

**PUBLIC INFORMATION
ARREST NOTIFICATION**

On November 28, 2017, criminal investigators with the Inspector General's Office of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department arrested Juvenile Corrections Officer Victor Howard (32) on a capias warrant from Cooke County for the offense of Official Oppression. Howard was booked into the Cooke County Jail by investigators without incident. This offense is a class A misdemeanor under the Tex. Pen. Code Chapter § 39.03. If convicted, this offense is punishable by confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year and fine up to \$4,000.00. This arrest warrant stemmed from an investigation conducted by the Inspector General's Office. Howard was indicted by a Cooke County Grand Jury on November 16, 2017 cause number CR17-00593. The case is being 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, T.J.J.D. 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.tjjd.texas.gov/OIG/index.aspx>, or by emailing a complaint to TJJD.IRC@tjjd.texas.gov, or finally by calling a 24 hour a day toll free hotline 1-866-477-8354



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