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Innocence Project of Texas Receives \$25,000 Grant to Fund Dallas DNA Case Investigations

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The Innocence Project of Texas is pleased to announce that our organization has recently received a \$25,000 grant from the Texas Bar Foundation. Grant funds will be used to help pay for investigations and DNA testing arising out of our review of more than 400 previously denied requests for post-conviction DNA testing. Earlier this year, Dallas County District Attorney, Craig Watkins, announced a partnership with the Innocence Project of Texas that will allow our organization the unprecedented ability to examine past convictions and identify additional individuals who require DNA testing in order to prove their innocence. This grant is the first step on our journey to seek justice for those wrongfully convicted in Dallas County, and we are certain that the much needed funding will contribute to the exonerations of many more deserving men and women.

Since its inception in 1965, the Texas Bar Foundation has awarded more than \$9 million in grants to law-related programs. Supported by members of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar Foundation is the nation's largest charitably-funded bar foundation. It is with utmost thanks that we accept the generous gift that the Texas Bar Foundation has bestowed upon us.

A press conference regarding this development and the progress of the Dallas DNA case review will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 26. The conference will take place on the 11th Floor of the Frank Crowley Courts Building in Dallas, Texas. The Innocence Project of Texas will be joined by Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins at this event.

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