

## Man with Two Wives Arrested on Bigamy Charges

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Bay County Sheriff's deputies arrested a man on bigamy charges last week after his second wife made a surprising discovery.

Martha Weed Dumstorf contacted authorities after she found out that her husband, George William Dumstorf, 68, of Springhill, was also married to a woman in Melbourne, Stephanie Dumstorf.

Martha and George met in 2004. Martha, unaware of his first wife, Stephanie Dumstorf, willingly agreed to marry George later that year in Bay County. The two have resided in Hernando County for the past two years.

George had told Martha that he divorced Stephanie many years ago. He also made a claim that Stephanie had died while working in Haiti for a church organization. He backed his claim with an e-mail allegedly sent by one his children.

Martha unknowingly thought her husband's extended absences from their home in Hernando were due to his job with the federal government. George's business partner recently told Martha otherwise. He shared with Martha that Stephanie was still alive and actually still married to her husband. Martha contacted authorities immediately.

After launching a full-scale investigation, authorities have discovered that George was issued a marriage license under the name George Dumstorf in 1960. Authorities were unable to find any evidence that supports that George divorced Stephanie. It is also confirmed that Stephanie is indeed a living and breathing being in Melbourne.

George was picked up by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office on a warrant for Bigamy from Bay County and transported to the Bay County Jail on Nov. 16. Since the crime originally took place in Bay County, George was charged in Bay rather than Hernando.