



**Department Of Public Safety
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 06/29/2016

DIVISION: Ranger

TO: Chance Collins, Major, Company "F"

FROM: *PP* Patrick Peña, Texas Ranger, Company "F", Waco

SUBJECT: Special Investigation Request: McLennan County Commissioner

On Monday, 06/13/2016, I met with Ben Matus who was a recent Republican candidate for the office of McLennan County Commissioner-Precinct 3. Mr. Matus alleged that in December of 2015, the incumbent McLennan County Commissioner for Precinct 3, Will Jones, offered to refund his (Matus'), \$1,250.00 filing fee if he withdrew from the Primary Election held on March 1, 2016. Mr. Matus provided an audio recorded statement, and as evidence of his complaint, copies of a recorded phone call and text messages from Will Jones.

Ben Matus also provided me with a copy of his application placing him on the official primary ballot as a candidate for nomination. This same application documented that Mr. Matus paid a filing fee of \$1,250.00. Penal Code Sec. 1.07 (41)(E) states: (41) "Public servant" means a person elected, selected, appointed, employed, or otherwise designated as one of the following, even if he has not yet qualified for office or assumed his duties: (E) a candidate for nomination or election to public office.

Based on Ben Matus' recorded statement and evidence obtained during this inquiry, I recommend a criminal investigation be conducted on Commissioner Jones for the alleged offense of Attempted Bribery (F-3).

Att. - Request for investigation from McLennan County District Attorney (two pages).

I Concur. JD.

I Concur. - 6/29/2016
[Signature]

Approved -
[Signature], Chief
06/30/2016



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Major Chance Collins
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via: hand delivery

Re: Will Jones-McLennan County Commissioner Precinct 3
Suzanne Nemmer-Admin Assist. Precinct 3

Dear Major Collins:

Recently, information regarding McLennan County Commissioner Precinct 3, Will Jones and his Administrative Assistant, Susanne Nemmer was brought to my attention. It is the recommendation of a current McLennan County Grand Jury that the following information be provided to the Texas Rangers for further investigation, if needed.

Commissioner Jones is involved in a contested election for McLennan County Commissioner, Precinct 3. Commissioner Jones is the incumbent. Commissioner Jones' opponent is Ben "Benny" Matus. Mr. Matus has declared his intention to run for office, filed the proper paperwork, and paid the corresponding \$1,250.00 filing fee to be a candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 3 in the March 1, 2016 Primary Election. Mr. Jones has taken all necessary steps to run for reelection to the same position.

The information brought to my attention concerns Commissioner Jones' efforts to secure the withdraw of Mr. Matus from the County Commissioner Precinct 3 Race by extending an offer to "reimburse" Mr. Matus the filing fee paid by Mr. Matus. The conversation is alleged to have been recorded by Mr. Matus. Mrs. Nemmer is alleged to have assisted Mr. Jones in setting up the communication and possibly participated in the planning and/or communication of said offer. Furthermore, there is reason to believe that the above mentioned conversation took place on a McLennan County land line and potentially used other County resources.

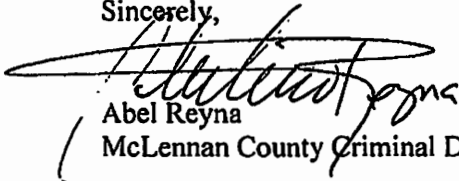
Please allow this letter to serve as an official request for the Texas Rangers to conduct an initial Inquiry into the matter and, if deemed necessary, conduct a full investigation into the facts and

circumstances of the allegations recited above.

If it is determined by the initial Inquiry that a full investigation is warranted, please contact me so that I can make the necessary arrangements to have a Prosecutor Pro Tem assigned to advise the Texas Rangers and to prosecute said criminal violations to the fullest extent of the law.

Thank you for your help in this matter and please contact me should you need additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abel Reyna', written over a horizontal line.

Abel Reyna
McLennan County Criminal District Attorney