

3 Placer sheriff's employees arrested in jail abuse case

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Three Placer County sheriff's officials were arrested Wednesday on charges involving allegations of excessive force against jail inmates and falsifying evidence, the result of what Sheriff Devon Bell is calling "an extensive investigation" that included video recordings and other evidence.

The arrests of corrections Sgt. Megan Yaws, Deputy Robert Madden and corrections Officer Jeffrey Villanueva came after a probe that began with a supervisor reviewing routine video footage, the sheriff's department said in an announcement.

Yaws used to work for the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office and Madden came from the Truckee Police Department.

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