



# OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION ARREST SUMMARY**

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On June 29, 2021, investigators with the Office of Inspector General at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department obtained two felony arrest warrants from a Hidalgo County Magistrate on a TJJD employee named Todd Hanks. Hanks, who is 50 years of age, was employed at the Evins Regional Juvenile Center in Edinburg, Texas which is a secure juvenile correctional facility operated by the Department. The first warrant was for Indecency with a Child, which is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony under Texas Penal Code 21.11. If convicted, that offense is punishable by 2 to 20 years of confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both. The second warrant was for Violations of the Civil Rights of Person in Custody; Improper Sexual Activity with Person in Custody or Under Supervision, which also a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony under the Texas Penal Code 39.04. Shortly after obtaining the warrants, deputy inspector generals arrested Hanks on those warrants and booked him into the Hidalgo County Jail without incident. These arrest warrants on Banks emanated from an investigation conducted by the Office of the Inspector General of an incident that occurred on June 29, 2021. Hanks is alleged to have engaged in sexual contact with a juvenile that was committed to the custody of TJJD. This case will be forwarded to the Special Prosecution Unit for consideration.

The Office of the Inspector General is statutorily responsible to investigate criminal allegations involving TJJD youth, TJJD employees, or T.J.J.D. facilities. 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.tjtd.texas.gov/OIG/index.aspx>, or by emailing a complaint to [TJJD.IRC@tjtd.texas.gov](mailto:TJJD.IRC@tjtd.texas.gov), or finally by calling a 24 hour a day toll free hotline 1-866-477-8354.



Hidalgo County Jail booking photograph