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Subjects of TCOLE Hill County Sheriff's Office Investigation Surrender

HILL COUNTY, TX- As a result of an investigation by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), four Hill County Sheriff's Office employees, including the sheriff, surrendered themselves to TCOLE investigators Wednesday.

The following employees have been charged as indicated below:

- Sheriff Michael Cox- three counts of tampering with a governmental record;
- Chief Deputy Mark Wilson- six counts of tampering with a governmental record, one count of breach of computer security;
- Former Deputy Leroy Rodriguez- one count of tampering with a governmental record, one count of breach of computer security; and
- Jailer Bryan Winget- one count of breach of computer security.

Each charge is a state jail felony, punishable by up to two years in prison.

TCOLE conducted its investigation at the request of the Hill County Attorney's Office, who received a tip of misconduct occurring within the Sheriff's Office.

TCOLE investigators reported their findings back to the Hill County District and County Attorney's Offices on Monday, March 30th. The District Attorney subsequently accepted all charges.

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