

See the extra **letter sent 1-15-2015** outlining more violations NOT in the *Book of Secrets* with info on the TDCJ hard drive array INSIDE the chaplain's closet. Treason Epilogue showed TDCJ IT experts found a "rogue wireless router" in the life-sentenced murderers' computer control room just 30 feet from that closet—and Snake Upshaw ordered that CLEANED! Think about that!

August 15, 2017

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Lorie Davis, TDCJ CID Director  
Patrick O'Daniel, TBCJ  
Larry Don Miles, TBCJ

Hon. Dale Wainwright, TBCJ  
Patty Garcia, TDCJ HR Director  
Thomas P. Wingate, TBCJ  
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Oscar Mendoza, TDCJ Dep. Dir.  
Mike Bell, IT Director  
Sharon Felfe Howell, TDCJ GC  
*so all will know to whom I sent*  
You have no idea how hard this is to do!

Dear All—to whom I sent the letter, several with the full documents online below:

If OIG does nothing; I do not think I will have any other options left—investigated for that!

The day after I mailed you the package, several with the whole bound 179-page doc with CD, I got this from TDCJ legal, past the deadline, apparently mailed on the deadline.

Last month, I did one last Open Record request to be *certain* there was no other OIG investigation into the *Book of Secrets* i.e., no official look at the numerous, dangerous violations at Polunsky so well documented, photographed, videoed, and in recorded testimony. TDCJ legal counsel John West is appealing OR request to the Texas AG's OR division, apparently forgetting he sent it to me two years ago. Read between his boilerplate to see his cute **fibbing** (*below*).

On Jan. 8, 2014, past TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell received another email from me, Maness, and on Feb. 6 Bell requested OIG investigation. Perhaps Bell did not know that OIG had to write some "cause"—a TERRORIST THREAT! Maybe he *did* know. I had been BEGGING for an OIG investigation since Oct. 19, 2012, when I was forced to retire because Warden Richard Alford refused to back me up in correcting the most policy-violating chapel in TDCJ history (Alford then promoted to regional director, retired, and now warden of a private prison).

I did send several emails to Bell and Alan Polunsky (shook Polunsky's hand several times over the years, though I'm sure he did not remember). Furthermore, I said in *several emails* that ANY time they **did not want to hear more, SAY SO**. To date none have (moot now).

What is disgusting is that on Feb. 3, I was called by OIG Investigator Yosko about an interview, to which I was *THRILLED* to come. I took off from work and drove the 80 miles from Woodville to Huntsville. They were aware of the 700-page *Book of Secrets*, but it was not there. I spent two hours with them: see their report attached! I should have recorded it; they did not record it either (subsequent OR revealed). Contrary to what they wrote, I did NOT admit to being guilty of the three disciplinaries. But more important is that I did NOT know they were investigating ME. I did not hear a thing, so I began OR requests for the "investigation."

As they reported, I said I was "through" because I was fooled into believing they were investigating the *Book of Secrets*. If they had told me what they were really doing, I would have said, "No," and if they said they had NO INTENTION of doing anything, "Heck NO!"

Mr. West appealed my several OR requests to the Texas AG, saying to the AG the "investigation" not complete, using some of the same language as in the attached. I persisted and FINALLY got the attached shortly after **Feb. 18, 2015**.

Do see the last letter, dated Oct. 22, 2014, that the OIG "investigation" was still going on—hmmm? Really? Case was **closed on Mar. 19, 2014**, and I had to continually ask, finally receiving it a year later—with Bell's and Polunsky's confidential info released, too.

WHAT!—the real shocker was it took a YEAR to see what the delay was really about. West and likely Bruce Toney, too, did not want me to see that they did nothing—NOTHING—on the *Book of Secrets*, nor want me to see that **I myself was one being investigated. Lies!**

Now then, with the attached, you will see that Oliver Bell was not truly honest there; for he would not have gotten another email (or Alan Polunsky) if he had simply said he, “STOP!” Bell did not have the honor to share that email with OIG. Nor Bell was so dumb as to not know how to BLOCK emails. Neither requested a stop.

Furthermore, I had **TALKED TO OLIVER BELL** a couple of times on the phone in the months prior to that. Oh Yeah!—talked to Mr. Bell as a Charter Member of his new Texas Labor and Employment Relations Consortium (est. 2011), perhaps the only TDCJ employee holding a charter membership (Michael G. Maness LLC).<sup>1</sup> I received emails on meetings **FROM Mr. Bell!** Yeah! I let my membership go when they started charging \$1,500 a year or a so for membership. No THREAT.

It will not take a rocket scientist to see another agenda behind the OIG investigation report attached. Now, I know Bell better, but the “investigation” attached reveals words hardly deserving. What is DESERVING is the results: the investigators went to great **LENGTH to inform their superiors that I, Maness, promised and “gave” his word** that he was “finished” with emails, etc. As I left that meeting, retired 30-year DPS Trooper and now OIG Lt. Welter put his arm on my shoulder and asked, “My boss isn’t going to get anymore letters?” “No,” was my sincere response, because I had been fooled they were going to finally investigate the *Book of Secrets* that is in the attached investigation, web location WITH code to open.

#### **WHY IS THAT IN THE REPORT IN MULTIPLE WAYS?**

It is not against the law the write public officials! Nor to report dangerous violations of policy. The two investigators did **not intimidate** or betray that they were investigating me, but they certainly DID ALLOW ME to think they were “investigating” my documents. What the HELL is that! And I took my time and money to travel there.

Did Bell and OIG Chief Bruce Toney use them to SHUT ME UP? Read the investigation report yourself. If Bell’s concern for one sentence among 1,000 pages was ALL the two OIG investigators were “investigating,” well then, their report would have been shorter. Please see for yourself the lengths they go to in their report to assure their boss that MANESS was NOT GOING TO WRITE ANYMORE. That was the greater concern, and also documenting that I was NOT a Terrorist. ROTTEN!

That mirrors what Manager III Marvin Dumbar did when he contrived disciplinary to harass me for the 50-page Faith-Based Letter I sent (70% of our meeting). Dumbar harassed. You’ll have to *read* the *Book of Secrets* to see that in detail, something I told the two OIG men *again*.

Read the OIG report.

Now READ Mr. West’s letter. He feigns a concern for ME, that the “requestor” might be ashamed. Or is Mr. West trying to protect himself and Bell from embarrassment?

Notice—I have the report that he had Cyndi Eastham send. I kept REQUESTING until I finally got it a year later! A YEAR LATER—thank you Mr. West.

NOW PLEASE READ Mr. West’s letter to the AG that has a concern about **confidential information that HE RELEASED to me two years ago, including Oliver Bell’s S/S, BD, and DL, and the same for Alan Polunsky**. No disciplinary there either (Yeah, I did OR for any disciplinary or reprimand on that). I don’t expect one for Ms. Eastham, people make mistakes, but I sure would like to see one for Mr. West, who spends so little time on boilerplate with innuendoes of caution to the AG about TDCJ releasing BD’s—total bunk. Just LIES to the AG over something he himself violated two years. He *knows* BD’s and S/S’s are confidential and

<sup>1</sup> TLERC is not by invitation only, [www.OliverBell.com/tlerc](http://www.OliverBell.com/tlerc).



subject to redaction (I've gotten perhaps a 100 docs so redacted). He knows, and he knows the AG knows, so why does he waste paper repeating that? Let me repeat: he *himself* released it to Ms. Eastham without even reading it two years ago. LOOK SEE—*please*.

