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McLennan County DA Files Rights Violation Complaint

WACO (AP) — McLennan County District Attorney Vic Feazell on Tuesday asked the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate an accused conspiracy to violate his civil rights, stemming from his own probe of Henry Lee Lucas.

In a letter to Assistant Attorney General William Bradford Reynolds, Feazell claimed a conspiracy was developed under

the direction of Col. Jim Adams, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, who he claims was miffed by revelations that some of Lucas' confessions to hundreds of murders were false.

"By uncovering the truth in the bogus Lucas confession spree, I severely rocked the boat of the Texas Rangers and offended the ego of (Adams)," the letter said.

The first-term district attorney said he filed the complaint not only in the hope that the Justice Department will decide to investigate his allegations, but also to bring to light what he called the "increasingly

growing, unchecked power of the bureaucracy."

"They're members of the bureaucracy," Feazell told the *Waco Tribune-Herald*. "They are the new American royalty. The untouchables. They're isolated from the people."

Adams denied the accusations that he ordered any retaliatory investigation.

"This is just more silliness on Feazell's part," Adams said. "These allegations that keep coming up of wiretapping or harassment are false."

"It upsets me when (Feazell) makes false allegations, but I don't care if the Justice Department or whoever investigates.