

Jailer Arrested

January 10, 2013

Former Hall County Jailer David Pirkle was arrested by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation on January 10, 2013, after being involved in an altercation inside the Hall County Jail on December 30, 2012. The arrest stemmed from allegations Pirkle had struck a handcuffed inmate without due cause and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation was contacted to conduct an independent investigation into the matter. Pirkle was charged with Simple Battery and Violation of Oath of Office. His bond was set at \$10,000. Pirkle had been terminated by the Sheriff's Office on January 7, 2013, as a result of the incident.

Sheriff Couch stated "As I said previously, the vast majority of our officers do a tremendous job. As your Sheriff, excessive use of force cannot and will not be tolerated nor will I hesitate to request a criminal investigation into such matters when warranted."