But Maness—he is allowed a contrived disciplinary for much less.

What is Mr. West *really* concerned about? **West lied to the AG.** He had zero concern for the “requester’s” welfare—ZERO! **Lie!** Or he would have read the *Book of Secrets* himself. Perhaps it was the single statement that Oliver Bell felt threatened that was West’s concern:

**“If OIG does nothing; I do not think I will have any other options left.”**

Really now? Let me tell you men and women—No sir, no Ma’am—Bell did not feel threatened. That is a fact—he was a war hero and all, and of course Polunsky did not either. Threat? Bell knew better. Bell did NOT read anything and perhaps had another agenda, and that included (if he did read it) aiding in the cover up. Mr. West—what about him? LOOK at his official letter to the Texas AG: **Mr. West lied to the AG!** That is so clear, for Mr. West lied, feigning concern about Maness when he was really concerned about this very history. The real embarrassment (or should be) is that Mr. West and OIG has yet to really investigate the 700-page *Book of Secrets* with documents and recordings of witnesses. **That is embarrassing.** Mr. West did in fact send Bell’s and Polunsky’s SS’s, BD’s and DL’s **to the alleged TERRORIST**—yeah, that is embarrassing. The LAST PAGE of the investigation is, too, for it gives the now 4-year old web address and code to open for the *Book of Secrets*—**EMBARRASSING!**

Embarrassing—that is the understatement of the year!

So—“If OIG does nothing; I do not think I will have any other options left.” Oh my—will I have to take off work *again* and drive to Huntsville? If you all do *NOTHING* again—like your predecessors—what else can I do? Keep writing! Someone will listen. Someone will care about TDCJ’s honor. I loathe going to the media. I am getting old and tired. **May I should give up!**

Maybe this is all I CAN do in this last flurry, and drop it hereafter. ***I am no terrorist!*** **Unlike chicken-hearted ex-regional Dir. Richard Alfred and Terrorist Michael Upshaw** who have doubtlessly ruined other TDCJ employee’s careers—**I stand and TELL it like it is.**

You have nothing *terrorist-like* to fear from me. Same applies to ALL of you, too, in that all anyone has to say is, “No more!” And I will put you on the “Do Not Send” list.

If you read this—begging that you do—it is not that hard. However, a real investigation will be harder today to with many of the primaries retired, but not impossible. The recordings of the three staff chaplains that preceded me at Polunsky should be enough, for they all testified to the YEARS of violations before I got there, totally nullifying the two IOCs sent by Stephens and Richard Alford—**kingpin liars**—to Bryan Collier where they said they *investigated* to no avail. Stephens and Alford *lied*, and those lies are proven 100-fold. Just look at the Treason Epilogue on the 4-weeks it took for TDCJ’s own IT to *clean* what Stephens and Alford lied about, saying in so many word “we just saw and corrected”—**LIARS!** Three TDCJ staff chaplains (4 if you include me) all said in recorded interviews (one still with TDCJ) how the Polunsky chapel was **FILLED** with violations and Chaplain David Collier a habitual liar, fruitcake, inmate hugger.

**What more do ANY of you want?**

READ the OIG report—an entire Terrorist Threat investigation for one sentence among, now, perhaps 1,200 pages of DOCUMENTS sent and numerous emails over FIVE YEARS. That OIG investigation is an EMBARRASSMENT to TDCJ, and I have no desire or plan to publish it, because—hear this LOUDLY as a scream from the rooftop—**I loved TDCJ.**

**I loved my job and excelled in it way beyond my peers!**

NOT mentioned in the PD 71 Violation documents, but I should dig it out. I am sure my first divisional audit in about 1994 is still in my personnel file. Regional Chaplain Alex Taylor (now chief of prison chaplains for DOC in FL) wrote something I cherish: Maness has the “best record keeping in TDCJ chaplaincy.” **FACT!** Yet, though eligible for rehire, I was denied twice for someone with zero experience as a staff chaplain—twice! **Best in state 25 years ago!**

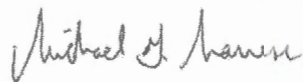
**Real embarrassment**—that a newly minted senior warden of tiny starter-warden transfer facility begins his career as a senior warden being manipulated to WHOLLY violate PD 71. Very embarrassing to the Noble Chaplaincy profession that Reg. Chaplain Rose could not stand on his own two feet to defend policy, PD 71, and do his job at the interview, and worse, that Rosey boy lied and manipulated documents to give his choice the ONLY credential of a CVCA (two weeks experience) that was actually forbidden for consideration by PD 71. **Embarrassing!**

Ladies and Gentlemen, TDCJ’s honor and its finer employees NEED you to investigate this and the *Book of Secrets*. For if to me, then others too. Oh, Snake Michael Upshaw set up others too, you can and should believe that—fact. But the real story is worse. I heard the line “Run Off” several times in my counseling. I had a LOT of good experiences too. I wish to high heaven I had—now—written down all those instances! Read the first chapter to *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011* for more of the good versus the bad.<sup>2</sup>

I really want a thorough investigation of the Goodman Unit’s hire. Yet—**hear this!**—if all one sees are the violations by Beard and idiot Rose—*bonkers!* Only a knucklehead would conclude that just Beard and idiot Rose violated, and that knucklehead would need investigated too. Any failure to find who ordered Beard to violate will come short and hurt many more. The reason I was not chosen is connected to my whistle-blowing, including the dangerous violations at Polunsky. The Goodman hire leads to the *Book of Secrets*, and that will to wholly clear my name, even perhaps to correcting the five years of hell I have been through documenting this.

TDCJ and Chaplaincy’s honor is too precious to allow the corrupt practices to continue.

Very sincerely yours,




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130 Staff Chaplains w/out any full-times clerical & not one stat shared w TBCJ at 10x LESS \$ than SA, etc.

[www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/GoodmanUnit2017.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/GoodmanUnit2017.pdf) - whole enchilada online, code to open “**Love-Honor**” >>>>



[www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf) - *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History* >>>>  
code to open, “**Love-Honor**” – 700 pages, hard copy sent w 2 CDs of docs, a DVD of videos by life-sentenced murderers, letters, data.



[www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason-Epilogue.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason-Epilogue.pdf) - “**Love-Honor**” last chapter of *Book of Secrets*, Michael Upshaw’s cover up of Polunsky chapel violations, his orders to “clean up,” >>>>  
and—you guessed it—no disciplinary to date though Upshaw set me up and covered up two dozen others who deserved much more severe disciplinaries, including his wardens and majors.



[www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/OIG-Investigation-Finale.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/OIG-Investigation-Finale.pdf) - “**Love-Honor**” - THIS LETTER & attachments >>>>



<sup>2</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/Saved](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Saved) for the book.

**Mr. Collier & Mr. Mendoza, please think about a MORATORIUM on hiring in chaplaincy and a Programs Division Director until a full OIG investigation of these violations is complete. I will be vindicated.**





TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Bruce W. Toney  
Inspector General

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August 10, 2017

The Honorable Ken Paxton  
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Austin, Texas 78711-2548

RE: Open Records Decision Request Regarding Request for Public Information from:  
Michael Maness  
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Received: July 27, 2017  
Response Deadline: August 10, 2017

Once again, notice NO response to email on time and MAILED on last day of deadline. And most of this is boilerplate, very similar to my FIRST request in March 2014. Do notice his concern for REDACTION and, oddly, MY WELLFARE too. I wish!

