



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC INFORMATION ARREST SUMMARY

On February 22, 2026, uniform division security officers with the Office of Inspector General (OIG) at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) contacted Christopher Chad Firth once he entered Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Facility (RJSJCF) property. Firth, a civilian unassociated with TJJD, exhibited behavior consistent with an emotionally disturbed person (EDP) experiencing a mental health crisis. After denying Firth entry to the facility, security officers observed him attempting to enter state and employee-owned vehicles in the facility parking lot. OIG sergeants and Brownwood PD officers responded to conduct an investigation. Officers located Firth on scene and detained him while conducting an investigation, which resulted in Brownwood PD arresting Firth for burglary of a motor vehicle – criminal attempt, a misdemeanor. Brownwood PD’s investigation also revealed that Firth had attempted to force entry into a nearby elementary school approximately two weeks before this incident. Firth was issued criminal trespass warnings for TJJD, Rite of Passage, and Brownwood ISD properties during this incident. The burglary of a motor vehicle charge will be prosecuted by the Brown County Attorney’s Office.

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-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://www.texas.gov/open-data).

