



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC INFORMATION INDICTMENT SUMMARY

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 **Luis Jesus**, 24, a former juvenile correctional officer at the Evins Regional Juvenile Center, in Edinburg, to a grand jury in Hidalgo County.

The grand jury returned a true-bill indictment on Jesus on the charge of one count of Official Oppression, a Class A Misdemeanor under Texas Penal Code 39.03, punishable up to \$4,000 in fines and confinement not to exceed one year in jail. This case is being prosecuted by attorneys of the SPU.

This indictment emanated from an investigation conducted by the OIG of an incident that occurred on June 18, 2022. While working as a juvenile correctional officer, Luis Jesus was alleged to have committed excessive use of force on a juvenile, age 16, who was committed to the custody of TJJD. Jesus was arrested for this allegation at the time of the offense.

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