Dear General Paxton:

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) requests your opinion regarding what we may or may not withhold pertaining to an open records request by Requestor seeking,

“...copy of the final results of this OIG investigation attached, and all related docs...”  
(See Exhibit A)

OIG has identified one file responsive to this request. Case 2014.01251 is an investigation into potential threat to Texas Board of Criminal Justice Chairman Oliver Bell. OIG believes that all of the file responsive to this request may be excepted from required public disclosure in accordance with §§552.101, 552.102, 552.130, 552.117, 552.1175 and 552.147 Texas Government Code; common law privacy; and prior opinions of your Office.

Please be advised that OIG does not have possession of nor does it have access to records of TDCJ for items not reference above or are not relevant to the subject matter of the investigative file noted above. Accordingly, OIG can only respond to the documents it possesses. OIG has provided all the documents it possesses or has the right to possess regarding this request. All of the documents OIG has that are responsive to this request are contained in Exhibit B.

OIG believes that Mr. Maness may have a claim under the Special Right of Access to these documents. That is not clear from his request. Accordingly, OIG treated this as a regular request for Public Information. However, while the requestor, Michael Maness, is the subject of the responsive file, OIG requests a ruling from your office because it is our position that release of any information would reveal to the general public intimate and embarrassing details regarding the parties of the investigation. To make this information available to the public could cause embarrassment to the requestor. Further, the public does not have an interest in these documents. If your office opines that Mr. Maness is entitled under the Special Right of Access, a decision that would not classify these documents as public information, then OIG's concerns would be addressed.

First, responsive file contains information on TDCJ employee's addresses and telephone numbers. This information is excepted from public disclosure under Section 552.117 and 552.1175 of the Texas Government Code.

Sec. 552.117. EXCEPTION: CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN ADDRESSES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, AND PERSONAL FAMILY INFORMATION. (a) Information is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if it is information that relates to the home address, home telephone number, emergency contact information, or social security number of the following person or that reveals whether the person has family members:

(3) a current or former employee of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or of the predecessor in function of the department or any division of the department, regardless of whether the current or former employee complies with Section 552.1175;

Sec. 552.1175. CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF PEACE OFFICERS, COUNTY JAILERS, SECURITY OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES OF CERTAIN CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE JUSTICE AGENCIES OR OFFICES, AND FEDERAL AND STATE JUDGES. (a) This section applies only to:

(3) current or former employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or of the predecessor in function of the department or any division of the department;

(b) Information that relates to the home address, home telephone number, emergency contact information, date of birth, or social security number of an individual to whom this section applies, or that reveals whether the individual has family members is confidential and may not be disclosed to the public under this chapter if the individual to whom the information relates:

(1) chooses to restrict public access to the information; and

(2) notifies the governmental body of the individual's choice on a form provided by the governmental body, accompanied by evidence of the individual's status.

Second, the responsive case file contains driver's license numbers. This information is excepted from required public disclosure in accordance with Section 552.130, Texas Government Code, which states:

§ 552.130. EXCEPTION: MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS.

(a) Information is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if the information relates to:

(1) a motor vehicle operator's or driver's license or permit issued by an agency of this state;

(2) a motor vehicle title or registration issued by an agency of this state; or



(3) a personal identification document issued by an agency of this state or a local agency authorized to issue an identification document.

(b) Information described by Subsection (a) may be released only if, and in the manner, authorized by Chapter 730, Transportation Code.

Third, the responsive file contains birth date information. Pursuant to §552.102, Texas Government Code, the Supreme Court of Texas has held that public employees' birth dates are confidential. Therefore, pursuant to §552.101 which provides that information deemed confidential by judicial decision is exempted from required public disclosure; OIG requests your decision to allow withholding of employees' birth dates. See: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts v. Attorney General of Texas, 2010 Tex. LEXIS 899 (Tex., 12/03/2010)

In Ken Paxton, Attorney General of the State of Texas v. City of Dallas, 2015 Tex. App. LEXIS 5228 (Tex., May 22, 2015) the Court ruled:

In support of its argument, the City relies on the Texas Supreme Court's opinion in *Texas Comptroller*, 354 S.W.3d at 343-346. In that opinion, the supreme court held that public employee date-of-birth information in the Comptroller's payroll database was excepted from disclosure under section 552.102 of the PIA, which excepts from disclosure personnel-file information whose release "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." See *id.* at 348. In reaching this holding, the supreme court decided, as a preliminary matter, that state employees have a "nontrivial privacy interest" in their birth dates, arising from concerns about the potential for and growing problem of identity theft and fraud. See *id.* at 344-45. As the supreme court explained,

[T]here is little question that one "can take personal information that's not sensitive, like birth date, and combine it with other publicly available data to come up with something very sensitive and confidential."

Moreover, "[t]he Attorney General has observed that preventing identity theft 'begins by reducing the number of places where your personal information can be found.'" *Id.* (citing *Preventing Identity Theft, FIGHTING IDENTITY THEFT*, <http://www.texasfightsidtheft.gov/preventing.shtml>). Concluding that the state employees' privacy interest in this information substantially outweighed the negligible public interest in disclosure, the court held that "disclosing employee birth dates constitutes a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, making them exempt from disclosure section 552.102." *Id.* at 348.

Although the supreme court's decision in *Texas Comptroller* concerned the privacy rights of public employees under section 552.102, we do not see why the court's concerns about identity theft and fraud would not apply equally to members of the general public and, in turn, to claims of confidentiality under section 552.101. Therefore, we conclude that based on the supreme court's rationale in *Texas Comptroller*, public citizens have a privacy interest in their birth dates such that the "publication [of birth dates] would be highly objectionable to a reasonable person." *Cox Tex. Newspapers*, 343 S.W.3d at 117 (citing *Industrial Found.*, 540 S.W.2d at 686, and explaining that "sole criteria" for assessing "confidential by judicial decision" based on invasion-of-privacy tort is whether information

is of legitimate public concern and whether its publication would be highly objectionable [\*11] to reasonable person). There is no dispute that the redacted date-of-birth information at issue is not of legitimate public concern; the City has therefore established that the information is "confidential by judicial decision" under *section 552.101 of the PIA*.

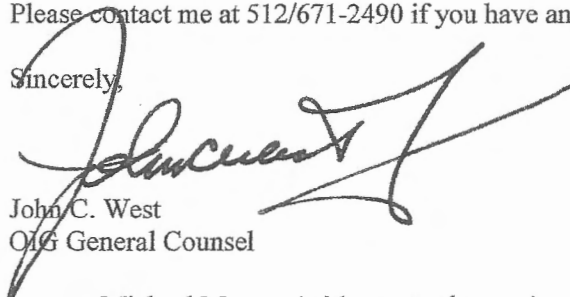
All of the date of birth information about persons who are public employees and members of the general should be exempted from public disclosure

OIG is sending requestor an abbreviated version of this Request for Decision, in accordance with §552.301(d)(1) and (2), Texas Government Code (please see **Exhibit C**). OIG respectfully requests your ruling concerning the applicability of the aforementioned exceptions to the material in question.

