



# OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

## PUBLIC INFORMATION ARREST SUMMARY

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On January 31st, 2022, Deputy Inspector Generals with the Office of Inspector General (OIG) at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) obtained an arrest warrant for a recently separated correctional care staff, **GAVIN WALLACE**, for Tampering with a Governmental Record. The alleged offense is a Class A Misdemeanor under the Texas Penal Code Chapter 37.10, which is punishable by up to a \$4,000 fine and confinement in jail for any term of not to exceed 1 year. On February 1, 2022, **WALLACE** voluntarily surrendered himself at the Lee County Jail. This case will be prosecuted by the Special Prosecution Unit.

This arrest warrant emanated from a neglectful supervision investigation conducted by the OIG of an incident that occurred on December 24, 2021, in which **WALLACE** intentionally made false entries in a suicide prevention door check log. These log sheets are government records kept for official business to document staff observations of TJJD committed juveniles on suicide watch. These records became germane to investigators when a medical emergency was called for an unresponsive juvenile that had attempted suicide. By making false entries on the door check log, he falsely asserted he made prescribed visual observations of the suicidal juvenile when, in fact, he did not.

The Office of the Inspector General is statutorily responsible to investigate criminal allegations involving TJJD juveniles, TJJD employees, or T.J.J.D. facilities, contractors, or programs. 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. Historical TJJD incident data can be found on the Open Data Portal of Texas.gov [https://data.texas.gov/dataset/Incident\\_Reporting/u6te-upjj](https://data.texas.gov/dataset/Incident_Reporting/u6te-upjj)

### Lee County Booking Photo

