

Sparta Council Member Indicted on Sex Counts

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A member of the Sparta Town Council will be in court three weeks from today facing charges of indecent liberties with a child and sexual offense with a child by an adult, both felonies, and with a misdemeanor count of sexual battery. 27-year old Christopher Ryan Lane was indicted by the Allegheny County grand jury March 19th, and was arrested by the SBI on March 23rd on the counts. The indictments cover a time when Ryan Lane was running unsuccessfully for the council in 2009, a seat he then won in 2011 by one vote, according to the Allegheny Board of Elections. Lane lists his occupation as a pawnbroker and bass player for a number of local groups.