

Schuyler County Sheriff Resigns Amid Legal Trouble **News**

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(heartlandconnection.com) -- Schuyler County Sheriff Josh Dole has submitted his letter of resignation to Missouri Governor Jay Nixon.



According to a report published by KTVO TV, in the letter dated Monday, Dole states that the events of the past couple of weeks have made him decide that the best interests of Schuyler County would be served by him stepping down as sheriff.

Sheriff Dole is charged with three counts of permitting escape and two charges of tampering with a witness.

Court documents state that Dole illegally removed Schuyler County inmates and took them in a private vehicle to a Knox County bar. On a different occasion, heâs accused of removing an inmate from the jail and taking that inmate to a bar in Sullivan County. Dole is also accused of releasing two inmates in order to do labor at his home.

The charges of witness tampering stem from allegations that Dole ordered personnel under his command to not reveal facts pertaining to this case to investigators.

On Monday, Dole waived his preliminary hearing to determine if multiple felonies occurred. He was released on bond, and the judge ordered him under house arrest.

Dole is also under strict orders as to whom may visit him at home and is not allowed to contact any case witnesses. He is set to be arraigned in circuit court on Aug. 7.

Doleâs resignation is effective at the close of business on July 31.