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TEXAS RANGERS**

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LEAD INVESTIGATOR: JASON SHEA		INVEST#: 2021I-TRC-50069058	
SUPERVISOR: SCOTT STEVENSON		OPENED: 03/24/2021	
TITLE: TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE, EASTLAND COUNTY, STATE OF TEXAS, 03-10-2021		FILE STATUS: CLOSED	
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DISTRICT:		AREA: LUBBOCK	
SUBTYPE: ABUSE OF OFFICE		SPURS URN: CMIV50069058	
CATEGORY:		REVIEW DATE:	
SPECIAL APPROVAL: CHANCE COLLINS		LEGACY REF:	
PROGRAM: PUBLIC TRUST		SUBPROGRAM: PUBLIC INTEGRITY	
CASE#:			

### INVESTIGATION SYNOPSIS

On 03/10/2021, I, Company 'C' Texas Ranger Jason Shea, was contacted by Company 'C' Ranger Headquarters and requested to conduct an investigation reference Eastland County Sheriff Chad Roberts reference a tampering with evidence investigation.

### SUPPLEMENTAL SYNOPSES

**S1 03/24/2021 Report Writer: Jason Shea**

**04/12/2021 Approved by: Scott Stevenson**

On 03/10/2021, I, Company 'C' Texas Ranger Jason Shea, was contacted by Company 'C' Texas Ranger Headquarters in Lubbock and advised to conduct an inquiry into Eastland County Sheriff Chad Roberts reference tampering with evidence.

**S2 03/30/2021 Report Writer: Jason Shea**

**04/12/2021 Approved by: Scott Stevenson**

On 03/22/2021, I, Company 'C' Texas Ranger Jason Shea, conducted a voluntary interview with Tammy Archer. This report details the information received. This is an ongoing investigation.

**S3 03/30/2021 Report Writer: Jason Shea**

**04/12/2021 Approved by: Scott Stevenson**

On 03/22/2021, I, Company 'C' Texas Ranger Jason Shea, conducted a voluntary interview with Savannah Fortenberry. This report details the information received. This is an ongoing investigation.

**S4 03/30/2021 Report Writer: Jason Shea**

**04/12/2021 Approved by: Scott Stevenson**

On 03/22/2021, I, Company 'C' Texas Ranger Jason Shea, conducted a voluntary interview with Christine Chastain. This report details the information received. This is an ongoing investigation.

**S5 03/31/2021 Report Writer: Jason Shea****04/12/2021 Approved by: Scott Stevenson**

On 03/24/2021, I, Company 'C' Texas Ranger Jason Shea, conducted a voluntary interview with Justin Koerner. This report details the information received. This is an ongoing investigation.

**S6 04/12/2021 Report Writer: Jason Shea****04/15/2021 Approved by: Scott Stevenson**

On 03/24/2021, I, Company 'C' Texas Ranger Jason Shea, conducted a voluntary interview with City of Cisco Chief of Police Kenneth Preston and Cisco City Manager Darwin Archer. This report details the information received. This is an ongoing investigation.

**S7 04/12/2021 Report Writer: Jason Shea****04/28/2021 Approved by: Scott Stevenson**

On 03/25/2021, I, Company 'C' Texas Ranger Jason Shea, conducted a voluntary interview with Cameron Rice and Rusty Schraeder. This report details the information received. This is an ongoing investigation.

**S8 04/13/2021 Report Writer: Jason Shea****04/22/2021 Approved by: Scott Stevenson**

On 04/12/2021, I, Company 'C' Texas Ranger Jason Shea, was contacted for voluntary interviews with Chad Roberts and Rafael Ortega. This report details these interviews. This is an ongoing investigation.

**S9 05/24/2021 Report Writer: Jason Shea****06/04/2021 Approved by: Scott Stevenson**

On 05/19/2021, I, Company 'C' Texas Ranger Jason Shea, and Texas Ranger Bo Brown met with Eastland County Sheriff Chad Roberts. Based on the information gathered during the investigation Chad Roberts agreed to permanently surrender his Peace Officers License and surrender his office in lieu of being prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office. File closed.

