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For immediate release:

A former deputy with the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office turned himself in today at the Butts County Sheriff's Office after our Investigative Services Division deputies completed an investigation which revealed that 40 year old Terry Henderson engaged in illegal sexual activity with an inmate during a transport from another facility.

The investigation into Henderson's conduct began immediately following an inmate's allegation on 9/14/16 that she engaged in sexual activity with Henderson when he transported her to the Gwinnett County Jail from another facility in South Georgia. When it was determined that the alleged sexual activity occurred in Butts County, our investigators presented the case to the Butts County District Attorney's Office, who determined that there was sufficient probable cause to proceed with criminal prosecution.

Today a Butts County Superior Court judge issued an arrest warrant for Henderson, who is charged with Violation of Oath of Office (16-10-1) and Sexual Assault (16-6-5.1). Henderson turned himself in this afternoon to the Butts County Sheriff's Office and is being held at the Butts County Detention Center.

Terry Henderson was a 12 year veteran of the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office. His employment was terminated on 09/26/16. His alleged behavior is inexcusable and offensive to the many men and women who proudly wear our badge and perform their duties each day with integrity.

Our deputies receive exhaustive training on state and federal laws regarding supervision of persons in custody. They are well aware that an inmate in their custody cannot give consent for sexual activity of any nature and that the penalty for such behavior is termination and criminal prosecution.

Sheriff Butch Conway has made it clear both in word and deed that he expects our deputies to conduct themselves honorably in accordance with the policies that govern this office saying, "While I am extremely disappointed with the actions of Terry Henderson, I am mindful of the many deputies who serve our community each day with excellence."

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