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First Highway Patrol NIBIN hit made

The Firearms Section of the Regional Crime Lab in Tyler has linked a gun seized by DPS troopers to an aggravated assault case investigated by the Dallas Police Department. This “cold hit” is the 34th time in East Texas that evidence from two separate cases was matched via the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)—and the first time that guns seized by the Highway Patrol have been matched to an unsolved case.

The NIBIN database is a ballistic database for firearms and fired evidence. It links unrelated offenses and gives investigative leads—including potential suspects—to officers to aid in solving violent crimes.

Examiners compare seized weapons and recovered evidence casings and projectiles to those stored in the database. As with CODIS (the Combined DNA Indexing System), NIBIN is electronically linked to other crime labs throughout Texas and the nation for casework comparisons. By comparing the stored images in NIBIN, examiners link unsolved shootings to other shootings and confiscated weapons. The Firearms Section uses the NIBIN database at headquarters and

Reminder: General Manual 24.05.10 states that all firearms seized as evidentiary material should be submitted to the appropriate crime lab for entry into the NIBIN database.

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New commissioner appointed

Texas Governor Rick Perry has appointed **Elizabeth Anderson** of Dallas to the Public Safety Commission, the five-member commission that oversees the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Commissioner Anderson replaces former Commissioner **Louis Sturns**, who resigned after being appointed a state district judge in Tarrant County. Her term expires in December 2011 and is subject to Senate confirmation at a later date.

Anderson, who is from Dallas, is a marketing and information technology consultant. She was a member of the board of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs from September 2001 to November 2007, and had served as chair since November 2003. She has served on the board of directors for numerous Dallas-area non-profit organizations.

Dear fellow employee,

I hope that you and your family had a peaceful and enjoyable holiday. Now it's time to get back to work: We have a lot to accomplish at DPS this year. Among our tasks: finding enough qualified applicants to fill recruit schools over the next two years. We will have to graduate close to 600 recruits over the next year and a half to fill anticipated vacancies! You, as a DPS employee, are the best recruiter we have. Please encourage qualified applicants to join us.

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Please help me welcome a new member to the Public Safety Commission: **Elizabeth Anderson**. Ms. Anderson has served as chair of the Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs for several years. Her background in information technology will be very helpful to DPS. I look forward to working closely with her.

Registration for the Texas Round-Up fitness program is coming up. Although we have won best state agency three years in a row, we are facing stiff competition from TxDOT and other agencies this time around.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas A. Davis Jr.".

Briefs

Crime labs join elite club

The 13 DPS crime labs have received international accreditation, the most difficult accreditation to attain. The DPS laboratory system is the largest internationally accredited system in the program. Only three other state police laboratories in the United States have received the international rating: Oregon, Utah and Idaho. Including the 13 DPS labs, only 55 labs in the United States have achieved this level of accreditation. "This is an incredible accomplishment and all our crime lab management and employees should be proud," said DPS director Col. **Thomas A. Davis Jr.**

FBI alum

Lt. **Scott Cooper**, CIS Denton, graduated Sept. 14 from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

Quarter Century Club

The next Quarter Century Club banquet will be held in Waco at Knox Hall on Friday, April 11. Stay tuned for further details! Call **Jennifer Hall** at 512-424-7297 if you have any questions.

SWAT officers needed

SWAT will be conducting tryouts in March 2008. All commissioned officers who work or reside within four contiguous counties of Travis or Williamson may apply. Applicants



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mend...*

Best wishes for a speedy recovery from line-of-duty injuries go to:

Sgt. **Donald Clendennen**, CLE Austin, injured while arresting a fleeing suspect;

Tr. **Carlos Rodriguez**, HP-Weslaco, injured in foot pursuit.

must submit a memo through their chain of command with endorsements through their major. Applicants should contact Lt. **David Franklin**, CIS Austin, at 512-997-4195 for additional information.

Promotional examinations announced

The competitive examination for the following position will be conducted at the **DPS Criminal Law Enforcement Auditorium-Austin**:

Monday, Jan. 21, 8 a.m.

Captain, Criminal Intelligence
Captain, Motor Vehicle Theft
Captain, Narcotics

The competitive examinations for the following positions will be conducted at the **DPS Regional Headquarters Offices unless otherwise noted. Region 1** examinations will be conducted at the Garland Police Department, 1891 Forest Lane, Garland. Candidates should enter door marked "Garland Police Department" and check in with Desk Officer. **Region 7** examinations will be conducted in the Legislative Conference Center in the Capitol Extension, 1400 N. Congress (Room E2.002), Austin. Park on the top level of state parking Garage "A," 1401 San Jacinto. **Region 8:** Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (715 East El

Cibolo Road, Edinburg) as follows:

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 8 a.m.

