Mississippi sheriff arrested on a dozen felony charges

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ing at his home in Eupora, tion against a witness.

is charged with two counts mant. Missis- each of embezzlement, trafsippi sheriff was arrested ficking in stolen firearms

a Thursday court appear- Steed accuses Mitchell of from evidence. ance in Eupora. Evans said multiple crimes beginning he knew of no attorney rep- in November 2017, when Chief Deputy Jeffrey Mann resenting the 53-year-old. he's accused of illegally and two other employees

Beginning this spring, Mitchell is accused of Wednesday, December 19, and furnishing an inmate seeking sex with two womon a dozen felony charges with weapons, a cellphone en in his jail. He's also acinvolving guns, drugs, sex and narcotics. Mitchell is cused of ordering a deputy with inmates and threaten- also charged with one count to remove four guns from ing sheriff's department each of attempting sex with his department's evidence employees if they told any- an inmate; tampering with locker and selling or givevidence and permitting ing at least some to a de-Webster County Sheriff possession or sale of a con-partment employee and Timothy Seth Mitchell was trolled substance in jail; an inmate. Mitchell also arrested Wednesday morn- and three counts of retalia- provided that same inmate with illegal drugs and a said District Attorney A sworn statement from cellphone, Steed says, Doug Evans, and jailed in Mississippi Bureau of In- while ordering the deputy Lafayette County awaiting vestigation agent Mark to remove illegal drugs

Mitchell threatened then-The second-term sheriff buying pills from an infor- if they told anyone, the

charges say. Mann, cited as one of nine witnesses in the case, resigned Oct. 31, writing a letter to county supervisors accusing Mitchell of crimes.

"After witnessing the illegal activities Sheriff Tim Mitchell has taken part (in), I cannot be part of this organization," wrote Mann, who had already announced he was running for sheriff next year.

Mitchell had publicly announced he was going to resign, claiming health problems. He wavered on that announcement before reaffirming it in recent

After Mitchell was arrested Wednesday, dozens of law enforcement officers swooped down on the Webster County sheriff's office and jail. WTVA-TV reported county jail inmates were

Patrol cars where they were but I have never had a case questioned. In the mean- quite like this," Evans said. time, agents of state Audisheriff's department equip- this year. ment and evidence.

Mitchell left chief deputy as sheriff in northern Mis-Andy McCants in charge, sissippi's Evans said. If Mitchell re- County in August, days Evans said the charges extortion.

would be presented to a Federal authorities said grand jury, but said he that for 15 years Brewer wasn't sure when. The next protected a drug dealer regularly scheduled grand who robbed other dealjury in Webster County ers and kicked back stolen meets in January. Convic- money and drug profits to tion on all charges would Brewer. carry a maximum penalty of Brewer pleaded guilty 152 years in prison and fines Nov. 1 to one count of atof up to \$102,000, officials tempting to extort a bribe said in a news release.

against others are possible. er this year. He's scheduled

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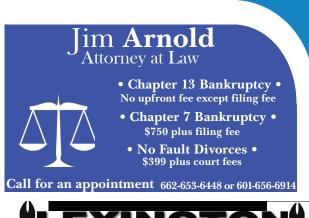
led out to state Highway officers have been charged,

Mitchell is the second tor Shad White inventoried Mississippi sheriff arrested

William Brewer resigned Tallahatchie signs or is removed, super- after he was arrested on visors would appoint a new federal charges related to narcotics trafficking and

relating to \$6,500 in cash Evans said charges that Brewer received earli-"I have had cases where for sentencing in February.

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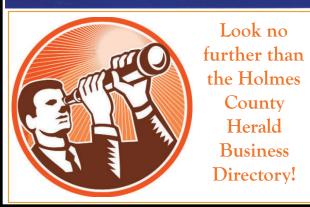




















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