

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE AUGUST 29, 1986

FULL NAME HARRY JAMES WALKER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]  
CITY Montague STATE Texas ZIP CODE 76251

DATE OF BIRTH 2-13-49 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 37 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION BAPTIST NATIONALITY U.S. citizen

OCCUPATION PEACE OFFICER

EDUCATION ASSOCIATE APPLIED SCIENCES, DEL MAR JUNIOR COLLEGE, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

WEIGHT 170 lbs HEIGHT 6' RACE cauc.

COLOR OF HAIR brown COLOR OF EYES brown

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS gun collector

MARRIED OR SINGLE single CHILDREN none (Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
d8603		TX	79	3/84	1986
SPECIAL RECOGNITION					

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:  
SUSPENSION FOR ARREST OF PORNOGRAPHY.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

STARON

SEP 10 1986

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Signed [Signature] SCOUT EXECUTIVE

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Council NORTHWEST TEXAS #587

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September 2, 1987

Mr. M. Chad Gaffin  
Scout Executive  
Northwest Texas Council, No. 587

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Harry J. Walker

Dear Chad:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: South Central Region

READY TO FILE  
SEP 03 1987  
ERIN O RILEY

August 18, 1986

Mr. Vincent N. Rock, Jr.  
Scout Executive  
Northwest Texas Council, No. 587

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Harry Walker

Dear Vincent:

We have received information, at various times, from newspapers, and also from your office, concerning the above-named individual. We now noticed in the newspaper that he has been found guilty of mailing child porn.

We would like you to keep us informed of any further legal action, and also the outcome, so that we may have this to complete our file.

A Confidential Record Sheet is being enclosed which we would like to have completed so that we may identify Mr. Walker anywhere he might move and try to register.

Thank you for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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Encl.

cc: South Central Region

READY FOR FILE

MAY 18 1986

SHIRLEY MEYER

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## TEXAS

**DALLAS** — Montague County Sheriff Harry Walker, it was found guilty of mailing Child Porn. He also faces charge of sexually assaulting boy.  
**AMARILLO** — City Atty. Paige Brittain resigned after making racial slur last week to black man on trial for murder.  
**AUSTIN** — Tommy Byrd, 36, won \$1,000, trip to Los Angeles for composing city's official song.  
*Austin is an American Town.*

# Montague County sues to oust sheriff

Associated Press

MONTAGUE, Texas — Montague County officials have filed suit in state district court to have Sheriff Harry Walker, who is jailed on federal pornography charges, removed from office.

The suit, filed Friday by District Attorney Jack McGaughey, alleges official misconduct and incompetence.

County commissioners, after a two-hour closed meeting, voted unanimously to authorize Montague County Attorney Brian Pow-

ers to join the suit, which asks that Walker be suspended without pay and that someone else be appointed to the office while the suit is being heard.

While that was occurring, Walker was entering an innocent plea to a 10-count federal indictment charging him with child pornography and sexual exploitation of a child.

Walker, 36, has been jailed in Dallas since his May 1 arrest at the Bowie post office by federal agents, who allege he was picking up a packet of pornographic material

mailed to him by an undercover postal inspector.

Federal prosecutors allege that Walker, using the name David Clay, carried on frequent correspondence with the postal inspector during which pornographic material was exchanged.

In addition to drugs and lewd pictures of young boys, federal agents said they seized a county-owned typewriter at Walker's home on which they say some of the "David Clay" letters had been typed.

The lawsuit filed Friday charges that Walker committed official

misconduct in using a county-owned car to pick up pornography at the post office, and in using the typewriter for the correspondence.

The suit also charges that Walker is incompetent to carry out his duties because he is in jail with no immediate prospect for release.

McGaughey said Walker will be served with papers early this week and predicted that a new sheriff would be appointed by week's end.

Walker also has been indicted by a grand jury in Dallas County on charges he assaulted a boy pictured in one of his photographs.

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NORTHWEST TEXAS COUNCIL — 587

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
1901 TENTH STREET — P.O. BOX 334 — WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS 76307  
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May 2, 1986

Mr. Harry Walker

Bowie, TX 76230

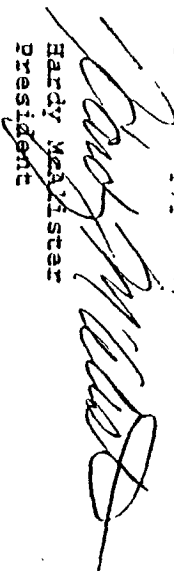
Dear Mr. Walker:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that BSA leadership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of leadership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth. Please also understand that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA leader should be reinstated.

