

An indictment was filed today in the Western District of Federal Court that supersedes the earlier indictment against Barren County Sheriff Chris Eaton. Essentially, more charges have been added to Sheriff Chris Eaton's indictment that he and other deputies aided and abetted each other in assaulting Billy Ray Stinnett on February 24, 2010.

WCLU obtained a copy of the superseding indictment and the two new counts added to the indictment. Those additions read as follows:

COUNT 11

On or about February 24, 2010 in the Western District of Kentucky, defendant Christopher Eaton while acting under color of law, assaulted B.R.S. by striking him in the area of his groin, thereby willfully B.R.S. of a right secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, specifically, the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures, which includes the right to be free from the use of unreasonable force, by one acting under color of law.

And COUNT 12

Between February 24, 2010 and April 24, 2010 in the Western District of Kentucky, defendant Christopher Eaton along with "someone whose initials are T. P. (not charged herein), aiding and abetting one another, while acting in relation to and in contemplation of a matter within the jurisdiction of the FBI, an agency of the United States, did knowingly alter, destroy, conceal and cover up a record, document and tangible object with the intent to impede, obstruct and influence the investigation and proper administration of that matter, to wit, deleting photographic evidence which depicted defendant Eaton in the act of assaulting B.R.S.

Eaton, along with deputies Aaron Bennett and Eric Guffey are scheduled for trial on Monday, December 3.

This is an indictment only and all defendants are innocent until proven guilty.