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# Press Release

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## **WILLIAM REECE INDICTED FOR MURDERS OF LAURA SMITHER AND JESSICA CAIN**

Those involved throughout these investigations include: the Texas Rangers; the FBI; the La Marque Police Department; the Friendswood Police Department; the Galveston County Sheriff's Office; the Galveston County District Attorney's Office; the Galveston Police Department; the Texas City Police Department; the Texas Department of Public Safety; Texas Equusearch; the Lighthouse Charity Team; and, numerous other private business and property owners.

The flurry of activity in recent months should not eclipse the years of work by all of those who came before, laboring tirelessly to solve these cases. From the initial hours following these girls' disappearances, dedicated men and women have poured themselves into tracking down so many potential leads. All of their efforts have led us to where we are today.

Reece currently awaits trial in Oklahoma for the murder of Tiffany Johnston. Once those proceedings are concluded, Texas intends to return Reece to Galveston County to face trial for the murders of Laura Smither and Jessica Cain.

"Without the work of everyone involved," Roady said, "what happened to Laura Smither, Kelli Cox and Jessica Cain would have forever remained a mystery. Now, we have answers. While this is by no means a conclusion in these cases, these indictments mark a crucial milestone.

"We extend our deepest compassion to the families of these young women, and we continue to pray for their comfort. There is still much to accomplish, and we remain committed to seeing that justice is done."

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