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**DA Charges HPD Patrol Officer with Sexual Assaults and Official Oppression**

Houston, Tx -- Harris County District Attorney Patricia Lykos announced that four charges of Sexual Assault and two charges of Official Oppression were filed Friday against Houston Police Department Officer Demetrie Treveil Dixon.

Dixon, 26, is accused of committing the offenses while he was on duty as a patrol officer assigned to the North Patrol Division area. The Sexual Assault charges allege that he stopped two women on two different dates and sexually assaulted them in separate incidents. The misdemeanor Official Oppression charges accuse him of unlawfully detaining two other females on separate occasions.

Dixon became a HPD officer in January 2009. The alleged offenses occurred this year in the period between Jan. 2 and May 24. He was taken into custody Friday and held in lieu of \$122,000 in total bond amounts.

Houston Police Chief Charles McClelland joined District Attorney Lykos in announcing the charges. Lykos praised HPD and its Internal Affairs Division Proactive Unit for its prompt work in launching an investigation into the initial allegations and bringing the evidence for charges.

McClelland commended Lykos for the collaboration by the District Attorney's Public Integrity Division. Division Chief Terese Buess and Assistant District Attorney Matthew Peneguy coordinated the investigation and case with HPD.

"It is a sad day for all of law enforcement, but I know of no other police department in the nation that has acted as swiftly in investigating wrongdoing," Lykos said.

Sexual Assault is a second-degree felony punishable upon conviction by up to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Penalties for conviction under the Class A Official Oppression charge range up to one year in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

Dixon is scheduled to appear on the charges Monday morning in the 185<sup>th</sup> District Court.  
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