Upon receipt of your ruling, any information to be released will be treated with standard redacting, as applicable, such as certain addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers and personal family information, per §552.117, 552.1175 and 552.147, Texas Government Code, and your prior opinions. OIG will release information on the two destroyed files with standard redactions at that time.

Please contact me at 512/671-2490 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



John C. West  
OIG General Counsel

cc: Michael Maness (without attachments)  
OIG Open Records 2017-00168





**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL**

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February 18, 2015

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In re: Open Records Request OR-2015-00017 Concerning OIG Investigation 2.

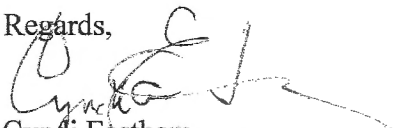
Dear Mr. Maness:

The Office of the Inspector General has received your request pertaining to the above referenced matter. Please note that the OIG is a separate entity from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and as such, we handle all requests for information independently of TDCJ. OIG is a law enforcement unit and serves as the investigative entity for TDCJ. The OIG mission is to investigate any administrative or criminal violations occurring in TDCJ operations.

Please find enclosed a copy of the basic information you requested. Although the Open Records Act allows a governmental body to charge for copying documents, in accordance with Texas Government Code section 552.267 the enclosed is being provided to you at no charge. The OIG is but one entity associated with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) which may have had records responsive to your request and which may be responding to your request. You may be hearing from other department(s) within TDCJ under separate cover.

We consider this open records request closed.

Regards,

  
Cyndi Eastham  
Records Release Section  
Office of the Inspector General

I did a follow-up Open Records request for any disciplinarys for her - sending the following with confidential items. NO-NO-NO, I did not then and do not now seek a disciplinary. She made a mistake--those can be forgiven. JUST not ME for something far LESS severe. Or she passed it to her BOSS who should have known better and SENT ANYWAY. Given all this, that would bear looking at.

Enclosures

Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

CRIMINAL CASE INFORMATION WORKSHEET

2014.00484  
Case Number

Other  
Unit or Location

Date of Offense

Jan 31, 2014  
Date Case Opening

I myself only redacted a LITTLE, because I wanted you can see that, YES, this was sent to me UNREDACTED.  
**Not good.**

Victim , Complainant or Witness

Last Name	First Name	Party Type	Person Type	TDCJ Number	Statutes	Rank	DOB	Race	Sex	SSN
MANESS	MICHAEL	Complainant	Employee			Chaplain	Jul 3, [REDACTED]	White	Male	[REDACTED]106[REDACTED]

Suspects

Last Name	First Name	Person Type	TDCJ Number	Statutes	Rank	DOB	Race	Sex	SSN
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SUMMARY OF OFFENSE

Letter received addressed to Brad Livingston and IG Toney from former employee Michael G. Maness based on this letter, Chairman Bell requested that OIG interview Mr. Maness in an attempted to determine if Mr. Maness had any new documentation or evidence to support previously investigated allegations and to determine if Mr. Maness is a potential threat to Mr. Bell and Mr. Polunsky.

Exact Location of Incident :

Investigator Initials : **BCY** Opened By : **CDC**

OIG Region : **Other/Misc. Region**



**Case Number: 2014.00484**

<b>Case Activities</b>	
<b>DATE &amp; INITIAL</b>	<b>ACTION/COMMENTS</b>
03/21/2014 GTW	On January 6, 2014, Chairman Oliver Bell requested that OIG interview Michael Maness due to specific comments made by Maness in an email that Chairman Bell received. Chairman Bell was concerned of the ambiguous phrasing of comments that could be perceived as a threat towards former Chairman Alan Polunsky and Chairman Bell. In addition to the possible threats, Chairman Bell also requested Maness bring any new or supporting evidence of Maness past allegations. On January 31, 2014, Maness was contacted and scheduled for an interview and did not bring any new or supporting evidence of past allegations.
03/21/2014 GTW	On February 3, 2014, Lieutenant Glenn Welter and Investigator Brian Yosko interviewed Maness at the OIG office in Huntsville. Maness was questioned as to being a possible threat to Chairman Bell and former Chairman Alan Polunsky. Maness advised that he was not a threat and had no ill will against Chairman Bell or Former Chairman Polunsky and that he was done with his investigation. At the conclusion of the interview Maness advised that he was finished with his complaints and that he would not be communicating with TDCJ executives in the future.
03/21/2014 GTW	This case was opened and an EC.2014.00675. Due to the large volume of material that was acquired in this case it did not meet the criteria of an EC case. This case will be closed and opened as case 2014.01251





Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

CRIMINAL CASE INFORMATION WORKSHEET

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2014.01251 Case Number      Headquarters Unit or Location      Jan 31, 2014 Date of Offense      Mar 19, 2014 Date Case Opening

Victim, Complainant or Witness										
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BELL	OLIVER	Victim	Employee				Ms 19	Black / African	Male	370

Suspects										
Last Name	First Name	Person Type	TDCJ Number	Statutes	Rank	DOB	Race	Sex	SSN	
MANESS	MICHAEL	Employee		OIG.CC.05	Chaplain	Ju	White	Male	108	

SUMMARY OF OFFENSE

Chairman Bell requested that OIG interview former employee Mr. Michael Maness to determine if Mr. Maness had any new documentation or evidence to support his previously investigated allegations and to see if Mr. Maness is a potential threat to Chairman Bell or former Chairman Polunsky.

Exact Location of Incident : Polunsky Unit  
Investigator Initials : BCY    Opened By : MCL  
OIG Region : Region-E



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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

INCIDENT / INVESTIGATION REPORT

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Criminal  Administrative  Information

Form with sections: Incident Data, Reporter, Victim / Complainant, Witness. Includes fields for statute, description, date, time, location, and personal information.

ADDENDUM ATTACHED NO

On January 08, 2014, Chairman Oliver Bell, Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ) and former Chairman Alan Polunsky received an email from former Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) employee, Michael Maness that possibly contained a threat.

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ADDITIONAL: VICTIMS, WITNESSES OR NAMED PARTIES

NAMED #11 Polunsky, Alan		DOB: [REDACTED] 9/3/ [REDACTED]	RACE: W	SEX: Male	SOCIAL SECURITY #: N/A	DL OR TDCJ #: TX/DL [REDACTED] 600 [REDACTED]
HOME ADDRESS: N/A		PRIMARY TELEPHONE #: N/A		SECONDARY TELEPHONE #: N/A		
BUSINESS ADDRESS: N/A		EMPLOYER: N/A				
OCCUPATION: Attorney		ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Former TBCJ Chairman				
WITNESS #1 N/A		DOB:	RACE:	SEX:	SOCIAL SECURITY #:	
HOME ADDRESS:		PRIMARY TELEPHONE #:		SECONDARY TELEPHONE #:		
BUSINESS ADDRESS:		EMPLOYER:				
OCCUPATION:		ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:				
VICTIM #2		DOB:	RACE:	SEX:	SOCIAL SECURITY #:	
HOME ADDRESS:		PRIMARY TELEPHONE #:		SECONDARY TELEPHONE #:		
BUSINESS ADDRESS:		EMPLOYER:				
OCCUPATION:		ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:				
WITNESS #3		DOB:	RACE:	SEX:	SOCIAL SECURITY #:	
HOME ADDRESS:		PRIMARY TELEPHONE #:		SECONDARY TELEPHONE #:		
BUSINESS ADDRESS:		EMPLOYER:				
OCCUPATION:		ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:				
#		DOB:	RACE:	SEX:	SOCIAL SECURITY #:	
HOME ADDRESS:		PRIMARY TELEPHONE #:		SECONDARY TELEPHONE #:		
BUSINESS ADDRESS:		EMPLOYER:				
OCCUPATION:		ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:				
#		DOB:	RACE:	SEX:	SOCIAL SECURITY #:	
HOME ADDRESS:		PRIMARY TELEPHONE #:		SECONDARY TELEPHONE #:		
BUSINESS ADDRESS:		EMPLOYER:				
OCCUPATION:		ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:				

