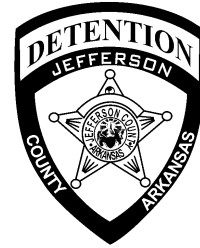


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JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPUTY JAILER ARRESTED:

Jefferson County, Arkansas – April 2, 2012 – On March 9, 2012 information was received by command staff at the W.C. “Dub” Brassell Jefferson County Adult Detention Center that contraband, particularly food and non-prescription medicine had been brought into the facility by a detention center officer and supplied to detainees. Pursuant to department policy a criminal investigation was began by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Sheriff’s office.

Review of audio surveillance in place within the facility determined that a detainee called a family member and asked the family member to bring food and medicine to the facility and give it to a particular detention officer during shift change. Review of video surveillance revealed the actual act of the items being brought into the facility and into the cell blocks by the detention deputy.

The suspect detention officer was identified as Kimberly Matthews 26 years of age. Matthews was placed on administrative leave with pay while the matter was investigated further. A further investigation resulted in preparation and submission of charges filed through the 11th Judicial West District Prosecuting Attorney’s Office for Furnishing Prohibited Articles, a Class C Felony.

An arrest warrant was issued for Matthews with a set bond of \$5000.00. Matthews surrendered to the detention center on 3-30-12, where she posted bond and was released with a court date of May 7, 2012. Matthews has been employed for approximately one year. Matthews was terminated effective 3-28-2012. More charges on other individuals relating to this incident are being prepared for submission to the Prosecuting Attorney.

The W.C. “Dub” Brassell Jefferson County Adult Detention Center was opened in April 2007 under Sheriff Gerald Robinson. While incidents such as this are unfortunate, the detention center staff is constantly monitoring security of the facility, reviewing procedures, resources and upgrading equipment to protect the safety of the staff, detainees and the public.



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