



# OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION ARREST NOTIFICATION**

On August 16, 2019, criminal investigators with the Office the Inspector General (OIG) at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) arrested former Youth Development Coach (YDC) Alexander Eugene Ragston (30) on misdemeanor warrant #9223, for Official Oppression. Ragston was booked into the Lee County Jail by OIG investigators without incident. The warrant stems from an indictment for Official Oppression against Ragston by a Lee County Grand Jury. This offense is a Class A Misdemeanor under the Tex. Pen. Code Chapter 39.03. If convicted, this offense is punishable by imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for up to one (1) year and a fine up to \$4,000.00. The arrest warrant stemmed from an investigation conducted by the OIG that involved allegations of misconduct by an employee at the Giddings State School Facility, which is a state secured facility in Giddings, Texas. The case will be prosecuted by the Special Prosecutions Unit.

The Office of the Inspector General is statutorily responsible to investigate criminal allegations involving T.J.J.D youth, employees, contractors, volunteers, or at T.J.J.D. or contact facilities. Investigators with the OIG also conduct abuse, neglect, and exploitation investigations at contract and county juvenile facilities and programs on behalf of the Department. Anyone can report allegations of misconduct to the Incident Reporting Center by completing an on-line complaint form found on the OIG website <http://www.tjjd.texas.gov/OIG/index.aspx>, or by emailing a complaint to [TJJD.IRC@tjjd.texas.gov](mailto:TJJD.IRC@tjjd.texas.gov), or finally by calling a 24 hour a day toll free hotline 1-866-477-8354

