

## **Former Oregon Youth Authority Employee Charged with Sexual Misconduct**

On December 1, 2023, a Marion County Grand Jury returned a Secret Indictment charging 34-year-old Emily Echtenkamp with five counts of Custodial Sexual Misconduct in the First Degree, one count of Official Misconduct in the First Degree, and one count of Initiating a False Report. The indictment results from an Oregon State Police investigation into alleged sexual misconduct by Echtenkamp with an incarcerated individual while she was employed at MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility. The incarcerated individual was not a minor during the period alleged in the indictment.<sup>[1]</sup> As of May 2022, Echtenkamp was no longer employed by the Oregon Youth Authority.

Based on the Grand Jury Indictment, the Marion County Circuit Court issued an arrest warrant for Echtenkamp. Echtenkamp turned herself into the Marion County Jail on the warrant on December 14, 2023, and was lodged at the Marion County Jail pending arraignment on the Indictment. On December 15, 2023, Echtenkamp was arraigned on the Indictment and the Marion County District Attorney's Office requested \$60,000 bail. Marion County Circuit Court Pro Tem Judge Matthew Tracey set bail at \$20,000.

This issue is an open criminal prosecution and as such, the Marion County District Attorney's Office will not release additional information at this time. Please contact DDA Brendan Murphy and DDA Kylie Kuhns at (503) 588-5222 with any questions.

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