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Two former correctional officers indicted

NACOGDOCHES, Texas – Two former Nacogdoches County correctional officers have been indicted on felony charges for misconduct during their time as employees of the Nacogdoches County jail.

Stephanie Moore, 28, and Jamie Stephens, 19, were both indicted on two counts of improper sexual activity with a person in custody by a Nacogdoches County grand jury.

Moore's charges are second-degree felonies and her bond was set at \$100,000. Stephens' charges are state-jail felonies and her bond was set at \$50,000. Both were arrested and bonded out of the Nacogdoches County jail on Monday, Feb. 28, 2022.

The charges stem from separate, unrelated incidents during their employment.

Moore was hired as a correctional officer in the Nacogdoches County jail in June 2021 and Stephens was hired in April 2021.

Allegations of improper activity were made against Moore in January 2022, and she was immediately put on administrative leave. Stephens was accused and placed on administrative leave in August 2021. Once the investigations were complete, and the information was turned over to the Nacogdoches County District Attorney's Office, both individuals were terminated as NCSO employees.

Moore was terminated in January 2022 and Stephens was terminated in August 2021.

The allegations were investigated by detectives within the NCSO Criminal Investigations Division. The Texas Rangers also investigated the allegations against Moore. Texas Rangers are routinely assigned to investigate incidents in correctional facilities throughout the state.

During the 87th Legislature in 2021, Texas lawmakers passed SB312, which increased the charge of improper sexual activity with a person in custody from a state-jail felony to a second-degree felony, effective Sept. 1, 2021.

No. F 2226023

Bond \$ 100,000

The State of Texas vs. STEPHANIE NICOLE MOORE

Charge: Improper Sexual Activity with Person in Custody X 2 F2 145th/420th Judicial District Court

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

THE GRAND JURY, for the County of Nacogdoches, State of Texas, duly selected, empaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such at the January Term A.D. 2022 of the 145th/420th Judicial District Court for said County, upon their oaths present in and to said court at said term that

STEPHANIE NICOLE MOORE

hereinafter styled Defendant, on or about the 17th day of January A.D. 2022, and before the presentment of this indictment, in the County and State aforesaid,

COUNT 1

did then and there, while an employee of a correctional facility, namely Nacogdoches County Jail, intentionally engage in sexual intercourse with Hector Sandoval, who was in custody.

COUNT 2

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present that, on or about the 7th day of September, 2021 in said county and state and before the presentment of this indictment, STEPHANIE NICOLE MOORE, did then and there, while an employee of a correctional facility, namely Nacogdoches County Jail, intentionally engage in sexual intercourse with Hector Sandoval, who was in custody.

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Peggy Fodun
Foreman of the Grand Jury

No. F2226024

Bond \$ 50,000

The State of Texas vs. JAMIE RAE STEPHENS

Charge: Improper Sexual Activity with Person in Custody X 2 SJF 145th/420th Judicial District Court

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

THE GRAND JURY, for the County of Nacogdoches, State of Texas, duly selected, empaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such at the January Term A.D. 2022 of the 145th/420th Judicial District Court for said County, upon their oaths present in and to said court at said term that

JAMIE RAE STEPHENS

hereinafter styled Defendant, on or about the 20th day of June A.D. 2021, and before the presentment of this indictment, in the County and State aforesaid,

COUNT 1

did then and there, while an employee of a correctional facility, namely Nacogdoches County Jail, intentionally engage in deviate sexual intercourse with Hector Sandavol, hereafter styled the complainant, who was in custody, by placing her mouth in contact with the genitals of the complainant.

COUNT 2

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present that, on or about the 20th day of June, 2021 in said county and state and before the presentment of this indictment, JAMIE RAE STEPHENS, did then and there, while an employee of a correctional facility, namely Nacogdoches County Jail, intentionally engage in sexual intercourse with Hector Sandavol, who was in custody.

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Foreman of the Grand Jury