



**BEFORE THE
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

CJC No. 26-1213

INQUIRY CONCERNING

**HONORABLE DONALD J. CLARK
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 3
COLUMBUS, COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS**

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Be it known that on July 2, 2026, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct was presented with a copy of an Indictments handed up on June 18, 2026, by the duly constituted Grand Jury of the 25th Judicial District Court, in Cause Nos. 26-045-DCCR-00070, 26-045-DCCR-0071 and 26-045-DCCR-00072, styled *State of Texas vs. Donald Joseph Clark* (the "Indictments", a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated herein for all relevant purposes).

Having considered the indictment, the Commission concluded that Judge Clark is charged with one count of Official Oppression, a Class A Misdemeanor; one count of False Report to Peace Office, a Class B Misdemeanor; and one count of False Report to Induce Emergency Response, a Class B Misdemeanor. The Commission determined that **DONALD JOSEPH CLARK**, should be **SUSPENDED WITH PAY** from the judicial office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Colorado County, Texas, pursuant to the authority contained in Article V, Sec. 1-a(6)A of the Texas Constitution and Rule 10(a) of the Disciplinary Rules for Judges and Judicial Candidates, and such suspension remain in effect until the charges set forth in the Indictments are dismissed, Judge Clark is acquitted of all charges in the Indictments, or upon further order(s) of the Commission.

Accordingly, effective immediately, it is hereby **ORDERED** that **DONALD JOSEPH CLARK** be **SUSPENDED, WITH PAY**, from the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Colorado County, Texas. It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that this suspension shall remain in effect until the charges set forth in the indictment are dismissed, Judge

Clark is acquitted of all charges in the indictment, or upon further order(s) of the Commission. It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that the Commission retains the authority to reconsider this Order should additional information not yet received warrant such action.

ISSUED on the 2nd day of July 2026.

Ken Wise

Honorable Ken Wise, Interim Chair
State Commission on Judicial Conduct

FILED

JUN 18 2026

At 11:28 O'clock AM
Valerie Harmon, Clerk

DISTRICT COURT COLORADO COUNTY, TX

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
25th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS

26-045-DCCR-00071, State of Texas v. DONALD JOSEPH CLARK

Offense: OFFICIAL OPPRESSION (TPC 39.03)
Police agency: Texas Department of Public Safety (Texas Rangers)
Offense report #: 2026-0008187-00003
Def.'s address: 1075 Blue Bird Lane, Columbus, Texas 78934
Co-defendants: None

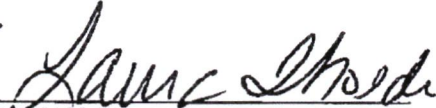
Race/sex: W/M
DOB: 03/03/1966
TDL: 43913443

INDICTMENT

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The duly organized Grand Jury of Colorado County, Texas presents in the District Court of Colorado County, Texas, that in Colorado County, Texas, DONALD JOSEPH CLARK, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about FEBRUARY 18, 2026, did then and there unlawfully and intentionally subject Bobby Lee Whisnant, Jr. to arrest that the defendant knew was unlawful, and the defendant was acting under color of his office as a public servant, namely Colorado County Precinct Three Justice of the Peace.

AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE.


FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY



THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COLORADO
I, Valerie Harmon, Clerk of the District of Colorado County, Texas do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct of the original in Case No. 26-045-DCCR-00071, as the same appears of record in District Court in Criminal
Records of said District Court on file in my office.



ATTEST Valerie Harmon
Valerie Harmon, District Clerk
Colorado County, Texas

By: Paula M. Laake Deputy



EXHIBIT A

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JUN 18 2026

At 11:00'clock *AM*
Valerie Harmon, Clerk

DISTRICT COURT COLORADO COUNTY, TX

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
25th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS

26-045-DCCR-00072, State of Texas v. DONALD JOSEPH CLARK

Offense: FALSE REPORT TO INDUCE EMERGENCY RESPONSE
(TPC 42.0601)

Race/sex: W/M

Police agency: Texas Department of Public Safety (Texas Rangers)

DOB: 03/03/1966

Offense report #: 2026-0008187-00003

TDL: 43913443

Def.'s address: 1075 Blue Bird Lane, Columbus, Texas 78934

INDICTMENT

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The duly organized Grand Jury of Colorado County, Texas presents in the District Court of Colorado County, Texas, that in Colorado County, Texas, DONALD JOSEPH CLARK, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about FEBRUARY 18, 2026, did then and there unlawfully make a report of a criminal offense or emergency or cause a report of a criminal offense or emergency to be made to a 9-1-1 service as defined by Section 771.001 of the Texas Health and Safety Code to receive reports of a criminal offense or an emergency, namely, Colorado County 9-1-1 and the defendant knew that the report was false, and the report caused an emergency response from Columbus Police Department, namely Cole Neumann, and in making the report or causing the report to be made, the defendant was reckless with regard to whether the emergency response by the Columbus Police Department might directly result in bodily injury to another person, namely Bobby Lee Whisenhut, Jr., based up defendant's false report of a criminal offense or emergency.

AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE.

Samuel Good
FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY



THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COLORADO

I, Valerie Harmon, Clerk of the District of Colorado County, Texas do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct of the original in Case No. 26-045-DCCR-00072 as the same appears of record in District Court in criminal

Records of said District Court on file in my office.



ATTEST *Valerie Harmon*
Valerie Harmon, District Clerk
Colorado County, Texas

By: *Paula M. Lander* Deputy



EXHIBIT A

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
25th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS

FILED

PM
JUN 18 2026

At 11:08 o'clock *AM*
Valerie Harmon, Clerk

DISTRICT COURT COLORADO COUNTY, TX

26-045-DCCR-00070 State of Texas v. DONALD JOSEPH CLARK

Offense: FALSE REPORT TO PEACE OFFICER (TPC 37.08)
Police agency: Texas Department of Public Safety (Texas Rangers)
Offense report #: 2026-0008187-00003
Def.'s address: 1075 Blue Bird Lane, Columbus, Texas 78934
Co-defendants: None

Race/sex: W/M
DOB: 03/03/1966
TDL: 43913443

INDICTMENT

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The duly organized Grand Jury of Colorado County, Texas presents in the District Court of Colorado County, Texas, that in Colorado County, Texas, DONALD JOSEPH CLARK, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about FEBRUARY 18, 2026, did then and there unlawfully with intent to deceive, knowingly make to Cole Neumann, a peace officer conducting a criminal investigation, a false statement, namely that the Defendant was threatened by Bobby Lee Whisnant, Jr., and the statement was material to the investigation in that the false statement led to the arrest of Bobby Lee Whisnant, Jr..

AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE.

Paula M. Maeder
FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY



THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COLORADO
I, Valerie Harmon, Clerk of the District of Colorado County, Texas do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct of the original in 26-045-DCCR-00070, as the same appears of record in District Court in criminal
Records of said District Court on file in my office.

ATTEST *Valerie Harmon*
Valerie Harmon, District Clerk
Colorado County, Texas
By: *Paula M. Maeder* Deputy



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