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Travis County District Attorney Margaret Moore today released the following statement:

Yesterday, a Travis County Grand Jury returned three indictments against Dawnna Dukes, member of the Texas House of Representatives for District 46.

The first indictment charges thirteen counts of the offense of tampering with a governmental record. These charges are based on allegations that Rep. Dukes made false entries on thirteen different occasions on State of Texas travel vouchers, in order to obtain reimbursement for expenses to which she was not legally entitled. These charges are brought under Texas Penal Code 37.10 and are state jail felonies. A state jail felony is punishable under Texas law by up to two years in a state jail facility, and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Two separate indictments were also handed down for the misdemeanor offenses of abuse of official capacity by a public servant. They relate to allegations that Rep. Dukes misused public funds for her personal gain, and that she converted campaign funds to personal use. These charges are both brought under Texas Penal Code 39.02 and are alleged as class A misdemeanors. A class A misdemeanor is punishable under Texas law by up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$4,000.

Ms. Moore added: "I commend the Texas Rangers for their thorough investigation and professional approach to this case. The Travis County DA's Public Integrity Unit will continue to work with them, and every other law enforcement agency, to ensure that public officials are held accountable when they fail to abide by the laws of this state."