Captain, Driver License
Lieutenant Driver License
Lieutenant, Narcotics
Sergeant, Driver License
Sergeant, Narcotics

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant, Highway Patrol
Sergeant, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
Sergeant, Texas Ranger

The Oral Examining Board will convene at the DPS Law Enforcement Promotional System Conference Room in Austin beginning at 8 a.m. as follows:

Jan. 22: Captain, Narcotics

Jan. 23: Captain, Criminal Intelligence

Jan. 24: Captain, Motor Vehicle Theft

Feb. 20: Captain, Driver License

Feb. 21: Lieutenant, Driver License

Feb. 25: Sergeant, Highway Patrol

Feb. 28: Sergeant, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

March 3: Lieutenant, Narcotics Service

March 5: Sergeant, Driver License

March 17: Sergeant, Narcotics

March 25: Sergeant, Texas Ranger

The application form HR-106 should be submitted **directly to the Human Resources Bureau**. Applicants must also submit a copy of form HR-106 to their Service Commander through proper channels. **Only those candidates who are qualified will be able to compete in the written examinations.** Applications should be addressed to the Human Resources Bureau, MSC 0251, Texas Department of Public Safety, Box 4087, Austin, Texas 78773, faxed to 512-424-5627, or emailed through DPS email system to "Terry Preston" and **should be received no later than 5 p.m. on Jan. 18 for Captain, Motor Vehicle Theft Service and Captain, Criminal Intelligence Service and Feb. 1 for all other tests.**

Northwestern School graduates 45 students

In November, 45 mid-level commissioned DPS managers completed the Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command at the DPS Training Academy.

Captains and lieutenants from several services within the Department suspended their regular duties during the 10-week school.

Some of the topics studied include organizational behavior, budget preparation, project management, problem solving, ethics and the police manager, leadership, managing discipline and police traffic management.

Lt. **Alvaro I. Adame**, DL
Wichita Falls

Lt. **Orlando Alanis**, HP
Laredo

Insp. **Jack Allen**, OAI
Austin

Lt. **Ricky L. Bryant**, HP
Corpus Christi

Lt. **Luis R. Cobos**, CVE
Austin

Sgt. **Mark D. Collins**,
MVT Hurst

Lt. **Brian L. Davis**,
Narcotics Houston

Sgt. **Arturo De La Garza**,
THP McAllen

Sgt. **Kyle J. Edwards**,
MVT Lubbock

Sgt. **Manuel F. Espinosa
III**, Criminal Intelligence
McAllen

Capt. **Enrique Espinoza
Jr.**, Narcotics McAllen

Lt. **Richard R.
Fernandez**, Narcotics Del
Rio

Lt. **David M. Franklin**,
Criminal Intelligence Austin

Lt. **Alma S. Garcia**,
Narcotics Austin

Sgt. **Glen W. Garrett**,
HP Austin

Lt. **Rene Garza**, CVE
Laredo

Lt. **Eric C. Gilbert**, HP
Hurst

Capt. **Casey G. Goetz**, OAI
Austin

Lt. **Mickey M. Hadnot**,
Narcotics Lufkin

Lt. **James B. Holland**, HP
Conroe

Sgt. **Keith D. Kucifer**, MVT
Corpus Christi

Lt. **Douglas C. Kunkel**,
Narcotics Austin

Capt. **Tony Leal**, Rangers
Houston

Lt. **Steven E. McQuagge**,
CVE Waco

Capt. **Mark G. Milanovich**,
Narcotics Mt. Pleasant

Sgt. **Joseph J. Millhouse**,
Narcotics Austin

Lt. **Allen C. Navarro**,
Narcotics Wichita Falls

Lt. **Alfred W. Nunez**,
Narcotics San Antonio

Sgt. **Gabriel L. Ortiz**,
Criminal Intelligence El Paso

Lt. **Leonardo Perez III**,
Criminal Intelligence Laredo

Lt. **Gerald G. Prince**,
Narcotics Hurst

Sgt. **Steven J. Rayburn**, HP
Conroe

Sgt. **Robert S. Ripps**,
Admin. Florence

Capt. **Rolando Rivas**,
OAI Austin

Sgt. **Toby J. Schaeff**,
DL Amarillo

Lt. **Corwin N. Schalchlin**,
Narcotics Garland

Lt. **Glenn E. Shioji**,
Narcotics Alpine

Sgt. **Sharon Smith**,
DL Corpus Christi

Lt. **Wilmon C. Smith**,
Narcotics Lubbock

Lt. **Steven A. Tellez**,
HP San Antonio

Sgt. **Chris A. Thompson**,
DL Tyler

Sgt. **Terry D. Truett**,
HP Huntsville

Lt. **Omar A. Villarreal**,
CVE El Paso

Lt. **Shawn S. Walsh**,
Narcotics Bryan

Lt. **Doug J. Wood Jr.**,
Narcotics Mineral Wells



Mile Markers

Promotions

CLE

Jose Pereida Ortiz III, Capt., Narcotics Svc. Corpus Christi to Asst. Commander, Narcotics Svc. Austin.

