



# OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

## PUBLIC INFORMATION ARREST SUMMARY

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On November 21, 2023, Inspectors with the Office of Inspector General (OIG) at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) obtained a grand jury indictment for Official Oppression on **Vern T. Wolfe, 44**, a former Teacher at the McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility. The alleged offense of Official Oppression is a Class “A” Misdemeanor under the Texas Penal Code Chapter 39.03, punishable by up to a \$4,000 fine and confinement in county jail for a period of up to one year. On December 18, 2023, **Wolfe** voluntarily surrendered himself at the McLennan County Jail. This case will be prosecuted by the Special Prosecution Unit.

This indictment and arrest emanated from an investigation conducted by the OIG of an incident that occurred on June 9, 2023. While working as a Teacher conducting educational classes for offenders at the McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility, Wolfe allegedly forcibly tackled an Offender and held him on the floor in response to verbal provocation alone.

The Office of Inspector General is the independent law enforcement agency that is statutorily responsible for investigating criminal allegations involving TJJD juveniles, TJJD employees, TJJD facilities, contractors, or programs of the Texas juvenile justice system. Anyone can report allegations of misconduct to the Incident Reporting Center by emailing a complaint to [TJJD.IRC@tjjd.texas.gov](mailto:TJJD.IRC@tjjd.texas.gov), or 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/d5x8-xxfd](https://data.texas.gov/dataset/Incident_Reporting/d5x8-xxfd)



McLennan County Jail Photograph