

A former Taylor County sheriff's deputy charged with selling steroids is scheduled to appear in court on Thursday for a preliminary hearing.

U.S. Magistrate Judge H. Brent Brennenstuhl set the hearing in Bowling Green for William Allen Rice, who was arrested on Tuesday on three counts of selling steroids to an undercover agent.

FBI Special Agent Virginia McHenry wrote in an affidavit that Rice met with the informant three times — once in May and twice in August. McHenry says Rice sold Equipoise — which is commonly used on horses — for \$150 and two other steroids in August.

Taylor County Sheriff Allen Newton said he fired Rice when he learned of the arrest.

Rice pleaded not guilty on Wednesday. He did not have an attorney listed in court records.