**SUPPLEMENTAL DETAILS**

- S1** On 03/04/2021, I, Company "C" Texas Ranger Jason Shea, was contacted by Texas Ranger Headquarters in Lubbock and advised to conduct an inquiry into Eastland County Sheriff Steven "Chad" Roberts tampering with evidence.

On 03/04/2021, I received a memo from 91<sup>st</sup> District Attorney Russ Thomason detailing complaints made against Roberts tampering with evidence. Roberts, while employed with the City of Ranger as the City Manager and Chief of Police, was reported to have destroyed or removed evidence from the City of Ranger Offices/Ranger Police Department during an official proceeding.

I received the following information:

On 07/26/2018, Roberts and Ranger Police Department Officer Ralph Ortega traveled to a residence in Ranger located at 100 Blackwell Street in reference to a civil matter. During the investigation, a large dog began aggressively barking and subsequently lunged at Roberts. Roberts gave verbal commands to the dog and eventually discharged his duty weapon and injured the dog. The incident was recorded on a body camera worn by Ralph Ortega.

On 12/04/2018, Justin Koerner, W/M, DOB [REDACTED] sent a Public Information Request to the City of Ranger for "All incident reports as well as the body and dashcam footage for the incident on July 26, 2018, at 1100 Blackwell Rd. in Ranger, Texas."

On 12/17/2018, the City of Ranger, through a city employee, Christine Chastain, sent Koerner a response with an attached incident report written by Officer Ortega and a one-line statement that read, "There is no video footage available."

On 01/06/2019, Koerner submitted a Public Information Request to the City of Ranger requesting the resume for then-City Manager Chad Roberts.

On 01/09/2019, the City of Ranger responded to Koerner's request by letter stating, "There is no resume for the City Manager available."

On 01/28/2019, Koerner initiated a complaint to the Texas Attorney General's Office regarding the requested video. The Attorney General's Office sent a letter to the City of Ranger informing the city of the complaint and requested a response. On 04/11/2019, the city indicated in its response to the Attorney General's office that the video Koerner had requested was not available.

On 02/04/2019, Koerner sent another open records request to the City of Ranger asking for the resume of City Manager Chad Roberts and other documents related to several other city employees.

On 06/07/2019, Donna Thackerson, W/F, DOB [REDACTED] a Ranger resident, submitted a video that appears to be of the 07/26/2018 incident at 100 Blackwell Street to the Attorney General's Office. The Attorney General's Office advised Thackerson to contact the local prosecuting attorney if she believed there was a criminal act. (Thackerson did not contact the Eastland County DA's Office)

On 01/21/2021, Ranger City Attorney Barbara Wells contacted the 91<sup>st</sup> District Attorney's Office and advised the City of Ranger had opened an internal investigation into matters involving Roberts. During the investigation, certain city employees made various allegations of wrongdoing by Roberts and asked District Attorney Thomason to meet with the employees.

On 01/25/2021 and 01/26/2021, District Attorney Thomason met with the following individuals:

Ranger Municipal Judge Tammy Archer, W/F, DOB [REDACTED]

Ranger City Secretary Savannah Fortenberry, W/F, DOB [REDACTED]

Former Ranger Director of Human Resources Christine Chastain, W/F, DOB [REDACTED]

During the meetings, District Attorney Thomason was advised these three individuals had personal knowledge of the 12/04/2018 Public Information Request filed by Koerner. Each of the individuals stated that the body camera footage reference Koerner's request existed on the date that the request was filed. Each of the individuals advised they had seen the entire video or portions of the video on the date the Public Information Request was filed. The individuals indicated Chad Roberts and Officer Ortega were also present while the video was being viewed.

The above individuals alleged that Roberts deleted the video and instructed employees to respond to Koerner's request that the video no longer existed. Fortenberry stated that another former Ranger Police

Department Officer, Cameron Rice, somehow became aware that the video was going to be destroyed and covertly made a copy of the video and removed the video from the City of Ranger offices.

The above individuals stated they each had personal knowledge that the resume had existed in the City of Ranger personnel files for Roberts when the Public Information Request was filed by Koerner. Roberts openly stated, "Koerner would not get it." Chastain stated Roberts told her to remove the requested resume from his personnel file because it was never supposed to be in the file. Chastain stated she refused. Chastain stated that the following morning, Roberts informed her that "she did not need to worry about it because the resume was no longer in city hall."

