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Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmborg today announced that a Travis County Grand Jury has indicted Freestone County Sheriff Thomas Don Anderson and Freestone County Sheriff's Office Captain Travis Robertson. Sheriff Anderson's indictment alleges 20 counts of tampering with a governmental record while Captain Robertson's indictment alleges three counts of the same offense.

The indictments resulted from a criminal investigation by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) into allegations that Sheriff Anderson and Captain Robertson routinely submitted falsified documents to TCLEOSE claiming that deputies received law enforcement training when they had not attended the training. It is alleged that several deputies were subsequently given TCLEOSE credit for training they did not complete, with the dates ranging from September 13th, 2011 to December 13th, 2012.

Sheriff Anderson was elected in the 2012 general election and took office in January of 2013, but at the time the offenses occurred, Sheriff Anderson was the department's training coordinator responsible for the administration of all training at the Freestone County Sheriff's Office. Travis Robertson was the primary instructor for most of the training given by the Freestone County Sheriff's Office.

TCLEOSE establishes and maintains minimum standards relating to the education and training for the licensing of law enforcement officers, who are required to attend at least 40 hours of training every two years to maintain an active license.

Travis Robertson was arrested yesterday by TCLEOSE in Freestone County and Don Anderson turned himself in today at the Travis County Jail. They were both released after each posted a \$20,000 bond.

Tampering with a governmental record is a state jail felony punishable by up to two years in state jail and up to a \$10,000 fine.

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