



**BEFORE THE
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

CJC No. 26-0331

INQUIRY CONCERNING

**HONORABLE WILLIAM ROSS MITCHELL
UVALDE COUNTY JUDGE
UVALDE, UVALDE COUNTY, TEXAS**

AMENDED ORDER OF SUSPENSION

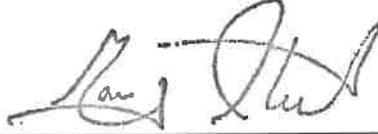
Be it known that on November 18, 2025, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct suspended the Honorable William Ross Mitchell, County Judge for Uvalde County, Texas, following his November 3, 2025 indictment handed up by the duly constituted Grand Jury of the 38th Judicial District Court, in Cause No. 2025-11-17377-CR, styled *State of Texas vs. William Ross Mitchell*. Under the indictment, Judge Mitchell was charged with one count of Official Oppression, a Class A Misdemeanor. A true and correct copy of the indictment is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated herein for all relevant purposes).

On December 4, 2025, Judge Mitchell requested a post-suspension hearing before the Commission pursuant to Rule 10(b) of the Disciplinary Rules for Judges and Judicial Candidates. On December 8, 2025, the Commission convened the post-suspension hearing in Austin, Texas.

Having considered the Indictment, the testimony of Judge Mitchell, and the argument of Judge Mitchell's counsel, the Commission determined that Judge Mitchell failed to demonstrate that his continued service would not jeopardize the interests of parties involved in court proceedings over which Judge Mitchell would preside or impair public confidence in the judiciary. The Commission, therefore, determined that Judge Mitchell should remain suspended without pay.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED** that **JUDGE WILLIAM ROSS MITCHELL** shall remain **SUSPENDED, WITHOUT PAY**, from the office of County Judge for Uvalde County, Texas from performing any judicial and/or administrative duties of Uvalde County Judge, pursuant to the authority contained in Article V, Section 1-a(6)A of the Texas Constitution and Rule 10 of the Disciplinary Rules for Judges and Judicial Candidates, and that such suspension, as amended by this Order, shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further order 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 19 day of February 2026, at 2:25 p.m.

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Honorable Gary Steel, Chair
State Commission on Judicial Conduct



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Be it known that on November 11, 2025, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct was presented with a copy of an Indictment handed up on November 3, 2025, by the duly constituted Grand Jury of the 38th Judicial District Court, in Cause No. 2025-11-17377-CR, styled *State of Texas vs. William Ross Mitchell* (the "Indictment," 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 Mitchell is charged with one count of Official Oppression, a Class A Misdemeanor. The Commission determined that **WILLIAM ROSS MITCHELL**, should be **SUSPENDED WITHOUT PAY** from the judicial office of County Judge for Uvalde 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 Indictment are dismissed, Judge Mitchell is acquitted of all charges in the Indictment, or upon further order(s) of the Commission.

Accordingly, effective immediately, it is hereby **ORDERED** that **WILLIAM ROSS MITCHELL** be **SUSPENDED, WITHOUT PAY**, from the office of County Judge for Uvalde County, Texas. It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that this suspension shall remain in effect until the charges set forth in the indictment are dismissed, Judge Mitchell 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 18 day of November 2025, at 12:26 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Steel", written over a horizontal line.

Honorable Gary Steel, Chair
State Commission on Judicial Conduct

THE STATE OF TEXAS

VS.

WILLIAM ROSS MITCHELL

D.O.B.: 06/21/1948

ADDRESS:
909 MAPLE STREET
UVALDE, TX 78801

SID: _____

TRN: _____

TRS: (_____

INDICTMENT

CAUSE NO: 2025-11-17377-CR

INDICTED: 11/03/2025

AGENCY: TEXAS RANGERS

AGENCY CASE NO.: 2025-0015596

OFFENSE DATE: 03/27/2025

CHARGE: OFFICIAL OPPRESSION

DEGREE: MA

AMOUNT OF BAIL AT ARREST: N/A

Service only

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Pretrial Release	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elect Monitor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6-6 Curfew	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Contact w/victim	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Sec Probation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

The Grand Jury of Uvalde County, Texas, duly organized at the JULY TERM, A.D. 2025 of the district court of said county, in said court at said term, do present that in Uvalde County, Texas, **WILLIAM ROSS MITCHELL**, hereinafter styled the defendant(s), heretofore on or about the 27th day of March, 2025, did then and there intentionally subject T. Cox, to arrest or detention or seizure that the defendant knew was unlawful, and the defendant was acting under color of his office as a public servant, namely the county judge.

AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE.

Mamie Hutch
Foreperson of the Grand Jury

Filed on 11/03/2025, by Christina J. Ovalle, Clerk of the 38th District Court, Uvalde County, Texas, at 4:49 P.M.

BY Christina J. Ovalle, District Clerk

WITNESS: JOSE M. SANCHEZ

DA# 25-0353