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SUSPECTS / SUBJECTS

S #1: (LAST, First, MI) MANESS, Michael				HOME ADDRESS: 804 N. Beach, Woodville, TX 75979				PRIMARY TELEPHONE #: 409-383-4671			
OCCUPATION: Former TDCJ Chaplain				BUSINESS ADDRESS: N/A				SECONDARY TELEPHONE #: N/A			
RACE:	SEX:	DOB:	HEIGHT:	WEIGHT:	BUILD:	HAIR:	EYES:	COMPLEXION:	SOC SEC #:	DRIVERS LICENSE #:	
W	Male	7/3/	5'10	250	Med	BRO	GRN	LGT		N/A	
TDCJ #:	SID#:	FBI#:	BIRTH PLACE:		ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:						
N/A	N/A	N/A	Texas		Retired on 10/31/2012						
ADMIN VIOLATIONS & FINDINGS: N/A											

**Big error ... I did NOT weight 250 lbs then. Nor did they weigh me. ... hahah ... close now :)**

S #2: (LAST, First, MI) N/A				HOME ADDRESS:				PRIMARY TELEPHONE #:			
OCCUPATION:				BUSINESS ADDRESS:				SECONDARY TELEPHONE #:			
RACE:	SEX:	DOB:	HEIGHT:	WEIGHT:	BUILD:	HAIR:	EYES:	COMPLEXION:	SOC SEC #:	DRIVERS LICENSE #:	
TDCJ #:	SID#:	FBI#:	BIRTH PLACE:		ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:						
ADMIN VIOLATIONS & FINDINGS:											

S #3: (LAST, First, MI)				HOME ADDRESS:				PRIMARY TELEPHONE #:			
OCCUPATION:				BUSINESS ADDRESS:				SECONDARY TELEPHONE #:			
RACE:	SEX:	DOB:	HEIGHT:	WEIGHT:	BUILD:	HAIR:	EYES:	COMPLEXION:	SOC SEC #:	DRIVERS LICENSE #:	
TDCJ #:	SID#:	FBI#:	BIRTH PLACE:		ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:						
ADMIN VIOLATIONS & FINDINGS:											

S #4: (LAST, First, MI)				HOME ADDRESS:				PRIMARY TELEPHONE #:			
OCCUPATION:				BUSINESS ADDRESS:				SECONDARY TELEPHONE #:			
RACE:	SEX:	DOB:	HEIGHT:	WEIGHT:	BUILD:	HAIR:	EYES:	COMPLEXION:	SOC SEC #:	DRIVERS LICENSE #:	
TDCJ #:	SID#:	FBI#:	BIRTH PLACE:		ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:						
ADMIN VIOLATIONS & FINDINGS:											

S #5: (LAST, First, MI)				HOME ADDRESS:				PRIMARY TELEPHONE #:			
OCCUPATION:				BUSINESS ADDRESS:				SECONDARY TELEPHONE #:			
RACE:	SEX:	DOB:	HEIGHT:	WEIGHT:	BUILD:	HAIR:	EYES:	COMPLEXION:	SOC SEC #:	DRIVERS LICENSE #:	
TDCJ #:	SID#:	FBI#:	BIRTH PLACE:		ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:						
ADMIN VIOLATIONS & FINDINGS:											

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**REPORTTEE'S STATEMENT:**

**Bell, Oliver, Chairman, Texas Board of Criminal Justice** - On February 6, 2014, Chairman Oliver Bell requested that the TDCJ Office of Inspector General (OIG) interview Michael Maness, due to a specific comment made by Maness in an email that he and Former Chairman Alan Polunsky received.

**CRIME SCENE DESCRIPTION:**

Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
13729 Research Blvd Ste 610-160  
Austin Texas 78750

**INVESTIGATOR'S NARRATIVE:**

On January 08, 2014, Chairman Oliver Bell, Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ) and former Chairman Alan Polunsky, received emails from former TDCJ employee, Michael Maness. In the email, Maness rehashed his former complaints that TDCJ Administration investigated and closed due to a lack of supporting evidence, witness, or documentation in support of the complaints. In his email, Maness provided no new evidence or information regarding his previous complaints.

On February 6, 2014, Chairman Bell requested that OIG interview Michael Maness regarding a comment in an email that Chairman Bell received from Maness, on January 29, 2014. In his email, Maness stated, "If OIG does nothing; I do not think I will have any other options left." Chairman Bell was uncomfortable with the ambiguous phrasing of the comment, and requested that OIG determine if the comment was a threat.

A review of available information indicated that Michael Maness began his employment with TDCJ during April 1993, and was assigned to the Gib Lewis Chaplaincy Department. During 2012, and in a period of less than six months, Maness was charged with the disciplinary violations of Substandard Duty Performance, Insubordination, and Violation of Statutory Authority/Court Order/ Rules/Regulations and/or Policies. Three separate TDCJ Employee Disciplinary Hearings were conducted, and Mr. Maness was found to be guilty of each of the disciplinary violations. As a result of the guilty findings, and their overlapping time frames, Maness' employment was terminated. Maness then initiated the TDCJ mediation process, which allowed Maness to continue his employment with TDCJ at the Polunsky Unit. On October 31, 2012, prior to the conclusion of the mediation/disciplinary process, Maness retired from TDCJ.

On February 3, 2014, Lieutenant Welter and I interviewed Mr. Maness in an attempt to determine Maness' principal complaint, as well as his future intention(s). Maness did not bring any new evidence or documentation in support his previously voiced allegations.

**YES - a "sham" for 5 years now**

When asked, Mr. Maness stated that his chief concern was his reputation; Maness stated he believed that his personal and professional reputations were tarnished due to the disciplinary charges he received while employed at TDCJ. Maness continued that he believed the disciplinaries were a sham, that he received the disciplinaries for voicing his opinion(s).

Mr. Maness was then asked about each of the disciplinaries he received. Maness stated that the first disciplinary was for Substandard Duty Performance and that he received the charge for disagreeing with an approved chaplaincy program. Maness stated that comments he made in an email were determined to be

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offensive. When asked about the comments, and if the comments were in fact offensive; Maness stated that yes, the comments could be taken as offensive.

Mr. Maness' second disciplinary charge, Insubordination, was due to a letter that Maness wrote to TDCJ Deputy Director Mr. Brian Collier, regarding the Substandard Duty Performance Maness received. Mr. Maness stated that in his letter, remarks he made against his supervisor were offensive. Maness continued that of the three disciplinary cases he received, he probably deserved the Insubordination charge the most.

