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A Special Investigations Unit Report on  
**Texas Tech University's  
Institute for Child and Family Studies**

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Members of the Legislative Audit Committee:

On June 30, 2009, the Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney obtained an indictment from a Lubbock County grand jury on James Dannis Mitchell, the former Director of Texas Tech University's Institute for Child and Family Studies (Institute).

In January 2006, the Special Investigations Unit received allegations from Texas Tech University's Office of Audit Services that Mr. Mitchell was operating a private business selling Institute-developed training materials for his own profit.

The indictment charged Mr. Mitchell with theft of \$500 or more, but less than \$1,500, by a public servant (a state jail felony).

If you have any questions, please contact Krista Steele, Senior Investigator, or me at (512) 936-9500.

Sincerely,

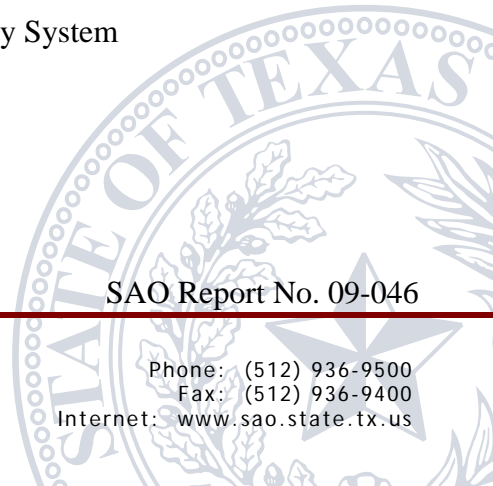
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cc: The Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of Texas  
Mr. Kent Hance, Chancellor, Texas Tech University System  
Mr. Matthew D. Powell, Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney  
Ms. Kim Turner, CPA, Chief Audit Executive, Texas Tech University System

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