On 03/05/2021, I requested and received the following documents from District Attorney Thomason:

PIR requests from Justin Koerner and the City of Ranger's response (S1.P1)

Notes from interview with Christie Chastain (S1.P2)

On 03/10/2021, I was advised to conduct an official investigation reference the above inquiry.

This is an ongoing investigation.

**S2** On 03/22/2021, I, Company "C" Texas Ranger Jason Shea, conducted a voluntary interview with Tammy Archer. This interview was audio recorded (S2.P1). The following is a summary of the interview. For the complete interview, refer to the audio recording.

Archer stated she had been hired at the Ranger City Judge by the Ranger City Council before Chad Roberts had been hired.

Archer stated after Roberts had been hired, her working conditions were good.

Archer stated she worked under Roberts' supervision, which Archer stated was hard at times because Roberts was also the Chief of Police. Archer stated when an individual would come in to complain or want to dispute a citation, Roberts would get upset and advise her why the individual was guilty, and she needed to find the individual guilty of the offense.

Archer stated not long after Roberts was hired, most of the female employees were sexually harassed by Roberts. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Archer detailed an occasion when she came to work and Officer Ortega and Roberts were watching a video in Roberts' office. Archer stated she and Christine Chastain also watched the video with Ortega and Roberts. Archer stated the video was body camera footage of Ortega and Roberts responding to a complaint from a citizen at a trailer house. Archer stated at some point in the vehicle, Roberts shot a dog at the residence.

Archer believed on the same day they watched the video, a Public

Information Request (PIR) came to the Ranger City Offices for that video and the incident reports. Archer believed the PIR had come from Justin Koerner, who made many requests.

Archer stated she was aware that two incident reports had been written reference the shooting by Ortega at the same time.

- 0 Archer stated while in her office, she heard Roberts tell Ortega to delete the video.
- 1 Archer stated the rumor was Ranger Police Department Officer Cameron Rice made a copy of the video before the video was deleted.
- 2 Archer stated she was made aware that a response to Koerner's PIR was made, saying that no video was available. Archer was also aware only one of the incident reports was sent to Koerner.
- 3 Archer stated on another occasion; a PIR came from Koerner requesting Roberts' resume. Archer stated she knew Roberts' resume was in his personnel file because she, Chastain, Savannah Fortenberry, and Roberts had discussed the resume in the past.
- 4 Archer stated the day the PIR for the resume came in, Roberts was upset and advised they were not going to give Koerner the resume.
- 5 Archer stated Roberts and Chastain argued about the request because Chastain insisted the resume should be released due to the fact it was in his personnel file, and it was required to be released. Archer stated the next day or a few days later, Roberts was standing at her office door and told Chastain, "I shredded it; he is not getting it."
- 6 Interview ended.

- S3** On 03/22/2021, I, Company "C" Texas Ranger Jason Shea, conducted a voluntary interview with Savannah Fortenberry. This interview was audio recorded (S3.P1). The following is a summary of the interview. For the complete interview, refer to the audio recording.

Fortenberry stated she was hired by the City of Ranger in June 2017 as the City Admin., which included being a water clerk, over human resources, and Public Information Requests. Fortenberry stated her immediate supervisor was Chad Roberts.

Fortenberry stated in September 2017, not having a place to live, Roberts advised her the Police Department had a bedroom where she could stay. Fortenberry stated that night, Roberts came to the police department, and they had sex.

Fortenberry stated the relationship lasted a few months and ended on bad terms.

[REDACTED]

Fortenberry stated in the summer of 2018 that her Human Resource responsibility was taken from her before going on [REDACTED] and given to Christine Chastain.

Fortenberry stated at some point, a Public Information Request (PIR) was made by Justin Koerner reference an incident that occurred at an address on Blackwell Road. Fortenberry gave the PIR to Roberts, who became



y mad.

Fortenberry stated after the PIR request was made, she heard Roberts, Ortega, Archer, Chastain, and maybe others watched the video in Roberts' office. Fortenberry stated she was not allowed to watch the video because she and Roberts were not on great terms.

Fortenberry stated the walls in the offices were thin, and she could hear the video being played.