Mr. Maness' third disciplinary charge was for Violation of Statutory Authority/Court Order/Rules Regulation/Policies. Maness stated that he received his third charge after he posted photographs of TDCJ Offenders on his personal Facebook page. Maness stated that while he received permission to take the photographs, he did not receive permission to post the pictures on his Facebook page, in violation of TDCJ policy. After reviewing the three disciplinary charges against Maness, Maness admitted that he violated policy in all three cases.

Prior to the review of Mr. Maness' disciplinary charges, Maness mentioned that he may have received the charges because he voiced his opinion against certain chaplaincy programs. However, after the review and Maness' admission of guilt, Maness agreed that there was no reprisal from TDCJ. Maness stated that he had no new evidence or documentation in support of his previous allegations, and stated that he had no new allegations to address.

I did NOT admit to violating all three! I did ASK about the 700-page Book of Secrets, which they said they had, but it was not there. I have a letter from TDCJ that said posting on FM was NOT a violation. TDCJ posts on FB now. That "violation" was contrived by Upshaw.

During the interview, the following statements were made:

• When asked if Chairman Bell or Mr. Polunsky should be concerned about their safety or if they should be concerned that "a disgruntled former employee (Maness)" may have them in his sights, Mr. Maness replied, "No, I'm done."

• Maness was next asked what he meant when he said ... "If OIG does nothing, I do not think I will have any other options left." Maness replied he meant that he was going to take his complaints to the media, which he then stated he was not going to do.

• When asked if Mr. Maness was finished sending books, emails, and/or other requests to Mr. Livingston and/or Mr. Collier, Maness stated that he was "done."

• Mr. Maness stated, "I give you my word" when asked if he were truly "done" pursuing his previously addressed complaints against TDCJ.

Mr. Maness admitted that in his allegations he used "a little twist on language" to make his point. As an example, Maness stated that "off shore accounts" were just normal vendor accounts. Mr. Maness continued that he lost a lot of sleep dwelling over his allegations, which may have contributed to some of his "Mania." When the interview formally ended, Mr. Maness repeated that he was done with his complaints, and would not be communicating with TDCJ Executives, Chairman Bell, or Mr. Polunsky in the future.

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I was THROUGH, because was LED to believe that OIG was now investigation the Book of Secrets. How wrong. I was NEVER I, myself, was the one being investigated, yet I took MY time and gas to travel 80 miles to Huntsville for MY OWN investigation--how utterly CHEAP is that?



**PHOTO INSERT - NOT PART of OIG Investigation but it darn well should have been. Ask why not?**

Of course I did NOT ask permission to post anything on Facebook, and I did not HAVE to.

It was NOT then a violation of policy, has NEVER been a violation of policy, only when Snake Upshaw MADE it a violation. Upshaw's puppet Warden Bell did investigate like a keystone cop, yet he did have the integrity to WRITE what he did, showing I had permission to take the photos, TDCJ lawyer-created media releases, AND that the Senior Warden Cody Ginsel VIEWED the photos I took off the unit.

Still, puppet Warden Bell recommended two disciplinaries to Warden Hunter, both bogus, and Hunter kept the one he was ordered to by Snake Upshaw, a photo of prisoners putting together Christmas cards! Nasty.

And the very photo was published PREVIOUSLY in a booklet Warden Cody Ginsel ORDERED for the ACA audit—but that publication did not matter!  
[www.PreciousHeart.net/Gib-Lewis-Chaplaincy.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Gib-Lewis-Chaplaincy.pdf)



Christmas Card Distribution 2012  
Volunteer Chaplain Duncan Parish (L)  
Volunteer Chaplain David Rust and wife Eugenia  
Gib Lewis Inmates around 9,000 Christmas Cards

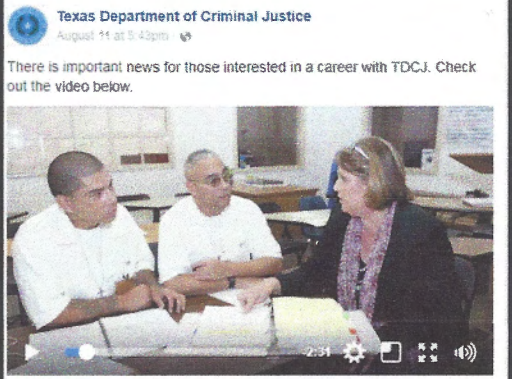
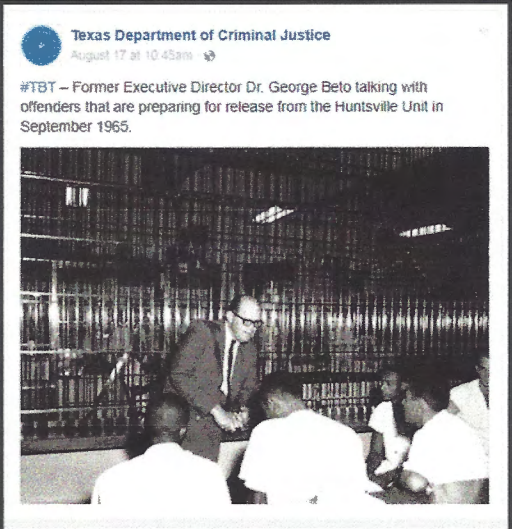
Oh yeah – all that was documented in the *Book of Secrets*, I only remembering of this booklet later.

I was SET UP ... by Snake Michael Upshaw, who was PLEASING someone that only OIG will have to dig up.

Perhaps it was Director Bryan Collier? I hope not. Who was it? Why not find out?

**10-B of 17 - OIG Report: I added this**

**Photos of Inmates on TDCJ's own FB page!  
Where are the Wardens' signed approval and TDCJ Media Releases for ALL these?  
Dare I do an OR on these?  
I had MORE permission for my photos, as I had for 20 years, than TDCJ itself can show for THESE old ones! Old still matters, as the prisoners did NOT give permission then.  
If they did, well—my point still stands.  
I did NOTHING against ANY Policy!  
The bottom is from the Ellis Unit Chaplain, but who cares, as long as MANESS is out!**



Mr. Maness' comment in his email to Chairman Ball was unclear and the threat, if any, was vague. Additionally, Maness denied that his comment was a threat, and stated that he would have no further contact with Chairman Bell and/or Mr. Polunsky. Based on the information above, the Terroristic Threat is unfounded and this Information Case is closed.

Thank God for that ... ah? ... there NEVER was and NEVER will be a threat. My GOD was a crazy world. But you better believe that Michael Upshaw was a threat.

**VICTIM(S):**

**Bell, Oliver, Chairman, Texas Board of Criminal Justice** - On January 08, 2014, Chairman Oliver Bell, Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ) and former Chairman Alan Polunsky, received emails from former TDCJ employee, Michael Maness.

**SUSPECT(S):**

**Maness, Michael, Former Chaplain II** - Maness retired from TDCJ on October 31, 20102.

**WITNESSES:**

None

**NAMED:**

**Polunsky, Alan, Texas Board of Criminal Justice** - On January 08, 2014, Former Chairman Alan Polunsky, who according to Mr. Bell, also received emails from former TDCJ employee, Michael Maness.

**EVIDENCE:**

None



**DISPOSITION:**

Unfounded, Information Only

**ATTACHMENTS:**

(1) Emails sent from Oliver Bell to Inspector General Bruce Toney 1.1 to 1.6

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**From:** Bruce Toney/Internal\_Affairs/TDCJ  
**To:** "Glenn Welter" <glenn.welter@tdcj.state.tx.us>, "Brian Yosko" <brian.yosko@tdcj.state.tx.us>  
**cc:** "Cris Love" <cris.love@tdcj.state.tx.us>

**Date:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 12:59PM

**Subject:** Fw: OIG Sherlock Holmes

**History:** ← This message has been replied to.

See below.

