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Travis County District Attorney Ronald Earle today released the following statement:

The Travis County District Attorney's Office today began an investigation into allegations of wrongdoing by officials with the Texas Youth Commission (TYC) in Austin.

It has been reported that documents relating to TYC officials in Austin and their handling of allegations of sexual misconduct at a TYC facility in West Texas were altered at TYC headquarters in Austin.

The allegations of sexual misconduct must be prosecuted in the county where the conduct allegedly occurred, but the allegations of altered records at TYC headquarters, if true, are within the jurisdiction and venue of this office.

Tampering with a government document is a crime, as is lying to the Legislature.

Oversight of State agencies such as the Texas Youth Commission is the job of the Legislature. That job depends on accurate information.

Our job is to enforce the law relating to the integrity of government information.