

# Feazell said guarding police records

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Waco Police Chief Larry Scott has received a certified letter from District Attorney Vic Feazell requesting copies of letters written to the police department by news reporters seeking any information under the Open Records Act.

Feazell would not confirm the existence of the letter, but released a statement that was nearly a copy of an official statement made by Department of Public Safety Col. Jim Adams several weeks ago when Adams was asked if he had initiated a DPS investigation of Feazell.

"The District Attorney's office at this time will neither confirm nor deny the existence of an investigation," Feazell said. "However, the District Attorney's office would not initiate such an investi-

gation, if one exists, unless there is factual basis for it."

Scott received the letter on Monday asking if he had any requests from the news media for police records and whether they had complied with the requests.

Feazell said he anticipates the grand jury investigating confessions of Henry Lee Lucas will look into the "unlawful release" of police records.

Scott did not return a telephone call from the *Tribune-Herald*.

Several sources close to the Lucas investigation have said a Dallas television station has obtained records from the Waco Police Department that were supposedly expunged. Expunged records are ordered destroyed by the court, and it is a felony not to destroy them.

Allegations have been made

that Feazell has taken bribes to dismiss driving while intoxicated cases, and Channel 8, WFAA-TV, has been investigating Feazell's record for disposal of DWI cases and the possibility that Feazell is under investigation by the FBI.

Sources have indicated that the FBI has been interviewing Waco lawyers and acquaintances of Feazell.

A source said Tuesday that Waco attorneys have been receiving irate calls from clients whose cases are pending or have thought their records have been cleared or expunged. The clients have said they have been contacted by a reporter at Channel 8.

The attorneys reportedly have been contacting Feazell to see how their records got into the hands of the reporter.

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