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Texas: Ex-Sheriff and Jailers Indicted

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seventeen people, including a former sheriff, are accused in a 106-count indictment of sex and drug crimes at a jail in Montague County. The former sheriff, Bill Keating, was charged with official oppression and having sex with inmates. Mr. Keating was defeated in a primary election last spring, and has pleaded guilty to a federal civil rights violation in an unrelated case involving the sexual assault of a woman. In the new case, several female jailers were charged with having sex with inmates and bringing them drugs, cellphones and cigarettes, while several male jailers were charged with drug possession and bringing inmates banned items. Several inmates were also charged with drug possession. The jail, northwest of Fort Worth, has been closed.

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