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Correctional Officer Charged in Sex Assaults of Inmate



Milwaukee, WI – The Sheriff's Office conducted a criminal investigation of a correctional officer who was accused of having sexual contact with an inmate. The inmate notified jail staff in December of assaults that allegedly took place between April and November. The correctional officer abruptly resigned when the misconduct became known, and he was arrested when probable cause was established. The detectives concluded their investigation of Xavier D. Thicklen, age 25, of Milwaukee, and sought charges of 2nd Degree Sexual Assault, Misconduct in Public Office and Obstruction.

The District Attorney's Office charged Thicklen today with five counts of 2nd Degree Sexual Assault. Thicklen faces up to 40 years imprisonment on each count.

Sheriff Clarke said, "Only a low life would exploit a vulnerable person like an inmate, who he has power and authority over, and use them for criminal and immoral purposes. Inmates in our jail have a right to be free from being sexually assaulted or harmed in any way. If convicted of these disgusting allegations, I'm going to request that he receive no consideration for leniency."

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