your Sheriff.