

**STATEMENT OF THE COLLIN COUNTY GRAND JURY
REGARDING THE IN-CUSTODY DEATH OF MARVIN SCOTT III**

“We, the Grand Jury of Collin County, Texas, wish to make a statement and give our recommendations regarding the in-custody death of Marvin Scott III:

After careful consideration of the applicable law and all the relevant facts, we find that no probable cause exists to charge any person with a criminal offense related to the death of Mr. Scott. Accordingly, we have issued a no-bill for each of the eight detention officers involved.

This case was a tragedy foremost for Mr. Scott and his family, but also for his friends and our entire community. We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Scott for the terrible loss you have suffered. We hope you can someday find peace.

We sincerely hope that the loss of Marvin Scott III will not be in vain. We are therefore recommending that a work group be convened as soon as practicable to study the events of March 14th for lessons learned in an effort to avoid any similar future tragedy.

We recommend that this work group consist of a diverse group of Collin County community leaders, criminal justice and law enforcement stakeholders, local hospitals, and mental health providers.

The goal of this work group should be finding the best solutions for the treatment of individuals with mental illness who come into contact with the criminal justice system.

To our fellow Collin County citizens, we ask you to respect each other, and to respect each other’s rights and opinions, and we hope any vigils, demonstrations, or protests remain peaceful.

Because we are bound by our oath to respect the laws mandating Grand Jury secrecy, we will have no further statements either collectively or individually. We ask everyone to respect our privacy and the oath we took.”