

I'm going to kick your ass



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True Texas News Stories of recent crimes committed by those who are supposed to enforce the laws

BASTROP JUNE 1: A former Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) officer has been indicted by a Bastrop County grand jury on charges of sexual assault of a child. During a TABC undercover investigation of alcohol sales in May 2009, 41-year-old Joe Chavez allegedly sexually assaulted a 16-year-old girl hired to assist in the sting. Investigators say that the incident took place in Chavez's state-issued vehicle immediately after the sting. He also reportedly sent text messages containing explicit photos of himself to the teen on the day before the operation. He was arrested by investigators with the Office of the Attorney General. Prior to being stationed in Bastrop, Chavez was a TABC officer in Waco from June 2004 to August 2005. Chavez is charged with two counts of Sexual Assault of a Child and one count each of online solicitation of a minor, abuse of official capacity and official oppression.

HOUSTON JUNE 1: A female Houston police officer was arrested Tuesday at Municipal Court on an outstanding theft warrant. Police say HPD Officer Tiffani L. Mayes, 28, was in uniform at the City of Houston Municipal court on Lubbock Street to testify in a traffic case when she was taken into custody on an outstanding misdemeanor theft warrant out of Fort Bend County. Mayes was arrested by HPD SWAT officers, which police say is standard operating procedure when arrests of fellow officers are made. She was arrested without incident. Sworn in at HPD in 2009, Mayes works patrol in the new midwest division, which includes areas such as Sharpstown in southwest Houston. She has been relieved of duty. Mayes was booked and released from the Fort Bend County Jail.

HOUSTON JUNE 5: A Houston police officer was jailed on charges that he stalked women while on duty, raping two of them repeatedly in secluded warehouse building parking lots. Demetrie Trevail Dixon, 26, is charged with four felony counts of sexual assault and two misdemeanor counts of official oppression. Dixon is accused of assaulting the two women between March 15 and May 2 and falsely detaining and searching another two between Jan. 2 and May 24, HPD Internal Affairs investigators said. In each case, the women told investigators Dixon approached them from his patrol car for questioning before driving them to a secluded location where he threatened them with arrest unless they submitted to a strip-search. Two of the women, who reported that Dixon detained them twice on different occasions, told investigators the officer forced them to perform oral sex and then raped them before letting them go. Dixon was later released on bond and instructed to stay out of neighborhoods he patrolled and avoid contact with women he allegedly sexually assaulted while on duty.

GALVESTON JUNE 5: A veteran Galveston Independent School District police officer has been indicted on charges of tampering with a governmental record and aggregate theft, the Galveston County District Attorney's office confirmed. Guillermo "Willie" Alcocer, 46, allegedly falsified on-call log sheets, which are used to keep track of hours worked for pay.

SEALY JUNE 23: A Sealy man has sued the police department, saying he was arrested for taking a picture of a police officer when the officer entered his home without permission. According to the lawsuit, Sgt. Justin Alderete of the Sealy Police arrived at the home of Francisco Olvera in October, 2009, responding to a noise complaint. Olvera had been playing music on his computer speakers while working outside on his patio. The sergeant asked Olvera for identification. When Olvera went inside his home to grab his ID, Sgt. Alderete followed him inside. Believing the officer didn't have a right to enter his home without permission, Olvera picked up his cellphone and took a photo of the officer. At that point, the lawsuit states, Alderete accused Olvera of "illegal photography" and arrested him. Olvera was charged with "loud music" and "public intoxication" -- the officer had seen a beer can on the kitchen table, the lawsuit asserts. In January, Olvera was acquitted of all charges. The lawsuit alleges that Olvera was the victim of "unlawful search and seizure," "unlawful arrest" and "malicious prosecution."

TEXAS CITY July 2: An Austin news photographer says he was detained by Texas City Police and Federal authorities and interrogated after he was seen taking photographs of a street sign on Texas Avenue that welcomes people to Texas City. Lance Rosenfield was dispatched to Texas City July 2nd to take photos to be used in a PBS story. After Rosenfield photographed the street sign from public property, he says he was followed a brief distance to a Valero Gas Station by a BP Security vehicle. At the gas station, two police vehicles suddenly appeared and blocked him in. According to Rosenfield, Texas City Police Officer T. Kreitmeyer told him he had a right to examine any photos taken near the refinery. In fact Kreitmeyer threatened to arrest Rosenfield if he did not comply. Rosenfield complied, and officer Kreitmeyer then asked for and received Rosenfield's name, birth date, Social Security number, address, telephone number, and other vital statistics, which he then shared with the BP Security officer, Gary Stief. When Rosenfield protested that this was not legal, he was told that it is "standard procedure". At this point, Lance Rosenfield takes up the tale: "They both told me they would call Homeland Security FBI agent Tom Robison to come down and explain it, as if that were a threat to me. I said I didn't think that was necessary but Officer Krietemeyer called Mr. Robison anyway and handed me the phone, which I didn't ask for, but my natural reaction was to take the phone. They had already spoken to Mr. Robison when they arrived; when he got on the phone he asked what my problem is. I told him I didn't understand why BP was getting my information, but he had it anyway and we were starting to wrap up here. He said, 'Oh no you're not, you're staying right there until I get there.'" "Mr. Robison arrived several minutes later and asked what my problem was. His demeanor was aggressive and antagonistic. I repeated myself, in a respectful manner. "He aggressively explained that a refinery like this is a terrorist target and any time people take pictures of it, they have to investigate. "He asked who I was working for. I said I'm a freelance photojournalist on assignment. I then felt like Mr. Robison and Mr. Stief, the BP guard, started harassing me, primarily by keeping me there and talking to me in an aggressive and antagonistic manner, and relating what I had done to terrorist activity, ignoring what had actually happened. "Mr. Robison twice asked Officer Krietemeyer if had he reviewed the pictures carefully and concluded there was no threat, to which Officer Krietemeyer said yes. Mr. Robison seemed to be shaky with adrenaline; he was clearly worked up. "Stief said he was ready to go so the group broke up quickly. I shook all three men's hands. I'm guessing the whole thing lasted 20 to 30 minutes."

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