- 0 Fortenberry stated Roberts told Ortega to review his incident report and make any corrections.
- 1 Fortenberry stated she was told to send Koerner the corrected report and to advise Koerner there was no video available.
- 2 Fortenberry stated another time a PIR request came to the office from Koerner, who was requesting Roberts' resume. Fortenberry stated she knew Roberts has a resume in his personnel file because they had spoken about the resume before.
- 3 Fortenberry stated Chastain was responsible for Human Resources at the time.
- 4 Fortenberry stated Roberts told Chastain to destroy the resume, and Chastain refused. Fortenberry stated Roberts later destroyed the resume.
- 5 Interview ended.

**S4** On 03/22/2021, I, Company "C" Texas Ranger Jason Shea, conducted a voluntary interview with Christine Chastain. This interview was audio recorded (S4.P1). The following is a summary of the interview. For the complete interview, refer to the audio recording.

Chastain stated she was employed by the City of Ranger from the Fall of 2018 through the Fall of 2019.

Chastain stated Chad Roberts hired her.

Chastain stated before Savannah Fortenberry left for maternity leave, Chastain was given the Human Resource responsibilities. Chastain stated Roberts advised her to make sure Fortenberry was not stealing water while on [REDACTED] through the water department. Chastain stated she checked, and Fortenberry was not stealing water.

Chastain stated while over the Human Resource position, a Public Information Request was filed by Justin Koerner requesting Roberts' resume. Chastain stated she was aware Roberts had a resume in his personnel file because they had discussed it in the past.

When the request came into the office, Roberts advised her not to give the resume to Koerner. Chastain advised Roberts the resume was in his personnel file and Koerner had a right to the resume. Chastain stated she and Roberts argued about the resume. Chastain advised Roberts she was going to place the resume in a separate file but still in the Human Resource cabinet.

The next day or next week, Roberts advised the resume was gone. Chastain checked the file cabinet and observed the resume had been removed.

Chastain was questioned about the PIR for the dog shooting incident.

astain stated that at the time the PIR came in she believed, Ortega, Roberts, and herself, "not sure who all was present," watched the dog shooting video in Roberts' office. Chastain was aware Koerner was advised there was no video available.

Interview ended.

**S5** On 03/24/2021, I, Company "C" Texas Ranger Jason Shea, conducted a voluntary interview with Justin Koerner. This interview was audio recorded (S5.P1). The following is a summary of the interview. For the complete interview, refer to the audio recording.

Koerner stated he had made several Public Information Requests (PIR) throughout Chad Roberts' employment at the City of Ranger.

Koerner stated he sent a PIR on 12/04/2018 to the City of Ranger requesting "All incident reports as well as the body and dashcam footage for the incident on July 26, 2018, at 1100 Blackwell Rd. in Ranger, Texas." (S5.P2)

Koerner stated on 12/17/2018, he received a response from the City of Ranger, which stated, "There is no video footage available." Koerner stated he did receive incident report #2018-07-30. (S5.P3)

Koerner stated on 01/07/2019, he sent a PIR to the City of Ranger requesting "Copy of resume for City Manager." (S5.P4)

Koerner stated on 01/09/2019, he received a response from the City of Ranger, which stated, "There is no resume for the City manager available." (S5.P5)

Koerner stated he sent a PIR on 02/14/2019 to the City of Ranger requesting "Resume for Chad Robert (City Administrator employed 2016)," along with several other requests. (S5.P6)

Koerner stated on 02/19/2019, he received "There is no resume for the City Manager available," along with the other information he requested. (S5.P7)

Koerner noted there were several other PIR requests that he made that were never fulfilled.

- 0 I asked Koerner if he had ever seen the bodycam footage of the dog shooting. Koerner stated he heard rumors that a video existed but had not seen the video.
- 1 Interview ended.
- 2 I met with District Attorney Russ Thomason and received a red zip drive with "DOG" written in black marker. I was advised the zip drive contained a video of the incident. (S5.P8)

**S6** On 03/24/2021, I, Company "C" Texas Ranger Jason Shea, conducted a voluntary interview with City of Cisco Chief of Police Kenneth Preston and Cisco City Manager Darwin Archer. This interview was audio recorded (S6.P1). The following is a summary of the interview. For the complete interview, refer to the audio recording.

Darwin Archer stated in the summer of 2020; he received the zip drive from Donna Thackerson. Darwin stated Thackerson never told him where she obtained the zip drive.

