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Department sends response to Feazell

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The U.S. Justice Department in Washington has completed a preliminary review of a civil rights violation complaint lodged by McLennan County District Attorney Vic Feazell in December, and has mailed Feazell a response.

Feazell said Friday he had not received the response, but that he hopes the Justice Department has decided to launch a full-scale investigation of what he maintains is a conspiracy to violate his civil rights.

John Wilson, assistant director of public affairs for the Justice Department, said Friday a response letter from assist-

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ant U.S. Attorney General William Bradford Reynolds was mailed to Feazell on Wednesday. Wilson said he could not reveal the contents of the response.

"It could be any number of things," Wilson said. He said the letter could inform Feazell that the Justice Department intends to launch an investigation or has found his allegations unfounded, or that the letter could be a request for additional information.

In the complaint, Feazell alleges that representatives of the U.S. Justice Department, FBI, Texas Department of

Public Safety and Waco Police Department conspired to violate his civil rights.

"I'm hoping that someone will ring my doorbell and say, 'We're here to investigate all this mess.' I'd like to get them going," Feazell said. "I would be glad to provide (Reynolds) with reams of additional information."

Feazell alleges the conspiracy was developed under the direction of Col. Jim Adams, director of the DPS, in retaliation for Feazell's involvement with a 1985 McLennan County grand jury probe that raised questions about the Texas Rangers Homicide Task Force, which at one time listed nearly 200 murders as cleared by Lucas' confessions.

Feazell also said assistant U.S. Attorney Jan Patterson, Waco Police Chief Larry Scott, DPS intelligence officer Ron Boyter and an unknown FBI agent "conspired to suborn perjury by offering a convicted felon (Clyde Kelly Jr.) money and federal protection to falsely testify to a federal grand jury against me.

"I think that if there is a complete and total investigation, there will be some jobs on the line. Some heads will roll. It's possible that some people will be indicted, and I'm not talking about me or any lawyers in Waco. I'm talking about peo-

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ple in the FBI, DPS and U.S. Attorney's office," Feazell said.

Feazell said he believes Ms. Patterson is making a "last-ditch" attempt to indict him on a racketeering charge before the Feb. 3 filing deadline for candidates. As of Friday, no candidate had filed for McLennan County district attorney, although Feazell announced last year he will seek re-election.

"I think they're going to try real hard to indict me in the next three weeks. But, I think if the grand jury exercises any common sense at all, they'll see what's going on," Feazell said.

Feazell maintains that Ms. Patterson is attempting to tie Feazell to a McLennan County burglary ring led by Kelly. Ms. Patterson has taken custody of Kelly and Daniel Ralph Arechiga, two men accused by Waco police of being involved in as many as 100 residential and business burglaries in 1984 and 1985.

Ms. Patterson took custody of Kelly in November and Arechiga on Wednesday. She said both men are being questioned about weapons violations and said that Arechiga's arrest "has no relationship to the (Feazell) grand jury investigation."

Arechiga's wife and sister, however, say that when they talked with Arechiga during a federal arraignment Wednesday, Arechiga told them Ms. Patterson had repeatedly questioned him about Feazell, although Arechiga told

her that he had never met Feazell.

Gloria Krise, Arechiga's sister, said Ms. Patterson told her it was routine to ask people brought into her office about Feazell.

"I said, 'Well, did you ask him about President Reagan? He doesn't know him either.'"

"I think this latest course of action just makes the slimy trail of the serpent more visible. If it gets anymore slimy, there will be more innocent people slipping in it," Feazell said.

"Don't believe that America doesn't have political prisoners. We have one right now by the name of Danny Arechiga. They would not have arrested him if it had not been for Vic Feazell. Why did they interrogate him for five hours on a six-month-old pistol charge?" Feazell asked.

"What is this? 'Mission Impossible?' It's just real odd. Clyde Kelly's attorney is Rod Goble, who also represented Ron Boyter, the DPS intelligence man who has been investigating me. And then when they have to appoint someone to represent Arechiga, they appoint Paul Gartner, a former Republican opponent of mine," he said.

Feazell said Arechiga was arrested by Waco police in a Waco bar in September on a burglary charge relating to Kelly. He said that in the bar, behind a counter, next to a cash register, was a pistol. Feazell said he did not believe there was enough evidence to indict Arechiga on the weapons charge.