



# OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

## PUBLIC INFORMATION INDICTMENT SUMMARY

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On March 27, 2024, inspectors general with the Office of Inspector General (OIG) at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and the Special Prosecution Unit (SPU) presented the case against **Todd Hanks**, 53, a former juvenile correctional officer at Evins Regional Juvenile Center, in Edinburg, to a grand jury in Hidalgo County.

The grand jury returned two true-billed indictments on Hanks on the charges of Indecency with a Child, which is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony under Texas Penal Code 21.11, punishable up to a \$10,000 fine and imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice between 2-20 years, and Violations of the Civil Rights of Person in Custody; Improper Sexual Activity with Person in Custody or Under Supervision, a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony under the Texas Penal Code 39.04 punishable up to a \$10,000 fine and imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice between 2-20 years. This case is being prosecuted by attorneys of the SPU.

This indictment emanated from an investigation conducted by the OIG of an incident on June 29, 2021. While working as a juvenile correctional officer, Todd Hanks was alleged to have engaged in sexual contact with a juvenile, 16 years old, who was committed to the custody of TJJD. OIG officers arrested Hanks for this allegation shortly thereafter.

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