Response required for updates and conclusion. After the allegations are reviewed. We need to have him come to the Lake Road office for interview and to bring supporting evidence and documentation if he has some.

**From:** "Oliver Bell" [oliver@oliverbell.com]  
**Sent:** 02/06/2014 12:51 PM CST  
**To:** Bruce Toney  
**Subject:** FW: OIG Sherlock Holmes

**"TARGET"** -- see the last page, with my phone number. I had talked to him months ago, as a charter member of his labor consortium. What is this? He could ANSWERED the email. He could have called.  
"To his knowledge"--because there has NOT been an OIG investigation, and I sent him a hard copy of the 700-page *Book of Secrets*.  
**REALITY**--he did not read or LOOK at the photos or LISTEN to the tapes. No one has!

Law Enforcement Sensitive:

Bruce:

FYI – See note from former employee Michael Maness...

I have concerns over his tone. His questions have been asked and answered. He seems not to like the answer.

I do not want a disgruntled person to **target** Mr. Polunsky or myself or another agency member because they are not "satisfied" with our investigation. To the best of my knowledge, Mr. Maness has no evidence to support his allegations. If something should arise, please advise me so appropriate action can be taken. Otherwise, we may have to advise him to stop harassing staff.



Please let me know.

Oliver

PS – Typically, I would not be concerned. However, after the Colorado incident and in Maness' words from below... ***"And, if OIG does nothing, I do not think I will have any other options left"*** I must at least take pause. While I am sure the comment is benign, I am equally not sure what it means... so my personal vigilance will increase. Please keep me posted.

Oliver J. Bell  
Chairman

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<http://www.tbcj.state.tx.us/tbjc/index.html>

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**From:** Michael [mailto:Maness3@att.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2014 4:52 PM  
**To:** oliver@oliverbell.com; Alan Polunsky  
**Subject:** OIG Sherlock Holmes

January 29, 2014

Oliver and Alan,

I presume you have gotten these, and I suppose this will be my last email to you, two.

The response from Collier was, like the other, no response at all and a failure of justice and equality.

I trust you got the Epilogue Cut in the previous email attachment.

If no one does anything, that will be a sad day. And, if OIG does nothing, I do not think I will have any other options left.

It may be foolish – it feels like it anyway – but I just cannot conceive of EVERYONE doing NOTHING!

For five years to July 2012, Polunsky's chapel was the most policy violating in world history. Even ITD's look at the computers – that part alone – was record breaking, took four WEEKS to clean, and Div. Dir. Michael Upshaw covered all that up, as just ONE SINGLE element in multiple cover ups.

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And my career is ruined because I exposed it early and would not relent. How many others?

And OIG is manipulated by Upshaw at least, and now appears to have been manipulated by Collier, to hush, hush the seriousness.

Without OIG doing an aggressive and thorough investigation of the Book Secrets' exposures and the mysteries I reveal and could not solve, there is little hope of any justice or equality this side of heaven.

I hope you two can live with yourselves if you, too, choose the route of doing nothing. As God is my witness, I was not the only one, and several others, weaker and less able to articulate, and afraid, were victims of Upshaw and others, and even of Bryan Collier's deliberate indifference.

Very sincerely,

Michael G. Maness

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**From:** Michael [mailto:Maness3@att.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 08, 2014 10:37 AM  
**To:** Alan Polunsky; Oliver J. Bell  
**Cc:** Michael Maness  
**Subject:** OIG Sherlock Holmes

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January 8, 2014

The EMBARRASSMENT ... here it is!  
 Five Years later ... still no "official" investigation!  
 Now it will take a more expensive investigation,  
 including why OIG's own Bruce Toney chose to  
 have his investigators DOCUMENT how I would  
 "write" no more, that is, no more exercise my  
 right as a citizen!

Alan and Oliver,

I sent you both an email a few months ago, and I could have worded it better. It is what it is now, and I still stand by the essence of it, in that I it is my sincerest prayer that you shall recall this effort with every movie and inspiring song you hear ... forever ... if you two choose to continue to do nothing. You two are a part of this, regardless, because of your high status, at least before God: to whom much is given, much is expected.

The Epilogue Cut attached is no mere letter, but the *conclusion* and exposure in its own right of much research of my 716-page Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History, the result of many 15-hour days over the last several months made possible only because I have been researching chaplaincy for 15 years. I sent a bound copy of this monster to both TDCJ's Brad Livingston and their investigative chief, Bruce Toney by overnight Fedex Tuesday, January 7.

<http://www.preciousheart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf>

It is 145 MBs, so it will take a bit of time to fully download. Code to open is "Love-Honor" notice caps and hyphen, without quotation marks, of course. Then if you move your mouse down to the lower right, once it is finished, a little menu will appear and you can save it on your hard drive on your computer or device. It has all the documents and proves thoroughly in 23 tabs. It is best of printed on both sides and bound with tabs..

**Allan**, your name is associated with Polunsky, now, for better or worse. You're a high-dollar attorney, will you represent me, pro bono? Or am I too small? Really, I would think you, sir, would want to have a FULL and thorough OIG investigation of the Book of Secrets – truly and finally.

**Oliver**, as a charter member of your labor consortium, I should you, too, would want an OIG investigation, full and thorough. I am not joking here, or playing around. Sir, with not my full tongue in my cheek, here, I could handle a break-out session on this very thing at one of your consortium meetings. This is a labor relations nightmare, not some ravings of a backwoods kook.

BOTH of your legacies and honor are unfolding here, as are mine. And our children do deserve better. I am an historian/apologist, the only one seriously studying TDCJ chaplaincy in the last 15

**Charter Member--YES! No breakout session for me.... Yeah, I stopped receiving consortium emails, too. WAS THIS THE REAL REASON? He could have CALLED and asked--but, NO! ... No honor!**



years. Nor is this my first 700-page book; in fact, prior to be *forced* to retired, I was the most published employee in TDCJ history, though I am certain that has been covered up too. So, rather formerly, I'd like to talk to both of you about your responses to this very email and the Book of Secrets, for the finished product, before, during, after – or even *if* – OIG investigates. It is not a book I wanted to write, and I do not want to publish it. I would rather retire in honor with the wrongs made right, and write a history on the contribution of TDCJ chaplaincy, instead of this exposure of how those over chaplaincy have covered up so much. No one – I am sure both of you agree – *no one* should be punished for standing up for the “right” and sharing the truth and for exposing wrong.

I pray OIG's best Sherlock Holmes and Dirty Harry investigate. It is my last hope to any kind of redemption and the truth. I was done wrong in a terribly treasonous fashion, and – believe it – I have not been the only employee. There is more than enough evidence here, even in the Epilogue Cut and the entire Book of Secrets' scope it outrageous. As it is outrageous that I, a chaplain, of people had to put this monster together in the first place.... Give me a call. Sincerely,

Michael G. Maness  
409-383-4671

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**My CELL PHONE has NOT changed**  
**Want to know? - ASK!**  
 I am NOT hiding ... and asked to SEE him!  
 I had TALKED to him on the PHONE!  
 TDCJ Chairman Bell used OIG to  
 intimidate me for exercising my rights  
 to write public officials  
**How DARE someone write him!**

Honor, Courage, Commitment – we should cherish these.

