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Grand Jury Indicts Psychologist following TCOLE Investigation

HOUSTON, TX- A Harris County grand jury today returned indictments for three counts of tampering with a government record against Dr. Carole Busick, Ph.D., as well as three counts against her husband, Donald Busick. Tampering with a government record is a state jail felony with a penalty of up to two years in prison for each count.

The indictments are a result of a Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) investigation into allegations that Busick had certified psychological evaluations for TCOLE licensees, when in fact the exam had failed to meet professionally recognized standards and law or had been foregone entirely. Donald Busick served as an office manager and is believed to have been involved in certifying the evaluations.

All TCOLE licensees, including peace officers, county jailers, and telecommunicators, are required to undergo a psychological examination prior to employment, and to submit a form to TCOLE signed by a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist affirming the licensee's psychological and emotional health.

Following the execution of a search warrant by TCOLE investigators in May, Dr. Busick's license was suspended by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. She was notified by TCOLE that evaluations with her signature would no longer be accepted. TCOLE also advised agencies in the area that it was in their best interest to have licensees certified by Dr. Busick reexamined.

The total number of psychological evaluations signed by Dr. Busick is unknown; however, she had contracts with multiple law enforcement agencies in the Houston area to conduct evaluations for their prospective employees, in addition to accepting many other individual licensees for screening.

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