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Former Corrections Deputy Indicted

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – December 5, 2017, former corrections deputy Billy Farley was arrested following grand jury indictments of the following charges:

- CONSPIRACY TO INTRODUCE CONTRABAND IN A PENAL FACILITY
- POSSESSION OF BUPRENORPHINE SCH III DRUG WITH INTENT TO DELIVER
- OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT

During the internal investigation by the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Farley was found to have been in possession of a controlled substance and introducing contraband into the Putnam County Jail. When Sheriff Eddie Farris came into office part of his plan for the agency was to improve the level of professionalism and ensure that employees uphold a high level of ethical behavior to make certain that citizens receive the best service possible.

“It is a sad day in law enforcement when not only a member of our community gets involved with drugs, but when a trusted member with the responsibility to protect the public from criminal activity related to illegal narcotics is found to be involved, *that* is deeply troubling. As long as I am Sheriff, illegal actions by any member of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office will not be tolerated and will be investigated.” says Sheriff Eddie Farris.

“We will continue to strive to provide Putnam County with the highest level of trusted service.”

Farley was hired under the previous administration on October 14, 2013 and was employed by the Sheriff's Office until his termination on October 19, 2017.

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