Director's Staff

Timothy T. Ochsner, Lt. Aircraft Section to Capt., Aircraft Section Austin; **L.C. Wilson**, Lt., Rangers Houston to Inspector II OAI; **Gregory David Bourland**, Sgt., Aircraft Section Austin to Lt., Aircraft Section Austin; **Kyle Grant Argenbright**, Tr. III, HP Jacksonville to Sgt., Aircraft Section Austin;

Russell Sean Davis, Tr. III, HP Amarillo to Sgt., Aircraft Section Austin; **Jeffrey Lane Fisher**, Tr. III, HP Huntsville to Sgt., Aircraft Section Austin; **Matthew Lindsey Connery**, Tr. III, Regulatory Lic. Svc. New Caney to Sgt., Aircraft Section Austin;

James Earl Rohrman, Jr., Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Garland to Sgt., Aircraft Section Austin; **James Lee Tarter**, Sgt., HP Snyder to Sgt., Aircraft Section Austin; **Russell Alvin Morton**, Tr. II, HP Claude to Sgt., Aircraft Section Austin; **Michael Anthony Perez**, Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Houston to Sgt., Aircraft Section Austin.

Rangers

Shawn Howard Palmer, Sgt., Rangers San Angelo to Lt., Rangers San Angelo; **William Anthony Bennie**, Sgt., Rangers Sherman to Lt., Rangers Tyler; **Bryant Deran Wells**, Sgt., Rangers Huntsville to

Lt., Rangers Huntsville;

Jeffrey Todd Collins, Sgt., Rangers Greenville to Lt., Rangers Lubbock; **Kevin Dwayne Pullen**, Sgt., Rangers Conroe to Lt. Rangers Houston.

DL

Brian Keith Jagneaux, Tr. III, HP Beaumont to Sgt., DL Beaumont.

THP

Gabriella Brown, Supv., Comm. Svc. Midland to Reg. Supv., Comm. Svc. Midland; **Paul Travis Middleton**, Tr. V, CVE Sherman to Sgt., CVE Laredo-World Trade POE; **Kenneth Bryan Witt**, Tr. V, CVE Lubbock to Sgt., CVE El Paso BOTA;

Genaro Alfonso Hinojosa, Jr., Cpl. III, CVE Laredo to Sgt., CVE Laredo-World Trade POE; **Lance A. Warren**, Tr. III, CVE Fort Stockton to Sgt., CVE Rio Grande City Camargo POE.

Retirements

August William Crais, Lt., CIS Austin, 27 yrs., 5 mos., 19 days; **Randolph Dayle King**, Sen. Tr., CVE San Marcos, 26 yrs., 11 mos.,

17 days; **Jose Arturo Corral**, Sen. Tr., CVE El Paso, 26 yrs., 10 mos., 16 days;

Adelido Hinojosa, Sgt., DL Lubbock, 26 yrs., 10 mos., 16 days; **Gilbert Flores**, Sen. Tr., CVE El Paso, 25 yrs., 10 mos., 17 days; **Waldine Rehfeld Schnautz**, Examiner, DL Hondo, 14 yrs., 6 mos., 20 days; **Rita Delois Fillmore**, Tech., DL Houston, 10 yrs., 7 mos., 9 days;

Debra Denise Parsley, Asst. Supv., Crime Records Svc. Austin, 28 years., 6 mos., 14 days; **Oscar Javier Guzman**, Sgt., GPD Austin, 26 yrs., 5 mos., 20 days; **Linda Reeves Mooney**, Tech., DL Lake Worth, 14 yrs., 9 mos., 20 days; **Jerrie Arncecia Reece**, Tech. II, DL Conroe, 13 yrs., 8 mos.

Deaths

Billy Ray Poe, ret. Supv., MVI Odessa (February 1966 – May 1996) died November 25, 2007; **Walter Roberts**, ret. Inspector, DL Austin (March 1948 – August 1985) died November 30, 2007; **Kevin Renard Turner**, ret. Tr. V, DL Houston (January 1987 – August 2003) died December 7, 2007.

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the field labs in Tyler, Lubbock, El Paso and McAllen.

The Dallas case was solved when Tr. **Colby Hobbs**, HP Longview, submitted 24 firearms seized from the Longview area for entry into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) on July 26, 2007. One of these firearms, a Glock model 19, was seized by Tr. **Michael Hearne** on June 24, 2005, on an unlawfully carried weapon charge. After subsequent test-firing and entry into the NIBIN database, a link, or "hit," was found with a cartridge case from an aggravated assault investigated by the Dallas Police Department on Nov. 30, 2001.