



**BEFORE THE
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

CJC No. 26-1213

INQUIRY CONCERNING

**HONORABLE DONALD J. CLARK
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 3
COLUMBUS, COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS**

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Be it known that on July 2, 2026, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct was presented with a copy of an Indictments handed up on June 18, 2026, by the duly constituted Grand Jury of the 25th Judicial District Court, in Cause Nos. 26-045-DCCR-00070, 26-045-DCCR-0071 and 26-045-DCCR-00072, styled *State of Texas vs. Donald Joseph Clark* (the "Indictments", a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated herein for all relevant purposes).

Having considered the indictment, the Commission concluded that Judge Clark is charged with one count of Official Oppression, a Class A Misdemeanor; one count of False Report to Peace Office, a Class B Misdemeanor; and one count of False Report to Induce Emergency Response, a Class B Misdemeanor. The Commission determined that **DONALD JOSEPH CLARK**, should be **SUSPENDED WITH PAY** from the judicial office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Colorado County, Texas, pursuant to the authority contained in Article V, Sec. 1-a(6)A of the Texas Constitution and Rule 10(a) of the Disciplinary Rules for Judges and Judicial Candidates, and such suspension remain in effect until the charges set forth in the Indictments are dismissed, Judge Clark is acquitted of all charges in the Indictments, or upon further order(s) of the Commission.

Accordingly, effective immediately, it is hereby **ORDERED** that **DONALD JOSEPH CLARK** be **SUSPENDED, WITH PAY**, from the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Colorado County, Texas. It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that this suspension shall remain in effect until the charges set forth in the indictment are dismissed, Judge

Clark is acquitted of all charges in the indictment, or upon further order(s) of the Commission. It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that the Commission retains the authority to reconsider this Order should additional information not yet received warrant such action.

ISSUED on the 2nd day of July 2026.

Ken Wise

Honorable Ken Wise, Interim Chair
State Commission on Judicial Conduct

FILED

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At 11:08⁰ clock *AM*
Valerie Harmon, Clerk

DISTRICT COURT COLORADO COUNTY, TX

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
25th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS

26-045-DCCR-00070, State of Texas v. DONALD JOSEPH CLARK

Offense: FALSE REPORT TO PEACE OFFICER (TPC 37.08)	Race/sex: W/M
Police agency: Texas Department of Public Safety (Texas Rangers)	DOB: 03/03/1966
Offense report #: 2026-0008187-00003	TDL: 43913443
Def.'s address: [REDACTED]	
Co-defendants: None	

INDICTMENT

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The duly organized Grand Jury of Colorado County, Texas presents in the District Court of Colorado County, Texas, that in Colorado County, Texas, DONALD JOSEPH CLARK, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about FEBRUARY 18, 2026, did then and there unlawfully with intent to deceive, knowingly make to Cole Neumann, a peace officer conducting a criminal investigation, a false statement, namely that the Defendant was threatened by Bobby Lee Whisnant, Jr., and the statement was material to the investigation in that the false statement led to the arrest of Bobby Lee Whisnant, Jr..

AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE.

Paula M. Staeble
FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY



THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COLORADO
I, Valerie Harmon, Clerk of the District of Colorado County, Texas do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct of the original in 2026-DCCR-00070, as the same appears of record in District Court in criminal Records of said District Court on file in my office.

ATTEST *Valerie Harmon*
Valerie Harmon, District Clerk
Colorado County, Texas
By: *Paula M Staeble* Deputy



EXHIBIT A