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Travis County District Attorney Margaret Moore today released the following information related to cases heard in the weeks of April 17-21 and 24-28:

Last week, on April 26, 2017, a Travis County grand jury indicted Javier Tinoco on four felony charges relating to an officer-involved shooting and police chase that occurred in February of this year.

Tinoco, 25, was indicted on the following:

- Aggravated Assault Against Public Servant
 - 1st degree felony, enhanced- punishment range*: 15-99 yrs
- Intoxication Assault Against Peace Officer with a Deadly Weapon
 - 2nd degree felony, enhanced- punishment range*: 5-99 yrs or life
- DWI 3rd or More with a Deadly Weapon
 - 3rd degree felony, enhanced- punishment range*: 2-20 yrs
- Evading Arrest or Detention
 - 3rd degree felony, enhanced- punishment range*: 2-20 yrs

He is currently being held in the Travis County Jail, and his next court setting is on May 19, 2017, in the 403rd District Court.

*A punishment range can be enhanced if, at trial, the State can prove beyond a reasonable doubt that, prior to the instant offenses, the defendant has served a prison term.

In the 167th District Court this week, a Travis County jury returned a manslaughter verdict on John Mouton, who had initially been charged with murder after putting a fellow homeless man in a chokehold/"sleeper hold." On Friday, April 28, 2017, the jury sentenced Mouton to a term of probation. Prosecutor Victoria Winkler said: ""We are pleased that a Travis County jury held the defendant accountable for his actions, and that he will have the chance to make amends for his crime in the community under the watchful eyes of the probation department."

On Tuesday, April 25, 2017, Delfino Torres-Vasquez was convicted by a Travis County jury for Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Young Child. The victim was sexually abused by her stepfather (Torres-Vasquez) from 2003 through 2009.

The trial began April 17, 2017, lasting over a week, in the 331st Judicial District Court and was presided over by retired Judge Bob Perkins. Torres-Vasquez was convicted for repeatedly sexually abusing his stepdaughter, who was younger than 10 years of age at the time of the abuse. The jury sentenced him to 30 years in prison for Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Young Child. Torres-Vasquez will not be eligible for parole under the Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Young Child statute. During the punishment phase of the trial, the jury heard more evidence of Torres-Vasquez' violent nature, including a domestic violence incident from 2014, in which a concerned citizen stopped to help Torres-Vasquez's then-girlfriend while he was assaulting her in a public parking lot.

The case was tried by Special Victims Unit prosecutors Amber Platt and Karina O'Daniel. Asst. D.A. Amber Platt was grateful to the jury for their verdict: "It is truly an honor to fight for justice for our most innocent victims. We appreciate the jurors' time, attention, and careful deliberations during this trial. Their verdict will allow the victim to close this chapter of her life and for that we are all very thankful."

Travis County Prosecutor Emily Edwards, of the Public Integrity Unit, secured a guilty plea from Mario Elizondo, a former Zapata County Sheriff's Deputy. He pled guilty on April 21, 2017 to third-degree felony theft. He used his position as grant administrator for the Sheriff's Office to fraudulently apply for and receive almost \$30,000 in overtime through Operation Stonegarden (a FEMA/State of Texas joint grant) for hours he did not work. Elizondo permanently surrendered his peace officer license and will be required to pay \$20,000 in restitution, and he will be on deferred adjudication for four years. This was a complex investigation, particularly because it spanned several grant years (and subsequently had different rules for different time frames within the theft period).