

Please find the following Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles statement regarding the recent indictment of Ms. Pamela Freeman:

STATEMENT ON BPP PAROLE COMMISSIONER INDICTMENT

Recently the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles (BPP) became aware of an incident involving Pamela Freeman – one of the agency’s Huntsville Parole Commissioners – that related specifically to her BPP duties. As details emerged from the initial investigation, and based on the seriousness of the allegation, the decision was made to turn the matter over to the Inspector General’s office for a full and thorough review.

The review conducted has resulted in an indictment by the Walker County Grand Jury of Ms. Freeman for Tampering with a Government Record.

Based on the investigation and the subsequent indictment, Ms. Freeman will not be allowed to return to work at this time. Her continued employment will be determined in accordance with established policies, procedures and/or the resulting disposition of the charge.

“As Chairman of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, it is my expectation all employees of the Board will adhere to the highest level of ethical standards – anything less is unacceptable. While this incident is unfortunate and certainly impermissible if true, it is by no means representative of our agency, which is comprised of dedicated, honorable and hard-working staff who take pride in the work they do to represent the Board,” stated Ms. Rissie Owens, Chairman, Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Thank you for your time and attention, please feel free to reply with comments and/or questions.

Regards, RME.

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