

McLennan County grand jury indicts 25 people, will reconvene

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The McLennan County grand jury returned 27 indictments Thursday against 25 people.

The district attorney's office had a list of about 95 indictments to present, and the grand jury will reconvene at 9 a.m. Friday to hear evidence on the other charges.

Judge George Allen of 54th State District Court said the grand jury also will meet at 9 a.m. Monday to hear a special prosecutor present evidence on the police shooting of a crime suspect while the suspect was handcuffed and in custody.

Records show Michael Wayne Royals, 29, of 302 South Lacy, was shot by police Sgt. Dean Priddy on March 12. Before the shooting, members of the Waco Police Department's drug enforcement unit chased Royals in a black pickup truck through Waco, Bellmead and Lacy-Lakeview.

He was apprehended after he abandoned his pickup on a private drive south of TSTI-Waco Airport.

Priddy's gun discharged after he walked up to Royals, shooting Royals in the abdomen, according to police records. Royals was treated at a local hospital for several days. Police spokesmen have maintained the shooting was acci-

dental, when Priddy tripped or stumbled.

In June, Royals was indicted for aggravated assault and possession of a controlled substance: methamphetamine.

Alan Levy, an assistant district attorney in Denton County, was appointed on June 27 by Allen as a special prosecutor in the case.

Allen said Thursday Levy requested the delay in presenting the case to the grand jury until Monday because he needs time to notify several witnesses to appear.

McLennan County District Attorney Vic Feazell said he requested a special prosecutor "to avoid even the slightest appearance of conflict of interest."

"If Mr. Priddy isn't indicted, we don't want any allegations of cover-up, and if he is indicted, we don't want anyone alleging retaliation," Feazell said.

On Thursday, the grand jury indicted:

- Augustine Marquez, 17, 916 North Twenty-fourth, for burglary of a building.
- Elest Whitaker, 25, 1713 Spring No. 195, for burglary of a building (enhanced).
- Ray Gonzales, 22, 1712 Holly Vista, for aggravated kidnapping.
- Charles A. Dyer, 20, 1200 Monte Vista, for aggravated kidnapping.
- Darrell Frank Dyer, 27, 1200 Monte Vista, for aggravated kidnapping.

- Daniel Rodriguez, 19, 801 South Seventh, for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and for burglary of a motor vehicle.

- Jan Mauritia Lewis, 31, 4327 Memorial, for forgery by passing.

- Patrick Earl Harbert, 19, 116-C Carver, for burglary of a motor vehicle.

- Karen Pearl Jones, 26, 1715 Spring No. 298, for theft over \$200.

- Gwendolyn Henderson, 23, 1100 North Sixth No. A-6, for theft over \$200.

- Merrosa Ervin, 31, 1227 Calumet, for theft over \$200.

- Alice (Alicia) Mendez, 29, 1820 Primrose No. 122, for theft over \$200.

- Ronnie Lane Harris, 28, 2012 Park, for theft over \$200.

- Tina Marie Brown, 122 Walton, Moody, for theft over \$200.

- Esther B. Foster, 35, 1505 Spring No. 110, for theft over \$200.

- Violetta Cabiness, 51, 2108 McKenzie, for theft over \$200.

- Christine Estell Jones, 35, 1512-B North Ninth, for theft over \$200.

- Shirley Gibbs Eldridge, 49, 1017 Preston, for theft over \$200.

- Margaret Rivera, 31, 1509 North Thirteenth, for theft over \$200.

- John Henry Thomas, 27, 3104 South Third, for incest and aggravated sexual assault.

- Alan Clifton Spivey, 38, 904 South New Road, Beverly Hills, for injury to a child.

- Milford Harwick Thomas Dooley, 62, Route 3, Waco, for indecency with a child by sexual contact.

- Edmund J. Rejeck Sr., 43, Route 7, Waco, for incest.

- Eddie Jones, 33, 1816 North Twelfth, for aggravated assault.

- Carl Clenny, age and address unavailable, for aggravated assault.