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The District Attorney for the Fourth Judicial District has been designated District Attorney *Pro Tempore* in regard to certain allegations lodged against Thomas Eric Watson. On July 19, 2017, the Bradley County Grand Jury returned a sealed presentment against Thomas Eric Watson, current Sheriff of Bradley County, Tennessee, for six (6) counts of violating Tennessee Code Annotated 55-5-116. The presentment alleges that the Defendant held or used certificates of title for six (6) different motor vehicles knowing that the titles had been altered, forged, or falsified. The information which was presented to the Grand Jury was the result of a joint investigation by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Tennessee Department of Revenue. Each violation is a Class E Felony under Tennessee law. These charges were served on Sheriff Watson on July 21, 2017. The Honorable Don Ash, Senior Judge, has been designated as the Trial Judge for this matter. As of this date, no date or time has been set for the initial appearance and arraignment of the defendant.