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**COMMISSIONER DEBERRY HIGHLIGHTS SELECTION OF
ELDER FRAUD PROSECUTOR**

Joint Statement with DA Gonzales Praises Budget Approval and Selection of Prosecutor

San Antonio, TX – Precinct 3 Bexar County Commissioner Trish DeBerry is proud to highlight the selection of Assistant District Attorney Brandon Jackson to lead the prosecution and investigation of cases involving Exploitation of Elderly Individuals (Texas Penal Code Section 32.53). Commissioner DeBerry proposed, coordinated, and led the Bexar County Commissioners Court to fund a prosecutor and investigator in the recently passed budget to clear a case backlog and bring justice to victims. The prosecutor position, established under former District Attorney Susan Reed, has been vacant for years due to budgetary constraints and manpower shortages.

Commissioner DeBerry had the following statement:

“Appointing Assistant District Attorney Brandon Jackson to lead the prosecution and investigation of elder fraud cases is the first step to justice for our seniors who have been victimized by predators targeting the elderly. I want to offer a special thanks to District Attorney Joe Gonzales, who identified the budget need, collaborated with members of the Commissioners Court to identify funding sources and quickly appointed a prosecutor. I am proud to have led this initiative, but I could not have been successful without the support of Judge Wolff and my colleagues. As our senior population grows, this position will be critically important to keep our aging residents safe and protected. Justice delayed will soon be justice served, and we look forward to the prosecution of these crimes.”

Bexar County District Attorney Joe Gonzales had the following statement:

“After contributing to their community, our seniors deserve protection from those who would prey upon them. We applaud Commissioner DeBerry for leading the effort to fund a prosecutor and an investigator to prosecute elder fraud cases. We, likewise, appreciate the entire court for supporting this request. This team will focus strictly on seeking justice for our community’s most vulnerable population and hopefully prevent these predators from further targeting the elderly,” said District Attorney Joe Gonzales.

Background

Assistant District Attorney Brandon Jackson has served the District Attorney's Office since graduating St. Mary's University School of Law in 2009. Brandon has extensive experience in mental health, financial crimes, elder fraud and guardianships.

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