Former Corrections Officer Booked Into County Jail

On August 7, 2011, The Sheriff’s Office received word that a Corrections Officer had sexual contact with an inmate inside the County Jail. This information set into motion two investigations, one administrative and one criminal, which ran simultaneously. The criminal investigation led to the arrest of,

Benjamin Arriola, Date of Birth 8-22-1987,
today for Violation of the Civil Rights of a Person in Custody; Improper Sexual Activity with a Person in Custody, which is a State Jail Felony. Bond was set at $15,000.00.

The administrative investigation led to the termination of his employment effective immediately.

Sheriff Hamilton’s message is clear; sexual contact between Sheriff’s employees and inmates will not be tolerated.

Note: A State Jail Felony is punishable by confinement in a state jail for any term of not more than 2 years or less than 180 days. In addition to confinement an individual adjudged guilty of a state jail felony may be punished by a fine not to exceed $10,000.00.

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