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Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmburg today announced that a Travis County Grand Jury has indicted John Higgins, Jr., the Chief of Staff for State Representative Tim Kleinschmidt. Higgins was indicted on 11 counts of tampering with a governmental record and one count of securing execution of a document by deception.

The indictments were obtained by the Travis County District Attorney's Office Public Integrity Unit based on a referral from the State Auditor's Office (SAO). The SAO investigation was a result of a complaint regarding allegations that Higgins received travel reimbursements for trips he did not take. The amount involved is alleged to be over \$9,000 for the time period of August 2011 through July 2012.

Tampering with a governmental record and securing execution of a document by deception are both state jail felonies punishable by up to two years in state jail and up to a \$10,000 fine.

Higgins turned himself in at the Travis County Jail today and was released after posting a \$10,000 bond.

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