Sincerely, yours,



Hardy Melvister  
President

HM/jd

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NEWS ALBERT

Date: May 2, 1986

Signed: David P. Brown

Time: 11 A.M.

Ext: 2271

Source: Audrey Clough/Paul Ernst Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Title)

Address: National Office

The facts:

Harry J. Walker, 37, (who uses an alias of David Clay) was arrested at his home in Bowie, TX yesterday on child pornography charges. Walker is sheriff of Montague County. He is also registered in the BSA as (a) associate advisor of Explorer Post 2400, Bowie (Northwest Texas Council) and as (b) a member of the District Committee.

We are currently trying to ascertain if he also was registered at one time in Corpus Christi, where he was removed as a police officer some years ago.

It is alleged that Walker was engaged in mailing and receiving child porn, including photos of teenaged boys from the Dallas and Fort Worth areas. There is no indication at this point whether they were Scouts.

No mention of Walker's BSA connection has yet appeared in/on the media.

ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Ernst is in touch with the local council regarding suspension procedures.



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NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHARTERED ORGANIZATION  
YOUTH FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, 304 LINDSEY ST, BOWIE TX, 76230

COUNCIL CERTIFICATION EYES OR NATIONAL UNIT AWARD EARNED  
UNIT RENEWING ON TIME

NAME OFFICER'S NAME AND ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NO. CHRT. ORG. CODE  
JAMES WARD CHIEF  
BOWIE TX 76230 M8722252

ADVISOR TRAINED  
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

TYPE OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION (SEE STATEMENT ON BACK) SIGNATURE

*[Handwritten Signature]*

MEETING PLACE AND DAY  
CITY AUDITORIUM TUESDAY

BOYS' LIFE INFORMATION  
NO. PAID SUBSCRIPTIONS

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ALL INTEREST

BOYS' LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS  
BEGIN 12/85 END 11/86

EXPLORERS  
ADULT LEADERS  
PAID BL SUBSCRIPTIONS  
TOTAL REGISTRATION & BOYS' LIFE FEES

100% BOYS' LIFE

SPECIAL POST FOR RETARDED HANDICAPPED

*[Handwritten Signature]*

LEADER ROSTER

NAME	CITY	STATE	PHONE
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AT 4 BOX 72	BOWIE	TX	M H 87230
AT 1 BOX 74	BOWIE	TX	M H 87240
BOX 7215	BOWIE	TX	M H 87230
207 BOX	BOWIE	TX	M H 87250
104	MONTAGUE	TX	M H 87230



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# Montague sheriff arrested

Montague County Sheriff Harry James Walker (left) is led to jail in Dallas County Thursday after

his arrest on charges of mailing obscene photographs of children. (Story on Page 47A)

OVSRACED  
The Dallas Morning News: Ken Geiger

# TEXAS & SOUTHWEST

## Sheriff held on porn charge

### Texas officer arrested in case involving child photos

By Christi Harlan  
Staff Writer of The News

Montague County Sheriff Harry James Walker was arrested Thursday on federal pornography charges accusing him of mailing obscene photographs and magazines depicting underage boys and girls in sexual poses.

Walker, 37, is accused of mailing

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the materials during more than four months of correspondence with undercover inspectors from the U.S. Postal Service and FBI agents, according to a 16-page affidavit filed Wednesday with U.S. Magistrate William F. Sanderson Jr. of Dallas.

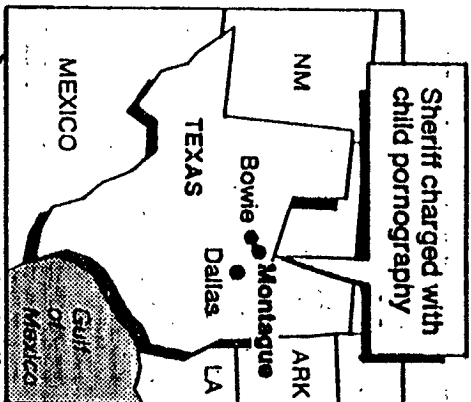
Sanderson signed a search warrant authorizing federal officers to search Walker's home near Bowie for "various obscene, lewd, lascivious and indecent magazines, books, photographs, films and videotapes depicting adult and child pornography."

News of Walker's arrest shortly after 1 p.m. Thursday stunned residents of Montague County, located northwest of Dallas on the Oklahoma border.

"I would have to say it (the arrest) was a real surprise to me and to everyone," said Montague County District Attorney Jack A. McLaugherty. He's been a good officer. It's been a good sheriff's office from all our experience."

