



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC INFORMATION ARREST SUMMARY

On Oct. 1, 2024, inspectors general with the Office of Inspector General (OIG) at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) arrested former Juvenile Correctional Officer Jacquvias Watkins, 34, for the offense of bribery. The alleged offense is a 2nd degree felony under the Texas Penal Code Chapter 36.02, punishable by up to a \$10,000 fine and imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for a term between two and 20 years. This case is being prosecuted by the Special Prosecution Unit.

This arrest emanated from an investigation conducted by the OIG on separate incidents that occurred in June 2024. Watkins, while working as a Juvenile Correctional Officer at the Evins Regional Juvenile Center, concealed an electronic cigarette and provided it to a committed juvenile offender in TJJD custody. Investigators determined Watkins received cash transactions to introduce and provide the juvenile offender with the contraband.

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, or by calling a 24-hour toll-free hotline: 1-866-477-8354. Historical TJJD incident data can be found on the [Open Data Portal of Texas.gov](https://www.tjjd.texas.gov/open-data).

