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EX-KANE CO. SHERIFF'S SERGEANT FACES SEX ASSAULT CHARGES RUSSELL NORRIS RESIGNED IN AUGUST AFTER BEING PLACED ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

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Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon and Kane County Sheriff Ron Hain announce that a Kane County grand jury has indicted 48-year-old former Kane County Sheriff's Corrections Sgt. **Russell H. Norris** with the offenses of:

- Attempted criminal sexual assault, Class 2 felony
- Official misconduct, Class 3 felony, 6 counts
- Criminal sexual abuse, Class 4 felony

Kane County prosecutors allege that between January 2018 and June 2020, Norris, who is a supervisor, made unlawful physical contact with four Kane County jail employees. Some of the contact was of a sexual nature. All of the contact occurred at the jail while Norris and the victims were working.

According to Sheriff Hain, an employee filed a complaint about Norris on July 4, 2020. Sheriff Hain placed Norris on administrative leave on July 6, 2020. Norris resigned from the sheriff's office on Aug. 3, 2020. The Kane County Major Crimes Task Force conducted the investigation.

The Sheriff's Office hired Norris on July 13, 1998, and promoted him sergeant on June 12, 2009. Norris' worked in the office's Corrections Division.

A Kane County judge signed a warrant for Norris' arrest and set his bail at \$100,000 with 10 percent (\$10,000) to apply for bond.

Norris surrendered today at the Kane County Sheriff's Office, posted \$10,000 bond and was released. The judge set Norris' next court appearance for 9 a.m. Dec. 8, 2020, in Courtroom 217 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

If convicted of the most serious offense, Norris faces a sentence of between 3 and 7 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections, or probation.

Kane County Sheriff Ron Hain said:

"Our office and Kane County State's Attorney's Office worked together to quickly address the administrative and criminal implications of the allegations. I appreciate the thorough and quick work of the Kane County Major Crimes Task Force."

The charges against Norris are not proof of guilt. Norris is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Russell H. Norris: Age 48, of Montgomery, Illinois. Case No. 20CF2086.