



# Sharen Wilson Criminal District Attorney



## For Immediate Release

Contact: Anna Tinsley Williams, Communications Officer  
atwilliams@tarrantcountytexas.gov  
(817) 884-3120(w); (682) 299-8079 (cell)

Monday, August 9, 2021

## Indictment Issued in 2020 Arrest of Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy

(Dallas, TX) – A Dallas County Grand Jury returned an indictment Monday related to the mistreatment of a man in custody during a prisoner transport in October 2019.

Former Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Austin Palmer was indicted on charges of official oppression and assault-bodily injury. He was arrested on those charges in January 2020. Both are Class A misdemeanors, punishable by a maximum fine of \$4,000 and jail time of up to one year.

The Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office was appointed to handle this case after the Dallas County District Attorney's Office recused itself.

