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Assistant Chief of Cumberland Police Indicted for Civil Rights Violation

LONDON, Ky. - A federal grand jury has indicted, Kenny Ray Raleigh, 42, of Partridge, Ky., on one count of unreasonable force by a police officer acting under color of law and one count of obstruction of justice.

Count One of the indictment alleges that while acting as an Assistant Chief of Police for the Cumberland Police Department, Raleigh willfully deprived an arrestee of the right to be free from unreasonable seizures, which includes the right to be free from the use of unreasonable force by a police officer.   Specifically, the indictment alleges that Raleigh assaulted the arrestee, striking him several times, resulting in bodily injury.

Count Two of the indictment alleges that Raleigh attempted to persuade a fellow police officer, with the intent to hinder, delay, and prevent the communication of information, from providing information to a federal law enforcement officer and judge regarding the offense. Specifically, the indictment alleges that Raleigh directed a fellow officer to charge the arrestee with resisting arrest in a citation, in an attempt to prevent communication of information about the unjustified use of force against the arrestee.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Raleigh's next appearance before the United States District Court in London will be a jury trial scheduled for August 25, 2020. As charged in the indictment, Count One carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and Count Two carries a maximum penalty of 20 years.

Any indictment is an accusation only. A defendant is presumed innocent, and is entitled to a fair trial at which government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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