## PRESS RELEASE

## Grand Jury Hears Drug and Theft Charges

Criminal District Attorney Richard Glaser reports that the Fannin County Grand Jury heard eighteen (18) cases presented for its consideration during their November 18 session. Eighteen (18) cases were true billed and indictments filed with the District Clerk, Nancy Young. The Fannin County Grand Jury has returned 276 true bills of indictment so far in 2021.

The Grand Jury also heard and considered evidence in an officer involved shooting incident. The incident was investigated by the Texas Rangers. Finding the use of force justified, the Grand Jury declined any charges against the officers involved.

It is important to note that an indictment is a formal charge and should not be considered as evidence of guilt and that all persons charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The following people were indicted for the criminal offense and range of punishment indicated:

| NAME<br>and<br>RESIDENCE                           | AGE | OFFENSE/DATE  | RANGE OF<br>PUNISHMENT                                     |
|--|-----|---|--|
| <b>ESQUIBEL, TIERRIAH</b><br>HONEY GROVE, TX 75446 | 26  | Prohibited Substance/Item in Correctional<br>Facility<br>06/18/2021   | Third Degree Felony<br>2 Years - 10 Years + \$10,000 Fine  |
| <b>FIELD, KERRI</b>                                | 40  | Forgery Financial Instrument  | State Jail Felony  |
| TRENTON, TX 75490                                  |     | 07/19/2021  | 180 Days - 2 Years + \$10,000 Fine                         |
| HALE, CATHERENE MAYLENE<br>FRISCO, TX 75035        | 48  | Driving While Intoxicated w/Child Under 15<br>YOA<br>06/07/2021       | State Jail Felony<br>180 Days - 2 Years + \$10,000 Fine    |
| JONES, SIDNEY CHARLES                              | 50  | Man Del CS PG 1 >=1G<4G   | Second Degree Felony                                       |
| DENISON, TX 75020                                  |     | 10/04/2021  | 2 Years - 20 Years + \$10,000 Fine                         |
| MEEKS, JAMES ARTHUR, III                           | 53  | Unauthorized Use of Vehicle – Enhanced                                | State Jail Felony  |
| TRENTON, TX 75490                                  |     | 07/21/2021  | 2 Years - 10 Years + \$10,000 Fine                         |
| MEEKS, JAMES ARTHUR, III<br>TRENTON, TX 75490      | 53  | Evading Arrest Detention w/Vehicle –<br>Enhanced<br>07/21/2021        | Third Degree Felony<br>2 Years - 20 Years + \$10,000 Fine  |
| <b>PERRY, JUSTIN LEE PHILLIP</b>                   | 34  | Possession CS PG 1 <1G  | State Jail Felony  |
| ECTOR, TX 75439                                    |     | 10/12/2021  | 180 Days - 2 Years + \$10,000 Fine                         |
| <b>ROBERTS, BRIAN NICHOLAS</b><br>SAVOY, TX 75479  | 37  | Abandon Endanger Child Imminent Danger<br>Bodily Injury<br>10/01/2021 | Second Degree Felony<br>2 Years - 20 Years + \$10,000 Fine |
| <b>ROBERTS, KELLI RENEE</b>                        | 30  | Burglary of Building  | State Jail Felony  |
| SAVOY, TX 75479                                    |     | 09/03/2021  | 180 Days - 2 Years + \$10,000 Fine                         |
| <b>ROBINSON, CODY L.</b><br>BONHAM, TX 75418       | 31  | Sex Offenders Duty to Register<br>Life/Annually<br>08/02/2021         | Third Degree Felony<br>2 Years - 10 Years + \$10,000 Fine  |
| <b>SHIPMAN, JOHN NORRIS</b>                        | 59  | Man Del CS PG 1 <1G   | State Jail Felony  |
| HONEY GROVE, TX 75446                              |     | 06/22/2021  | 180 Days - 2 Years + \$10,000 Fine                         |
| SHIPMAN, JOHN NORRIS                               | 59  | Man Del CS PG 1 <1G   | State Jail Felony  |
| HONEY GROVE, TX 75446                              |     | 07/14/2021  | 180 Days - 2 Years + \$10,000 Fine                         |

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|---|-----|---|---|
| SHIPMAN, JOHN NORRIS                      | 59  | Man Del CS PG 1 >=4G<200G   | First Degree Felony                                       |
| HONEY GROVE, TX 75446                     |     | 09/25/2021  | 5 -99 Years or Life + \$10,000 Fine                       |
| <b>SPINDLE, JUSTIN</b><br>ECTOR, TX 75438 | 33  | Prohibited Substance/Item in Correctional<br>Facility<br>06/18/2021 | Third Degree Felony<br>2 Years - 10 Years + \$10,000 Fine |
| STEPHENS, SAMANTHA JANE                   | 45  | Man Del CS PG 1 <1G   | State Jail Felony   |
| BONHAM, TX 75418                          |     | 08/03/2021  | 180 Days - 2 Years + \$10,000 Fine                        |
| STEPHENS, SAMANTHA JANE                   | 45  | Man Del CS PG 1 <1G   | State Jail Felony   |
| BONHAM, TX 75418                          |     | 08/23/2021  | 180 Days - 2 Years + \$10,000 Fine                        |
| <b>STEPP-PRUITT, GRANT LINDON</b>         | 30  | Theft of Firearm ENH IAT  | Third Degree Felony                                       |
| RAVENNA, TX 75476                         |     | 12/15/2020  | 2 Years - 10 Years + \$10,000 Fine                        |
| TAPIA, CHRISTOPHER A.<br>EUGENE, OR 97482 | 45  | Superseding Indictment<br>Stalking<br>11/08/2020                    | Third Degree Felony<br>2 Years - 10 Years + \$10,000 Fine |

The law enforcement agencies filing cases were as follows:

| AGENCY                         | TOTAL    |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Fannin County Sheriff's Office | 12 cases |
| Bonham Police Department       | 2 cases  |
| Savoy Police Department        | 2 cases  |
| Trenton Police Department      | 2 cases  |

The next regular Grand Jury meeting is scheduled to meet December 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

This Grand Jury information is brought to you by the Fannin County Criminal District Attorney, Richard E. Glaser.