McLaugherty said FBI agents informed him about 2:15 p.m. that the sheriff had been arrested outside the post office in Bowie, where Walker rented a post office box and received mail under the alias "David Clay," according to the affidavit.

Federal agents were watching the post office April 24 when Walker arrived in his Montague County car and picked up a red en-



The Dallas Morning News

velope that had been planted in the post office box, the affidavit said.

The post office box was listed as a return address on at least nine different envelopes — mailed from various North Texas cities — that in some instances contained Polaroid photographs of young boys as well as photographs of magazine covers and handwritten and typewritten letters, according to the affidavit.

A March 21 letter mailed from Denton referred to a videotape purchase in the Oak Lawn area of Dallas, the affidavit said, quoting the letter: "Due to my job, most of my running around has to be out of town for obvious reasons."

The letters were received by federal investigators in Fort Worth and Houston who had placed advertisements under aliases in several oriented newsletters, the affidavit said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Denver G. McCarty of Dallas said the investigation of Walker began after federal agents seized a mailing list during a raid of a pornography warehouse in another part of the United States. Federal agents began investigations of individuals who responded to addresses on the list, made to addresses on the list, said

McCarty said.

An April 2 letter to a Houston postal inspector contained four Polaroid photographs, including two photos of teen-age boys, according to the affidavit.

The affidavit quoted the accompanying letter as saying, "I'm glad you liked the pictures I sent you, and yes you may keep them if you liked. The boy kneeling on the bed is . . . 13 and from Dallas. The other boy is . . . 14 and from Fort Worth."

"I have more pictures of the latter boy than the first, but if the first boy interests you, I'll send you a few more photos of him. He's really the better of the two, and is really affectionate and easy to be with. The latter boy is a little on the wild side," the affidavit quoted.

McCarty said federal agents are seeking the two youths, who were identified by only their first names, for questioning and further investigation.

"The scary thing is the access he had to kids," McCarty said. "Who would think anything of their kid going out and riding around with the sheriff?"

Walker was first elected sheriff in November 1984, when he defeated incumbent W.F. Conway. Walker had been fired by Conway as a deputy and was working for the Bowie Police Department at the time of his election, said McCarty.

Walker earlier had worked for the Corpus Christi Police Department but resigned about six years ago "under circumstances that do not want to make public," said police Lt. Ker Erskland of Corpus Christi.

Walker was being transferred late Thursday afternoon to a jail unit a bond hearing can be scheduled Friday, federal officials said.

# Sheriff's arrest shocks town

By Nita Thurman  
Denon Bureau of The News

MONTAGUE, Texas — Small groups of stunned county employees huddled in the hallway of the Montague County courthouse Thursday, sharing their disbelief about the arrest of Sheriff Harry James Walker.

Some other employees fielded telephone calls from townspeople wondering about the news.

Yes, callers were told, the reports were true — the sheriff of this quiet, rural county had been arrested Thursday by FBI agents and faces federal charges involving child pornography materials.

Along the street around the big red brick courthouse in Montague, residents were shocked and sorrowful.

"I've known him all his life. I think a lot of him," said Virginia Vann, as she tended her vegetable stand on a corner of the square. "I've been so upset, I haven't been able to work."

Montague is a small town where everyone knows his neighbors and everyone knows Harry Walker.

People know him as a good sheriff, respected, professionally, and well-liked personally, a man young-

sters could turn to for support. Some said they think townspeople will stand by him.

"He was a nice, clean-cut young man," said resident Bud Cummings.

District Attorney Jack McGaughy said, "It was a surprise to me and to everyone."

McGaughy said he was notified by FBI agents at 2:15 p.m. Thursday that Walker had been arrested an hour earlier at the U.S. post office in Bowie, 11 miles away.

"He has run a good office. He has hired good personnel. It is a good sheriff's office," McGaughy said.

The sheriff grew up in Bowie and moved to Corpus Christi and became a police officer, County Judge Tom Brown said. He returned several years ago and went to work for former Sheriff W.F. Conway, Brown said, but moved to the Bowie Police Department after Conway fired him.

He then mounted a campaign for sheriff against his former boss and won a three-way race, Brown said. Walker was sworn in as sheriff in January 1985.

On Thursday, Conway, the defeated former sheriff, wouldn't talk much about Walker.

"I fired him, and his chief deputy, too, for insubordination," Conway said. "That means for not obeying orders. But that is all I am going to say."

The spotlight that focused on Conway on Thursday was different from the one that zeroed in on him when he arrested a drifter named Henry Lee Lucas who later confessed — and then recanted — that he committed scores of killings.

