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Third Houston Police Officer Indicted in Summer Camp Case

(Houston, TX) – A Harris County Grand Jury indicted Houston Police Officer Nedra Hall Friday for aggravated perjury in the investigation of two other officers accused of taking funds for an allegedly bogus summer camp for hurricane evacuee children, District Attorney Kenneth Magidson announced.

Houston Police Officers Tracie Denise Bell, 39, and Kirshondra Richardson, 25, were indicted earlier for theft of between \$100,000 and \$200,000, and for engaging in organized criminal activity. They are accused of stealing Red Cross funds by fabricating records to falsely show they held a 2007 summer basketball camp for young Houston-area evacuees of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The Friday perjury indictment against Hall, 43, states that she denied to a grand jury on March 11 that she had ever seen the camp paperwork or assisted Bell with it. However, she later admitted being involved with Bell's paperwork, the indictment states.

Terese Buess of the District Attorney's Public Integrity Division headed the investigation of Hall. The aggravated perjury charge is a third-degree felony that carries a punishment of up to 10 years in prison and \$10,000 fine for those convicted of the offense.

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