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PRECINCT 6 CONSTABLE TREVINO INDICTED ON 4 FELONY OFFENSES

A 14 month investigation by the Harris County District Attorney's Office Public Integrity Division resulted in four indictments today issued against Precinct 6 Constable Victor Trevino, Jr. The indictments allege misapplication of fiduciary property, abuse of official capacity, and two charges of tampering with government records.   Trevino faces up to ten years in prison and up to a $10,000 fine on the misapplication case and six months to two years in the state jail and up to a $10,000 fine on the other charges if convicted of the offenses.

The indictments allege:

- using his elected position to induce on duty uniformed deputy constables driving county vehicles to serve eviction and property vacate notices, not relating to their employment.
- improprieties in the handling of funds relating to Trevino's charity, CARE.
- presenting campaign finance reports that failed to include mandatory contribution information, as required by law.

Bill Moore, Chief of the Public Integrity Division, stated that during the investigation, prosecutors and DA investigators interviewed more than 165 people. He also praised the grand jury for their time and attention, noting, "This lengthy investigation produced dozens of witnesses and reams of records. We appreciate the hard work, dedication, and diligence of the grand jurors. While I cannot discuss any information considered in the grand jury chambers, I can assure you that they were given all the applicable law and evidence that was available."

District Attorney Pat Lykos said "I especially want to praise our team of prosecutors and investigators in our Public Integrity Division for their thorough investigation and exceptional professionalism.

The cases have been assigned to the 351st District Court, Judge Mark Ellis presiding. A court date is expected to be set in the near future.

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