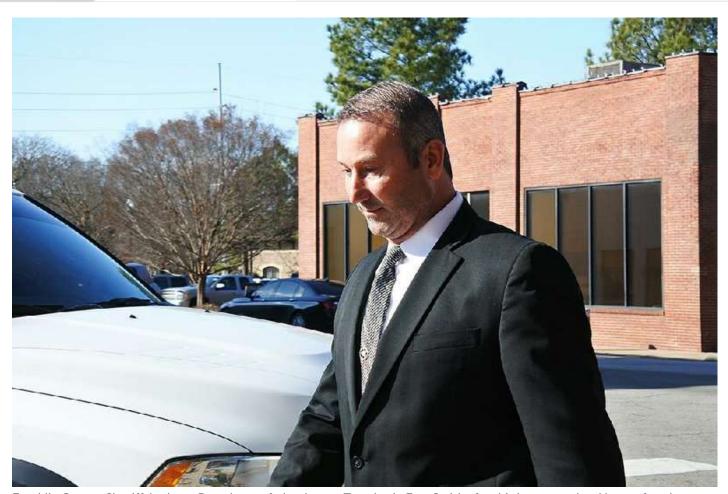


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Arkansas sheriff faces federal counts over use of force

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Franklin County Sheriff Anthony Boen leaves federal court Tuesday in Fort Smith after his innocent plea. He was freed on \$5,000 bond, but with conditions. (Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/Thomas Saccente)

FORT SMITH -- A sheriff in western Arkansas pleaded innocent Tuesday to three federal charges of using "unreasonable force" against prisoners on three occasions.

The U.S. attorney's office for the Western District of Arkansas accused Franklin County Sheriff Anthony Boen, 49, of punching one prisoner on the way to jail, grabbing the hair or beard of another in his office and striking a third in the head several times.