



TEXAS
JUVENILE JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT

Statement on Today's Announcement by the Office of the Governor

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AUSTIN—Camille Cain, the Executive Director for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, issued the following statement today regarding the announcement by the Office of the Governor:

"I am thankful to Governor Abbott and Colonel McCraw for providing the assistance of the Texas Rangers to investigate allegations of illegal conduct among TJJD staff members. Our agency will, of course, cooperate fully in an effort to ensure that our facilities are as safe as possible for our youth and that any criminal behavior is identified and punished appropriately.

Prior to today's announcement, our agency had already begun a review of cases going back to 2017, regardless of the investigative outcome, in an effort to ensure that we are as vigilant as possible in identifying potential illegal conduct and isolating any patterns of behavior that could help remove staff members before they can prey on the youth in our care. In addition, we continue to work to implement our [Texas Model Plan for Reform](#), which focuses on these critical issues and served as the basis for our Legislative Appropriations Request for the 2021 session."

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