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erations Center (EOC) dis-

...o arrested dispatcher Mary  
ay before Magistrate J. Ho-  
... said. Greene issued a war-

...partner with the police de-  
...active in the investigation

...too busy with coal miners"  
...that a complaint had been  
...make arrangements to bring  
...aid.  
...ad been scheduled because

...AGIER indicated MS. COLEMAN would enter a plea guilty  
...disqualification, the case can be heard in Magistrate Court or by the mayor, in  
...the judge's absence.

...In order to initiate proceedings in magistrate court, an officer signs a compli-  
...aint and the magistrate issues a warrant, Brouse said.

...This procedure has been followed "in similar cases where the judge has dis-  
...qualified himself," Brouse said.

...Following her intoxication arrest, Ms. Coleman signed a four-page complaint  
...charging "police harassment, use of force, false arrest, threat to physical health,  
...mental anguish (and) conspiracy" as a result of an alleged mishandling of a fi-  
...rearm involving Sgt. J.E. O'Neill in the EOC in November and the arrest.

...The statement says that while she was attending a Dec. 5 party at the Raleigh  
...County Armory, Ms. Coleman's purse containing car keys and money was stolen.  
...As she completed a report concerning the theft, she was arrested by Daniels,  
...O'Neill and Patrolman J.S. Zilinski for intoxication and was booked in Raleigh

Officers involved have declined comment.

Ms. Coleman gave a copy of her statement March 7 to *Beckley Newspapers*  
Inc.

Ray Smith, who was the EOC's sole director and currently is a tri-committee  
member, said earlier he was unaware of the alleged firearm incident until after  
Ms. Coleman's arrest.

Chief Thomas C. Durrett earlier asked that a trial date be set because "It has  
been determined the intoxication charge had nothing to do with the allegations  
against the officer (O'Neill)."

Ms. Coleman's statement says O'Neill held a gun barrel on her neck.

Durrett described the alleged firearm incident as "clowning" and launched an  
internal investigation which was concluded recently. He said the mayor would  
make the final decision concerning what action, if any, would be taken against  
the police officer.



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