



## **News from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office**

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### **Jailer Suspended During Assault Investigation**



A sergeant at the Shelby County Jail was relieved of duty this evening after an allegation he used excessive force on a jail inmate earlier this week. Sergeant Bobby Lee Davis, 54, has been suspended with pay while the matter is investigated.

**“Our Bureau of Professional Standards and Integrity immediately responded after learning about the assault. A surveillance video led to Sergeant Davis being relieved of duty this evening,”** said Shelby County Sheriff Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

Early yesterday, Sergeant Davis' supervisor reported Davis was involved in an incident Monday afternoon. About 4:30 several inmates on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the jail were moved to a hallway while jail officers searched their cells.

As one of the inmates stood along a wall, a surveillance video shows Davis getting into an argument with the inmate. Davis then strikes the inmate on the face three times with an open hand.

Investigators say the video will be reviewed by detectives in the Sheriff's Office General Investigation Bureau and prosecutors with the Shelby County District Attorney General's Office for possible criminal charges.

Sergeant Bobby Davis has been a jailer with the Sheriff's Office since 1985. His picture is being sent in a separate file.

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