The Lucas case brought unwanted notoriety, said Lynn Heller of Montague, administrator of the Bowie Hospital.

"Now I guess we will have another black eye here in Montague County," Heller said. "This is more of a big disappointment to everybody if all that (the accusations against Walker) is true. I guess time will tell."

Judge Brown said that Chief Deputy Jerry Boucher is temporarily in charge of the sheriff's office and that the Commissioners Court would appoint a replacement if Walker's position is vacated.

"But for now, he is still sheriff," Brown said. "I will just have to say he will remain sheriff until he either resigns or is involuntarily removed."

# NEWS

## Montague residents praise accused sheriff as nice guy

By DAVID PASZTOR  
Staff writer

To friends and neighbors, Harry Walker was a hard-working sheriff and active member of the local Kiwanis Club and Baptist Church, a well-liked former Corpus Christi policeman who came home to Montague County six years ago to practice his trade amid friends and family.

"He's a very nice guy. He's a good friend," says Barbara Beckwith, news editor of the Bowie News.

But Friday, the 37-year-old Walker remained jailed at Lew Sterrett Justice Center, held without bail on federal charges that he allegedly distributed child pornography through the mail. A bond hearing was scheduled for Monday.

In his private life, investigators charge, the respected first-term sheriff used the alias of David Clay and a post office box rented under an assumed name to send and receive pornographic photographs and magazines.

Authorities are now trying to locate several teenage boys who Walker allegedly photographed in explicit poses. In a letter the sheriff allegedly sent to undercover postal inspectors, the youths were identified by their first names and were

said to be friends of Walker from Dallas, Fort Worth and Galveston.

"That is something we're very interested in," said U.S. Postal Inspector Jim Mathine. "Finding the children and protecting them."

A search of Walker's rural Bowie home after his arrest Thursday turned up a trunkful of hundreds of magazines and Polaroid photographs of children in sexually explicit poses, Mathine said.

Investigators also seized envelopes and letters related to Walker's alleged correspondence with others interested in child pornography, and recovered a sandwich-size plastic bag about half full of marijuana, he said.

More than 20 books, videotapes, a Polaroid camera and a typewriter with a label identifying it as property of Montague County also were seized during the search, along with a folder on crime prevention

outlining how to protect children from abuse. "If Walker was involved in child pornography, friends and officials said it was a side of his life he kept well hidden from his community."

"Apparently, whatever he was doing, he kept it pretty quiet there," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Denver McCarty.

Walker was actively involved in county affairs and always willing to offer help to youth groups, com-

munity groups or senior citizens homes, said Beckwith, who became friends with him while covering his campaign. "If they needed his help, he was there," she said.

A Bowie native, Walker left in 1972 to take a job with the Corpus Christi Police Department. Corpus Christi Police Chief Bill Banner said. In 1980, Banner said, Walker resigned from the force citing "personal reasons."

Beckwith said Walker told her he wanted to return home to Montague County.

He worked as a deputy sheriff at first, she said, but was fired along with another deputy by then-Sheriff W.F. Conway in what she described as a "personality clash" over how the office was being run.

Walker then took a job with the Bowie Police Department and successfully challenged Conway.

Since he took office, she said, he has brought the county jail up to state standards so it could be re-titled and improved. The department "is improved."

"People seemed to gain some of the respect back they had lost for the department," Beckwith said.

Now, she said, most people she's talked to are trying to cope with the arrest, and hoping somehow things will turn out all right.

# Sheriff held in porn case

Accused of mailing  
photos of teen boys

By CHARLOTTE-ANNE LUCAS  
and DAVID PASZTOR

Staff writers

The sheriff of Montague County, a ranching and oil county north-west of Fort Worth, was arrested by federal authorities Thursday in connection with the alleged mailing of child pornography.

Harry J. Walker, 37, who was elected to his first term as sheriff in 1984, was arrested Thursday afternoon in his hometown of Bowie and is expected to appear before U.S. Magistrate William Sanderson in Dallas today.

