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Headley will face consolidated trial in Franklin

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FRANKLIN — There will be one trial for Williamson County Sheriff Ricky Headley, who faces criminal charges in both Davidson and Williamson counties.

A Nashville judge and prosecutors in both counties have agreed to consolidate all charges against Headley. The 33 indictments against the sheriff in Davidson County will be transferred to Williamson County, according to court documents filed today.

Prosecutors in Davidson and Williamson County will work together on the case, according to Deputy District Attorney Derek Smith, who prosecutes cases in Williamson County.

Headley's attorney, David Raybin, declined to comment, other than to say the case should still go to trial on July 14. A Knoxville judge, Jon Kerry Blackwood, will preside over the case.

Headley is accused of illegally obtaining prescription medication from Brooks Pharmacy in Nashville. He was arrested Jan. 31, 2007. Investigators said they observed Headley making stops at the pharmacy, which has been closed, between Oct. 2006 and Jan. 2007. During that time he picked up more than 1,900 Hydrocodone pills and hundreds of other pain pills, according to police reports.

A Williamson County grand jury indicted Headley on four counts of official misconduct. There are allegations that the sheriff was in uniform and drove a county-owned vehicle to when he picked up pills from the pharmacy.

Headley's supporters recently held a benefit for him and collected more than \$10,000 to help pay his legal expenses.