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McLennan DA Says He Fears DPS Reprisals

AUSTIN (AP)— McLennan County District Attorney Vic Feazell says he fears he may be murdered or wrongly indicted because he criticized law enforcement agencies working cases involving self-professed mass killer Henry Lee Lucas.

A federal grand jury was convened in Austin Monday to investigate allegations of corruption in Feazell's office, according to Feazell and law enforcement sources quoted Wednesday by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Feazell labeled the federal investigation a retaliatory "witch hunt" prompted by the Texas Department of Public Safety and its director, Col. Jim Adams.

The investigation, Feazell said, is a way of getting back at him for his criticism of a Department of Public Safety task force's handling of Lucas.

At Feazell's prompting, a McLennan County grand jury earlier this year investigated Lucas' confessions and declined to indict Lucas in any of three Waco-area slayings to which he'd confessed.

Lucas' confessions to dozens of murders across the United States have recently come under attack in the media and by some state officials as false.

"I am the subject of a (federal) grand jury investigation because I said that task force members may have acted unethically or inappropriately" in investigating Lucas, Feazell said. "As a result of that small intrusion into the pride of the Texas Rangers, I may be indicted."