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Feazell seeks more information

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Attorneys representing McLennan County District Attorney Vic Feazell have requested Assistant U.S. Attorney Jan Patterson provide details of any offers of immunity or other deals given potential government witnesses in Feazell's federal racketeering trial.

"We request the name of witness or witnesses and details of any grant or offer of immunity or plea bargain or payment or other benefit or deal . . . for any potential witness of the government," the letter to Ms. Patterson states.

The request was written by Feazell's attorneys, Gary Richardson of Tulsa, Okla., and Jeff Kearney of Fort Worth.

Richardson and Kearney have asked Ms. Patterson to reply within 10 days. Feazell said if Ms. Patterson does not reply within 10 days, his attorneys will file a motion in U.S. District Court to request the disclosure.

"They're going to have to give it to us sooner or later, but we want it now. We want to know who they are. We want to smoke out the liars now," Feazell said.

In the request, Feazell asks to be informed of any agreement between the Waco Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, Internal Revenue Service, Texas Rangers, or FBI not to prosecute cases pending against the potential witnesses in return for testimony against Feazell.

Feazell also requested criminal records, psychiatric and psychological treatment records, medication records, drug and alcohol withdrawal treatment records and medical psychiatric records, including electrical shock treatment records, of potential government witnesses.

In an affidavit filed by FBI agent Bob Zane with U.S. District Judge James R. Nowlin in September requesting warrants to search Feazell's home and office, Zane lists 10 confidential informants the government used in preparing its case against Feazell.

According to Zane, the informants include private attorneys and former members of the McLennan County district attorney's office.

Feazell was arrested on Sept. 17 and charged in a 12-count indictment with accepting bribes offered by defense attorneys to influence his handling of criminal cases.

Although the indictment referred to Feazell "co-conspirators," no other individual has been named by the government.