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Attorney General Candidate Says Mattox And Feazell Backing Out In Lucas Case

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Ed Walsh, Republican candidate for Attorney General of Texas, was in Waco Wednesday for a press conference at which he challenged Attorney General Jim Mattox to reveal his involvement in the I-30 land scandals which included a payment to Mattox of \$200,000.

Walsh also stated at the conference that Mattox and McLennan County District Attorney Feazell were "backing out as fast as they can of the Henry Lee Lucas case."

Feazell denied the charge, saying, "that is not true."

Walsh also said, Mattox and Feazell had "milked Lucas for publicity and that Lucas is now calling Feazell for legal advice and that is not what he is being paid for."

Feazell said, "Lucas has not called me in a month and when he does it is collect at home and he asks me to pray for him and he needs it."

"Even someone of limited intelligence as Walsh, should know better than that, I am just as firm today about Lucas as I was in July of last year," the DA said.

Walsh was district attorney in Williamson County when Lucas was found guilty and sentenced to death for the "orange sacks" murder case.

In his statement concerning Mattox and the land deals along I-30

near Dallas, Walsh said, "We all know that Danny Faulkner, the key figure in the case, gave Mattox \$200,000 after Mattox was elected attorney general, but what we don't know is why Mattox was paid the money"

"Mattox's first story was that he had an 'informal option' on the property and then he came up with an explanation that the money was paid to him as a 'commission'," Walsh said.

"However, Faulkner himself stated that he couldn't recall Mattox, 'doing anything' for the money, and Faulkner said that under oath."

Walsh challenged Mattox to answer six questions in relation to the money and land transactions on I-30.

The candidate said the land scandals have caused over \$350 million in bad loans, which will eventually have to be paid by the Texas and U.S. taxpayers.

"Fifty people have been convicted of crimes in the case and some have gone to jail and Jim Mattox is right in the middle of it."

Asked why Mattox and Faulkner have not been indicted, Walsh said, "the big fish are always the last to be caught, the little man is first."

Walsh also said his campaign donations had risen, along with support, since Buster Brown, another Republican candidate for the position had been declared ineligible to run.