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Former Macon County Sheriff's Department Corrections Officer Adam Nash, age 32, was indicted on five counts of official misconduct and one count of sexual contact with an inmate by a Macon County Grand Jury last week.

According to Sheriff Mark Gammons, he was made aware of the situation on January 30, 2012 when female inmates at the jail reported that there had been "some inappropriate conduct by a corrections officer."

"They advised that there had been some inappropriate conduct by Adam Nash, a corrections officer at the Macon County Sheriff's Office," Sheriff Gammons stated. "After interviewing them, I found out that their stories were consistent, and it appeared that something had been going on. I then contacted the District Attorney General Tommy Thompson about the situation at the Macon County Jail and requested that an investigation be conducted by the District Attorney's Office and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation."

After speaking with District Attorney Thompson, Sheriff Gammons said he advised Officer Nash that he would be suspended until the investigation was complete.

"Later that afternoon on January 30th, TBI agents started investigating the case," he added.

Nash, who has been a corrections officer at the Macon County Jail since 1999, resigned from his position two weeks after the TBI's investigation began. According to Sheriff Gammons, there had been no complaints against Nash prior to January 30th.

Following the two-month investigation, the Macon County Grand Jury met in special session on Monday, April 2nd, and found that there was sufficient evidence to indict Nash with official misconduct (five counts) and sexual contact with an inmate.

Nash was booked into the Macon County Jail on $10,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in General Sessions Court on May 15, 2012.

“I would like to say that I take this matter very seriously,” Sheriff Gammons remarked. “My employees know that I take this matter seriously. They are trained in monthly and weekly meetings on this topic. I will not tolerate this behavior, and that’s why I contacted the District Attorney’s Office and the TBI. This is an embarrassment to myself and to the good corrections officers who take their jobs seriously.”

“I hope that this is never an issue I have to address in this department again, and that the employees know that there are serious consequences for this offense.”

While he has been indicted on these charges, it’s important to note that Nash has not yet been found guilty. His guilt or innocence will be decided by the court in the months to come.