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News Release**Detention Deputy Charged with Battery**

Seminole Co. Fla., (August 20, 2018) – A Seminole County Detention Deputy was charged with three counts of misdemeanor battery on three juveniles charged as adults and incarcerated at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

Immediately upon learning of this incident, the Sheriff's Office conducted a thorough criminal investigation of the matter and presented our recommendation to the Office of the State Attorney that they file battery charges. On Friday, August 17th, Detention Deputy Deonte Bell was served with a summons to appear and is scheduled for a September 12th arraignment. Bell has been placed on paid leave pending further review.

The case will be prosecuted by the Office of the State Attorney, 18th Judicial Circuit. We are prohibited from providing further information at this time pursuant to state statute and the deputy's right to due process.

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