



# TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Former Academy Training Coordinator indicted for tampering with government documents**

A Navarro County Grand Jury returned seven felony indictments against Damon Jackson, the former training coordinator for Navarro College Law Enforcement Academy. The indictment alleges seven counts of Tampering with a Governmental record.

The indictments resulted from a criminal investigation by the Enforcement Division of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE formerly TCLEOSE), into allegations that Damon Jackson submitted falsified documents to TCOLE claiming that Jackson and another licensee received law enforcement training when they actually had not attended the training. This investigation was initiated after information was discovered during last year's investigation into the Freestone County Sheriff's Office.

At the time of the offenses alleged in the indictments, Jackson was the college's training coordinator responsible for the administration of all training at the Navarro College Law Enforcement Academy.

TCOLE establishes and maintains minimum standards relating to the education and training for the licensing of law enforcement officers. In the State of Texas under the Texas Occupation Code, peace officers are required to attend at least 40 hours of training every two years to maintain an active license.

Jackson was arrested by TCOLE investigators in Collin County on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and was subsequently booked into the Collin County Jail. Jackson was released after posting a \$25,000 bond.

#### **Agency Background Info:**

TCOLE is a state regulatory agency created in 1965

#### **Agency Mission:**

"The mission of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement as a regulatory State agency is to establish and enforce standards to ensure that the people of Texas are served by highly trained and ethical law enforcement, corrections, and telecommunications personnel."

#### **Regulated Community:**

75,509 Peace Officer License  
203 Reserve Officer License  
22,980 Jailer License  
2,880 Temporary Jailer License  
9,488 Telecommunications Operator License  
311 Temporary Telecommunications Operator License  
2,649 Agencies  
105 Law Enforcement Training Academies  
187 Contract Training Providers  
4 Academic Alternative Providers

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