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## Feazell: indictment wouldn't surprise him

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McLennan County District Attorney Vic Feazell said Friday he would not be surprised if he is indicted by federal authorities in San Antonio.

"I've embarrassed the big boys and nothing they could do would surprise me at this point," Feazell said.

"By saying that, I'm not implying any wrongdoing on my part at all. I have done nothing wrong," he continued. "I'll stand on my record. I'll stand up to (Channel 8 reporter Charles) Duncan. I'll stand up to the FBI. I'll stand up to the DPS. I'll stand up to the *Tribune-Herald*, or whoever I have to. I'll keep doing what I think is right.

"I'm going to do what's right if it means I get drug through the mud. I'll do what is right if it means someone tries to falsely accuse me and put me in prison. I'll do what's

right if it means they try to kill me. I don't care," he said.

Helen Eversberg, the U.S. Attorney in San Antonio, did not return *Tribune-Herald* telephone calls on Friday.

Jan Patterson, the U.S. Attorney in Waco, said, "I don't want to comment on any investigation. I don't want to be a disruptive force, so I'd rather not comment."

Feazell, who along with state Attorney General Jim Mattox is heading up a three-month grand jury investigation of murder confessions made by Henry Lee Lucas, said he believes an FBI investigation of himself (Feazell) began shortly after he began questioning cases cleared by the Texas Rangers Homicide Task Force.

According to Feazell, the Texas Department of Public Safety and FBI, in retaliation for Feazell's probe of the Lucas investigation,

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launched investigations of Fezell. WFAA-TV (Channel 8) in Dallas has aired a series of reports that questioned Fezell's handling of numerous DWI, drug and police assault cases.

Duncan, who prepared the Channel 8 series, said he learned the FBI investigation of Fezell began in December. Duncan said he began his investigation in April.

On April 17, five days after Lucas was brought to Waco, three FBI agents attempting to investigate alleged civil rights violations involving Lucas were denied access to Lucas after they came to McLennan County Jail.

Fezell said he did not want Lucas removed from his custody until the grand jury probe was completed, and instructed McLennan County Sheriff Jack Harwell to refuse the FBI access to Lucas.

On April 19, Ms. Eversberg obtained a court order to take custody of Lucas, who was ordered to appear before a federal grand jury in San Antonio.

Lucas was taken to San Antonio on April 25, where he was questioned for approximately four hours by a federal grand jury before being taken back to Waco.

The U.S. Attorney's office has not commented on the federal grand jury.

"I have no indication at all that I'm going to be indicted," Fezell said Friday. "If a man hasn't done anything they can't find anything on him, and they're not going to be able find anything on me.

"The only way they'll ever be able to indict me is to make something up, or for somebody, like some of these people that are taking potshots at me, to tell a lie. If they want to come forward and tell a lie, and these people want to indict me on the strength of a lie, then do it. I'll go to court and I'll prove what's true and what's right.

"I was naive six months ago. I didn't realize this kind of thing could happen in the United States of America in 1985. Maybe we need to wake up and realize that we are all potential targets. We're all potential political prisoners.

"It's OK to say, 'Do what's right,' as long as you don't rock the boat. You better not step on the wrong toes. That's not fair," Fezell said.