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Investigation Indicates Further Action Unwarranted for Former DA

(Houston Tx) -- Harris County District Attorney Kenneth Magidson has ended an eightmonth investigation of former DA Chuck Rosenthal with the finding that there is insufficient evidence to seek prosecution.

Magidson advised Eric J.R. Nichols, Deputy Texas Attorney General for Criminal Justice, of his decision in a Dec. 2 letter.

"After a careful and independent review of this matter, I have determined that there is insufficient evidence for prosecution," Magidson stated.

To avoid any conflicts of interest, the District Attorney in April accepted an offer by the Texas Attorney General's Office to assist in the investigation. It focused on whether there was prosecutable criminal misconduct in Rosenthal's use of government resources, including office e-mails relating to political activities. Rosenthal resigned as District Attorney last February.

In the Dec. 2 letter, Magidson commended Nichols and Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott for the assistance, "hard work and wise counsel" provided by the AG's staff during the investigation. (End)