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## Attorney General Steve Marshall Announces Indictment of Former Jefferson County Constable on Ethics and Tax Charges

(MONTGOMERY) — Attorney General Steve Marshall announced today the indictment\* and arrest of former Jefferson County Constable Jonathan Barbee, 43, of Trussville, on two ethics charges and three tax charges. Barbee was elected as Constable of Jefferson County's 48<sup>th</sup> District in 2016.

The Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Division obtained an indictment of Barbee after conducting a joint investigation with the Alabama Department of Revenue.

The first two counts of the indictment charge Jonathan Barbee with using his position or office to pay his wife and his father for traffic control, or cause them to be paid for traffic control, through the Constable Office bank account. The remaining three counts charge that Jonathan Barbee willfully attempted to evade or defeat state income taxes. Each count for tax evasion covers a separate tax year from 2018 to 2020.

If convicted, Barbee faces a maximum penalty of up to 20 years imprisonment and a \$30,000 fine for each of the two ethics charges. He faces a maximum penalty of up to 5 years imprisonment and a \$100,000 fine for each of the three tax charges.





