

# Indict Officer

A Glouster, Ohio, policeman has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of raping a woman prisoner in her jail cell, firing several shots into the car of a motorist he had stopped, and testifying falsely before the grand jury.

Atty. Gen. Griffin B. Bell. said a four count indictment was returned in U. S. District court in Columbus against Officer Weldon T. Rupe.

One count charged Rupe with assaulting and raping the woman prisoner on Oct. 28, 1976, violating her constitutional right not to be deprived of liberty without due process of law.

Two counts charged Rupe with threatening Larry E. Barrett on Jan. 15, 1978, by shooting at his car during a chase and with firing several shots into the car after capturing the driver, depriving him of liberty and property without due process of law.

The fourth count charged Rupe with giving false answers on Nov. 9, 1978, to the grand jury investigating the Barrett matter when he said he fired only one shot.