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

On Tuesday, November 6, a Travis County Grand Jury determined that no criminal charges would result from a shooting that left Thomas Hardin, 48, dead on September 14, 2018. The shooting occurred in the Elm Creek subdivision in East Travis County, near Elgin. The Grand Jury heard testimony from witnesses over the course of two weeks and declined to indict the individual that shot and killed Hardin.

On September 14, 2018, the Travis County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene of the shooting in the 12600 block of Waynespur Lane. When officers arrived, they found the body of Hardin on the front porch of a neighbor's home. The ensuing investigation led authorities to believe that the shooting was justified as self-defense. Investigators determined that Hardin and the man that shot him were neighbors and had been involved in a disagreement earlier in the evening. At approximately 10:00 pm, Hardin and a relative of his came to the neighbor's home, and Hardin was armed with a handgun. Hardin and the neighbor exchanged gunfire - physical evidence recovered at the scene showed that both men fired multiple rounds, that rounds from Hardin's weapon had been fired into the neighbor's home, and that the neighbor's shots that caused Hardin's death were fired from inside the neighbor's home.