Darwin stated in early 2021; he gave the zip drive to Kenneth Preston to give to the District Attorney.

Kenneth Preston stated he wrote the word "DOG" on the zip drive.

Preston stated he gave the video to the District Attorney's Office on 1/25/2021 or 01/26/2021.

Interview ended.

I met with District Attorney Russ Thomason and received the zip drive that contained the dog video (S6.P2).

I conducted a voluntary interview with Donna Thackerson by phone. This interview was audio recorded. The following is a summary of the interview.

Thackerson stated she received the zip drive from Schraeder. Thackerson stated she could not remember if or when she gave the video to Darwin Archer. Thackerson stated Archer was a very good person, and if he said she gave him the video, then that was the truth.

0 Interview ended.

1 I requested and received both incident reports that were written reference incident 2018-07-30. (S6.P4) I reviewed both reports and made the following observations:

- The report that was sent to Koerner on 12/17/2018 based on his 12/04/2018 PIR was printed on 12/09/2018.
- I received another report that was printed on 08/07/2019.
- The report printed 12/09/2018 had six sentences added to the report. These six sentences did not change the content of the report.

This is an ongoing investigation.

**S7** On 03/25/2021, I, Company "C" Texas Ranger Jason Shea, conducted a voluntary interview with Cameron Rice. This interview was audio recorded (S7.P1). The following is a summary of the interview. For the complete interview, refer to the audio recording.

Rice stated he was employed by the City of Ranger as a police officer from October 2017 through January 2019.

Rice stated he was supervised by Chad Roberts, Officer Ortega, and Rusty Schraeder.

I asked Rice how he heard about the dog video. Rice stated he heard through passing that Justin Koerner filed a Public Information Request (PIR) for a dog shooting incident. Rice, again through passing, heard Roberts state that he was not going to release the video. Rice stated he had seen the video in the past.

Being curious, Rice began to look for the video on the Evidence.com server where they upload all their bodycam footage. Rice stated the bodycam footage was not on the server, and that was very unusual. Rice stated he went to another location on the computer and located the video under Officer Ortega's video file.

Rice stated he became aware that the video was going to be deleted. Rice stated he made a copy of the video after the PIR had been filed.

Rice stated in March 2019; he gave the copy to Schraeder. Rice stated he, Schraeder, and Thackerson forwarded the video to several individuals trying to get something done about the PIR violations.

Rice stated he believed Schraeder gave the video to Thackerson.

Interview ended.

- 0 I conducted a voluntary interview with Rusty Schraeder by phone. This interview was audio recorded (S7.P2). The following is a summary of the interview. For the complete interview, refer to the audio recording.
- 1 Schraeder stated he was employed by the City of Ranger as a police officer from October 2017 through October 2018.
- 2 Schraeder stated Rice had contacted him and advised him of the PIR for

dog video. Rice advised he had heard the video was not going to be released to Koerner, and the video disappeared from the server. Rice stated he located the video and made a copy. Schraeder stated Rice gave him the video. Schraeder stated he had given the video to Donna Thackerson.

- 3 Schraeder stated before he left the City of Ranger Police Department, he had not seen the video but had seen the incident report.
- 4 Interview ended.
- 5 I received notes from Christine Chastain that she had taken during her employment at the City of Ranger. (S7.P3)
- 6 I reviewed the video footage from S5.P8. I observed a video of Chad Roberts shooting a dog at a residence. I noted the video was listed under AXON\_Body\_2\_Video\_2018-07-26\_1325.
- 7 Based on the investigation, I had learned the Ranger Police Department used a company called Crime Star [www.crimestar.com](http://www.crimestar.com) <<http://www.crimestar.com>> to manage their reports. A Grand Jury Subpoena was forwarded to Crime Star reference locating records management for incident report #2018-07-30. I was contacted by Crime Star and was advised that I needed to log onto a Ranger Police Department computer, and they would be able to give me the information I requested.
- 8 I was allowed access to a Ranger Police Department computer and contacted Crime Star. Chris Roberts, W/M, DOB [REDACTED], accessed the computer remotely and advised the report was entered into the system on 07/26/2018 by #401823. On 12/09/2018, the report was changed by #401823. I took a photograph of the information observed (S7.P4). I was advised #401823 was Officer Ortega.



