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LETTERS

DPS could use an investigation

To the Editor:

Why doesn't Jan Patterson, the federal prosecutor [involved in a grand jury investigation of District Attorney Vic Feazell], investigate the Department of Public Safety?

Col. Jim Adams had about as many DPS troopers in the Capitol building when the seat belt law was being passed as he had on the highways that entire week. They will start writing tickets on the seat belt law [after a "grace" period].

You can drive to West and back and you will see at least two patrol cars with radar guns pointed at you.

I was involved in an accident at Waco Drive and Interstate 35 (which is the DPS jurisdiction) on Aug. 30 at 7:45 a.m. The highway patrolman got there at 8:55 a.m., an hour and 10 minutes after the accident. We the public have no one to turn to when this type of law enforcement comes up.

So, Ms. Patterson, please check into this type of law enforcement. A wreck on most accounts does not bring any fines to the state, but the radar gun does.

Many times when I have been called to an accident to pick up a wrecked vehicle, I have to wait 45 minutes to an hour before a trooper will release the wrecked vehicle for me to pick up, which in turn will make the wrecker bill higher.

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