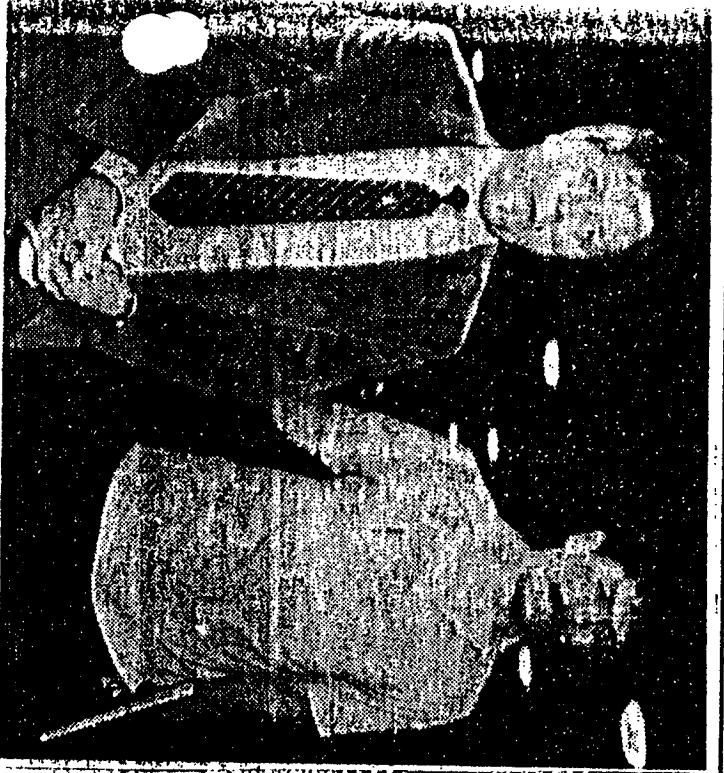
According to an affidavit filed in magistrate court, Walker allegedly used the assumed name of David Clay and rented a Bowie post office box to correspond with people interested in sexually explicit magazines and photographs.

Beginning in late 1985, the affidavit by U.S. Postal Inspector Wayne Meyers says, undercover postal inspectors began corresponding with Walker as part of an ongoing investigation to clamp down on the mailing of child pornography.

As word of the arrest spread through the county, Sheriff's Office officials and residents expressed shock that the man they believed was helping build a professional sheriff's department could have been involved in the activities.

What you're hearing is just disbelief, said BUNN, chief deputy of Sheriff A. E. Bowie's station. He never reported the arrest, he said, the station received numerous calls in-

SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Montague County Sheriff Harry J. Walker is taken into the Lew Sterrett Justice Center in Dallas Thursday.

# Sheriff arrested in porn case

SHERIFF — From Page 1A

cluding one from "a lady who said she had to leave her office and go home and cry."

On several instances, the affidavit says, Walker mailed letters to inspectors and enclosed explicit Polaroid photographs of teenagers. In one letter, he identified three of the boys by first names and said they were friends of his from Dallas, Fort Worth and Galveston.

In another letter, Walker allegedly offered to trade material and described himself as 37, single and living in a small town near Dallas.

"I have a bunch of extra boy Polaroids," still another letter read. "(Maybe) we could swap these."

Later, in a four-page handwritten letter, Walker allegedly made reference to a tape he picked up in Dallas for his video recorder and said, "Due to my job most of my running around has to be out of town for obvious reasons. For now, I'll stay in the country. I'm surrounded by about 300 acres."

On April 24, undercover agents placed a red envelope in the post office box rented under the name David Clay, and then watched as Walker opened the box, removed the envelope and took it to his patrol car, the affidavit says.

Wednesday, investigators from the FBI and U.S. Postal Service obtained a search warrant for Walker's Bowie home, and then obtained an arrest warrant.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Denver McCarty said Walker was arrested Thursday when he picked up magazines at the post office that had been previously seized by U.S. postal authorities as illegal material. Walker was questioned at the removed from office.

Bowie post office and then escorted to his home, which authorities searched.

Late Thursday, he was being held in the Lew Sterrett Justice Center in Dallas.

Ether said Walker has been generally well regarded in the community since he took over for long-time incumbent Sheriff W.F. Conway on Jan. 1, 1985.

Conway gained fame as the first lawman to arrest Henry Lee Lucas, who went on to confess to hundreds of murders across the United States. After Lucas recanted most of his confessions, however, Conway's fame turned to notoriety in Montague County, Ether said.

"There was kind of a feeling that Conway had been in there too long," Ether said.

Walker had worked as Conway's chief deputy, but was fired by the sheriff, Montague County Judge Thomas Brown said. Walker ran against Conway in 1984 and won the sheriff's seat. Walker had previously worked for police departments in Corpus Christi and Bowie, Brown said.

Walker had appeared to be upgrading the four-member sheriff's department and had started the county's first reserve deputy program, Brown and Ether said.

The sheriff seemed to be handling the job well, Brown said. "Things have been pretty quiet," he said. "There's been no real controversy or anything."

Brown said he seldom socialized with the sheriff. "Him being single, we didn't run in the same circles." Sheriff's department officials declined to comment on the arrest.

Brown said county officials will wait until they have more information before deciding whether to try to have Walker removed from office.