- 9 On 03/26/2021, based on the information that I received, in 2018 and 2019 Ranger Police Department uploaded bodycam footage to a server identified as Evidence.com. I contacted Evidence.com and was advised I needed to access a Ranger Police Department computer to view an audit trail of the bodycam footage reference this investigation.
- 0 I followed the instructions given to me by Evidnce.com and entered the video information "AXON\_Body\_2\_Video\_2018-07-26\_1325". Based on the information entered, I was able to observe the following information and print the information (S7.P5):
- Video uploaded 07/26/2018 by Officer Ortega
  - Video viewed 01/10/2019 by Chad Roberts
  - Video queued for deletion on 01/10/2019 by Chad Roberts
  - Video deleted on 01/17/2019
  - On 03/29/2021, I accessed the evidence record
- 1 This is an ongoing investigation.

**S8** On 04/12/2021, I, Company "C" Texas Ranger Jason Shea, was contacted for a voluntary interview with Chad Roberts at the Eastland County Sheriff's Office. This interview was audio recorded (S8.P1). The following is a summary of the interview. For the complete interview, refer to the audio recording.

Roberts stated he was hired by the City of Ranger as the City Manager in April 2016. Roberts stated in July 2017, he was appointed as the Chief of Police and worked in both positions until he left on December 31, 2020.

I asked Roberts about removing his resume from his personnel files. Roberts stated his resume was in the Human Resource (HR) files, and while they were between HR employees, he asked the Mayor if he could remove the resume from his personnel file. Roberts stated the Mayor had permitted him to remove the resume.

Roberts stated this occurred, he believed, before the resume was requested. Roberts believed this occurred before Savannah Fortenberry was hired.

Roberts stated Savannah Fortenberry and Christine Chastain both held the position of being over Human Resources.

I asked Roberts about deleting the video of him shooting the dog.

Roberts stated when videos were uploaded to the Axon or Evidence.com server; they were tagged to keep the video or to delete the video. Roberts stated their policy stated videos that were not evidence would be deleted at 90 days. Roberts stated the video of him shooting the dog had passed its retention time when the video was requested by Justin Koerner. Roberts stated the video had been deleted by Axon due to being past the 90 days.

Roberts stated he had seen the video around the time the report was written. Roberts did not believe he had written a report but believed Officer Ortega had written a report.

Roberts stated he did not watch the video after the PIR was received by the office.

- 0 Roberts stated he did not remember watching the video with Judge Archer, Ortega, or Chastain. Roberts stated he did not remember deleting the video.
- 1 I showed Roberts the evidence audit trail created by AXON (S7.P5). I showed Roberts where he had viewed the video on 1/10/2019 and queued the video to be deleted on the same day. Roberts stated he had not done anything wrong in the video, but because Koerner was making PIR requests all the time, he did not want him to have the video.
- 2 Roberts stated he did remember deleting the video.
- 3 Interview ended.
- 4 I conducted a phone interview with Officer Ortega. This interview was audio recorded (S8.P2).
- 5 Ortega stated he now works at Wilmar Hutchins Police Department.
- 6 I asked Ortega if he remembered the PIR requests for the dog shooting video. Ortega stated he did remember the request. Ortega stated Roberts told him to review his report and make grammar corrections to the report before it was sent out.
- 7 Ortega stated he remembered watching the video with Roberts, but he did not remember Judge Archer or Chastain being in the room.
- 8 Interview ended
- 9 This is an ongoing investigation.

**S9 9.1** On 05/19/2021, I, Company "C" Texas Ranger Jason Shea, and Texas Ranger Bo Brown met with Eastland County Sheriff Chad Roberts. Based on the information gathered during the investigation Chad Roberts agreed to permanently surrender his Peace Officers License and surrender his office in lieu of being prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office.

