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**County Court-at-Law Judges Take on Family Violence
Backlog of More Than 2,500 Cases**

On December 21, 2021, the Bexar County Commissioners Court funded a special effort to address a substantial backlog of domestic violence cases within the Bexar County Court System with \$2.37 million. On Friday, January 21, 2022, Bexar County Courts-at-Law Administrative Judge John Longoria announced decisive steps taken by the courts to address a substantial backlog of domestic violence cases within the Bexar County Court System.

Judges with the county court system convened to organize the workload. More than 2,500 of the oldest cases needed to be addressed as soon as possible. Dedicated as Family Violence Impact Courts, Judges Mary Roman (County Court 8) and Tommy Stolhandske (County Court 11) agreed to take on 1,293 cases each. They will be supported by visiting judges, made possible with the funds allocated by Commissioners Court in December.

Judge Longoria stated, "We wasted no time. The Family Violence Impact Courts will begin proceedings on February 1, 2022."

Judge Longoria reassured the community of the courts' determination. He said, "Family violence is a plague in our community. The Bexar County Courts-at-Law will continue to do their duty and ensure that justice is done."

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