9.2 File closed.

**INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY**

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76448

External to DPS Requestor Name: Russ Thomason

### SUSPECTS

**S1 Roberts, Steven Chad - White/Male** [REDACTED]

Hair: Brown      Eyes: Brown      Weight: 205      Height: 5' 11"  
lbs  
SSN: [REDACTED]      SID: [REDACTED]      DL#: [REDACTED]      DL State: [REDACTED]  
Home: [REDACTED]      Cell: [REDACTED]      Work: [REDACTED]      Email: [REDACTED]

### WITNESSES

**S1 Koerner, Justin Gene - White/Male** [REDACTED]

Home: [REDACTED]      Cell: [REDACTED]      Work: [REDACTED]      Email: [REDACTED]

**Thackerson, Donna Driskill - White/Female** - [REDACTED]

Home: [REDACTED]      Cell: [REDACTED]      Work: [REDACTED]      Email: [REDACTED]

**Archer, Tammy Laird - White/Female** - [REDACTED]

Home: [REDACTED]      Cell: [REDACTED]      Work: [REDACTED]      Email: [REDACTED]

**Fortenberry, Savannah Alynn - White/Female** - [REDACTED]

Home: [REDACTED]      Cell: [REDACTED]      Work: [REDACTED]      Email: [REDACTED]

**Chastain, Christine Nicole - White/Female** - [REDACTED]

Home: [REDACTED]      Cell: [REDACTED]      Work: [REDACTED]      Email: [REDACTED]

### INVOLVED

**S1 Ortega, Rafael Cruz II - Hispanic/Male** [REDACTED]

Hair: Black      Eyes: Brown      Weight: 200      Height: 5' 09"  
lbs  
SSN: [REDACTED]      SID: [REDACTED]      DL#: [REDACTED]      DL State: [REDACTED]  
Home: [REDACTED]      Cell: [REDACTED]      Work: [REDACTED]      Email: [REDACTED]

### INVOLVED LOCATIONS

**S1 Ranger City Offices**  
**400 West Main Street**  
Ranger, TX 76470

### OFFENSES

**S1 TAMPER/FABRICATE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE 37.09(a) 37.09a F3**  
Eastland County, TX, US

12/05/2018 ( Wednesday )

**S1 TAMPER/FABRICATE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE 37.09(a) 37.09a F3**

Eastland County, TX, US

01/07/2019 ( Monday )

**CHARGES**

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**EVIDENCE**

**S1.P1 Evidence:** Written document (other)

**Seizure Date:** 03/05/2021

**Description:** Public Information Requests from Justin Koerner and the  
City of Ranger's response.

**Address:** , TX

**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:
No Final Disposition Required		03/26/2021 0940

**S1.P2 Evidence:** Written document (other)

**Seizure Date:** 03/05/2021

**Description:** Notes from interview with Christie Chastain.

**Address:** , TX

**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

<b>Status:</b>	<b>Requested/Authorized By:</b>	<b>Date/Time:</b>
No Final Disposition Required		03/26/2021 0944

**S2.P1 Evidence:** Witness Statement Audio and/or Video recording  
(statement)

**Seizure Date:** 03/22/2021

**Description:** Audio recorded interview with Tammy Archer.

**Address:** , TX

**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

<b>Status:</b>	<b>Requested/Authorized By:</b>	<b>Date/Time:</b>
No Final Disposition Required		03/30/2021 1408

**S3.P1 Evidence:** Witness Statement Audio and/or Video recording  
(statement)

**Seizure Date:** 03/22/2021

**Description:** Audio recorded interview with Savannah Fortenberry.

**Address:** , TX

**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

<b>Status:</b>	<b>Requested/Authorized By:</b>	<b>Date/Time:</b>
No Final Disposition Required		03/30/2021 0427

**S4.P1 Evidence:** Witness Statement Audio and/or Video recording  
(statement)

**Seizure Date:** 03/22/2021

**Description:** Audio recorded interview with Christine Chastain.

**Address:** , TX

**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

<b>Status:</b>	<b>Requested/Authorized By:</b>	<b>Date/Time:</b>



No Final Disposition Required	03/30/2021 1437
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**S5.P1 Evidence:** Witness Statement Audio and/or Video recording  
(statement)  
**Seizure Date:** 03/24/2021  
**Description:** Audio recorded interview with Justin Koerner.  
**Address:** , TX  
**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:
No Final Disposition Required		03/31/2021 0822

**S5.P2 Evidence:** Written document (other)  
**Seizure Date:** 03/24/2021  
**Description:** PIR on 12/04/2018 to the City of Ranger.  
**Address:** , TX  
**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:
No Final Disposition Required		04/12/2021 1340

**S5.P3 Evidence:** Written document (other)  
**Seizure Date:** 03/24/2021  
**Description:** Incident report #2018-07-30.  
**Address:** , TX  
**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:
No Final Disposition Required		04/12/2021 1342

**S5.P4 Evidence:** Written document (other)  
**Seizure Date:** 03/24/2021  
**Description:** PIR to the City of Ranger dated 01/07/2019.  
**Address:** , TX  
**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:
No Final Disposition Required		04/12/2021 1345

**S5.P5 Evidence:** Written document (other)  
**Seizure Date:** 03/24/2021  
**Description:** PIR return dated 01/09/2019.  
**Address:** , TX  
**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:
No Final Disposition Required		04/12/2021 1347

**S5.P6 Evidence:** Written document (other)  
**Seizure Date:** 04/12/2021  
**Description:** PIR on 02/14/2019 to the City of Ranger.  
**Address:** , TX  
**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:
No Final Disposition Required		04/12/2021 1351

**S5.P7 Evidence:** Written document (other)  
**Seizure Date:** 03/24/2021  
**Description:** PIR return dated 02/19/2019.  
**Address:** , TX  
**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:
No Final Disposition Required		04/12/2021 1353

**S5.P8 Evidence:** Other  
**Seizure Date:** 03/24/2021  
**Description:** Red zip drive containing video.  
**Address:** , TX  
**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:
No Final Disposition Required		04/12/2021 1355

**S6.P1 Evidence:** Witness Statement Audio and/or Video recording  
(statement)

**Seizure Date:** 03/24/2021

**Description:** Voluntary interview with City of Cisco Chief of Police  
Kenneth Preston and Cisco of City Manager Darwin  
Archer.

**Address:** , TX

**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:
No Final Disposition Required		04/12/2021 1400

**S6.P2 Evidence:** Witness Statement Audio and/or Video recording  
(statement)

**Seizure Date:** 03/24/2021

**Description:** Voluntary telephone interview with Donna Thackerson.

**Address:** , TX

**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:
No Final Disposition Required		04/12/2021 1402

**S7.P1 Evidence:** Witness Statement Audio and/or Video recording  
(statement)

**Seizure Date:** 03/25/2021

**Description:** Audio recorded interview with Cameron Rice.

**Address:** , TX

**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:
No Final Disposition Required		04/12/2021 1444

**S7.P2 Evidence:** Witness Statement Audio and/or Video recording (statement)

**Seizure Date:** 03/25/2021

**Description:** Audio recorded interview with Rusty Schraeder.

**Address:** , TX

**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:
No Final Disposition Required		04/12/2021 1449

**S7.P3 Evidence:** Other

**Seizure Date:** 03/25/2021

**Description:** Notes taken by Christain Chastain.

**Address:** , TX

**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:
No Final Disposition Required		04/12/2021 1456

**S7.P4 Evidence:** Other

**Seizure Date:** 03/25/2021

**Description:** Photograph taken of Crime Star tracking.

**Address:** , TX

**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:
No Final Disposition Required		04/12/2021 1459

**S7.P5 Evidence:** Written document (other)

**Seizure Date:** 03/29/2021

**Description:** Axon evidence audit trail.

**Address:** , TX

**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:

No Final Disposition Required	04/12/2021 1502
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**S6.P4 Evidence:** Written document (other)

**Seizure Date:** 03/24/2021

**Description:** Two incident reports that were written reference incident 2018-07-30.

**Address:** , TX

**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:
No Final Disposition Required		04/13/2021 0954

**S8.P1 Evidence:** Confession Statement Audio and/or Video recording (confession)

**Seizure Date:** 04/12/2021

**Description:** Audio recorded interview with Chad Roberts.

**Address:** , TX

**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:
No Final Disposition Required		04/13/2021 1005

**S8.P2 Evidence:** Witness Statement Audio and/or Video recording (statement)

**Seizure Date:** 04/12/2021

**Description:** Audio recorded interview with Officer Ortega.

**Address:** , TX

**By:** Jason Shea

**Disposition:**

Status:	Requested/Authorized By:	Date/Time:
No Final Disposition Required		04/13/2021 1007

**ATTACHMENT NAME(S)**

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