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October 22, 2014

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I sent an OR request every couple of months!  
Case was close on Mar. 19, 2014, and this lady is made to LIE for John West, rather than he himself writing, I continue for months until, finally--look see.  
....  
It took a YEAR for me to find out that I MYSELF was the one being investigated as a Terrorist Threat, and that NOTHING was still not done for the *Book of Secrets*. *Embarrassing!*

In re: OR-2014-00226 Request for Status of the Office of the Inspector General Case.

Dear Mr. Maness:

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has received your open records request in the above named matter.

Please be advised that the investigation is still Open.

We consider this request now closed.

Regards,

Cyndi Eastham  
Records Release Section  
Office of the Inspector General

**Really--how can this go on?**  
... How can this be anything BUT Obstruction of Justice and more cover up.  
... What is sad? The whistle-blowing in the *Book of Secrets* is so severe and so pervasive that even FIVE YEARS later most of it can STILL be verified.  
... And some of the violations CONTINUE to the present on the Polunsky Unit.  
**Embarrassing!**

January 30, 2014

Brad Livingston, Executive Director  
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Bruce Toney, Inspector General  
Office of the Inspector General (OIG)  
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Dear Brad and Bruce:

Brad, you see contractors of various stripes for things comparably inconsequential, yet seeing me on making right the longest cover up in TDCJ history is too much – then **send the Book of Secrets back**, if you intend to do nothing about it. Do I really need to send a return envelope? I will.<sup>1</sup>

I sent that to YOU, not Collier. I am asking for YOUR response, for the history books, especially now, if you have no intention of seeing me and making things right.

See the letter from Bryan Collier attached (01-21-14). I am not dealing with Collier anymore. Was I not clear on that? His letter certifies his support of the cover up, and, just as I said, that he has not read a thing; 70% of the Book of Secrets, you have not seen. Just as he did not read that 50-page Faith-Based Housing Letter and as he supported Marvin Dunbar's humiliation of that to me, the worst is Collier's support of favoritism, inequality, and injustice which needs addressing now, more than ever, deserving of his resignation, if not just outright firing. Near criminally negligence of duty in the scope of the Polunsky affair alone and his refusal to address it in July 2012 and since then is now imbecilic. That letter certifies Collier's culpability in the cover up as your agent and much more. Many past and present are affected!

Furthermore, as Gib Lewis Warden Frank Helm readies to retire – dare you Brad let him escape without holding him accountable – *on the record* – for his award-winning low treatment of Vol. Melvin Bell? That I *repeat* the volunteers and many staff saw clearly! A *lack* of action is support of Helm's ugly violations, too! To say nothing of a disciplinary for such, so much worse than mine.

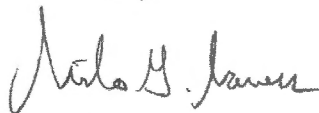
Justice and Equality are duties! In a private corporation, I could not write a thing. Texas is better.

Worst of all – it is clear that Upshaw covered up major security violations for years, and he is center stage throughout. Was there a murder at Polunsky? Who knows, and I pray Bruce's Sherlock Holmes will discover all he can. At this point, with Collier's letter, the cover up by Upshaw, et al, may be in another direction. Instead of a murder, that contributed to Chaplain David Collier's enchantment of several directors and wardens who lined up to cover up and protect Chaplain Collier – now – with Bryan Collier's letter protecting and favoring *dozens* in the light of the Book of Secrets another spin is possible. Collier's letter might put Upshaw into another lewer variety of cowardice: instead of covering up Chaplain Collier and all the violations for years because of a murder (or whatever else OIG's Sherlock can discover) and protecting himself, perhaps Upshaw's cowardice in covering up the vast violations of policy was a simple sickening sycophancy to Bryan Collier himself. Was the *top person who knew of the violations prior to July 2012* Bryan Collier himself? Was that the reason Collier and Thaller did not want to see me then, when I came calling? And therefore Upshaw, in the Epilogue Cut, was simply supporting Bryan Collier in covering up and *not* doing a single thing to anyone though *everything* was wrong with the Polunsky Chaplaincy for years. What is the answer? Who is enchanting who?

The cowardice and shirking of duty are unfolding here side by side our honor and legacy.

May we have the courage to do what it right, for the sake of many and Texas, no matter the cost.

Most sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> A return envelope was not included because the printer did not have a binding ring big enough to bind all the evidence, truly, so I had to leave it with them and trust that Amanda would Fed-Ex them the next day – funny, because of their lack of supplies, I got them shipped to you for free; email Amanda here, if you like, [usa0103@fedex.com](mailto:usa0103@fedex.com) re: 804576889701.





## Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Brad Livingston  
Executive Director

January 21, 2014

Michael Maness  
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Dear Mr. Maness:

Still nothing.

... soon, OIG would get an email from Bell.

He was SCARED I would ... WHAT?

I requested from Bell to do a Breakout Session at the Labor Consortium of which I was a charter member. Then I see OIG under the guise they were looking at the *horde* of photos, videos, recorded testimony, list of EYE witnesses, and 100s of documents of dangerous policy violations.

But, instead, it took a year to see that war hero Oliver Bell was NOT afraid of murderers violating policy for 6-plus years, or the danger of whatever was on the prisoner's encrypted harddrive that Snake Upshaw had "cleaned" or the "rogue wireless" network the convicted murderer-rapists had set up--Bell was NOT concerned for the volunteers or staff.

He was afraid of ME, Maness, because of ONE sentence.

He could not CALL ... that is embarrassing.

This letter is in response to correspondence received by Mr. Livingston on January 9, 2014. The information you provided has been reviewed and appears to have been submitted previously. Should you have specific additional information that my office has not been notified of, please submit it for review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BC" or similar initials, written over a horizontal line.

Bryan Collier  
Deputy Executive Director

**2 of 2 - Request for RETURN of Book of  
Secrets because NOTHING Done**

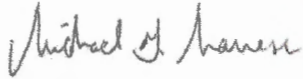
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See the extra **letter sent 1-15-2015** outlining more violations NOT in the *Book of Secrets* with info on the TDCJ hard drive array INSIDE the chaplain's closet. Treason Epilogue showed TDCJ IT experts found a "rogue wireless router" in the life-sentenced murderers' computer control room just 30 feet from that closet—and Snake Upshaw ordered that **CLEANED!** Think about that!

TDCJ and Chaplaincy's honor is too precious to allow the corrupt practices to continue.

Very sincerely yours,



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130 Staff Chaplains w/out  
any full-times clerical &  
not one stat shared w TBCJ  
at 10x LESS \$ than SA, etc.

[www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/GoodmanUnit2017.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/GoodmanUnit2017.pdf) - whole enchilada online, code to open "Love-Honor" >>>



[www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf) - *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History* >>>  
code to open, "Love-Honor" – 700 pages, hard copy sent w 2 CDs of docs, a DVD of videos by life-sentenced murderers, letters, data.



[www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason-Epilogue.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason-Epilogue.pdf) - "Love-Honor" last chapter of *Book of Secrets*,  
Michael Upshaw's cover up of Polunsky chapel violations, his orders to "clean up," >>>  
and—you guessed it—no disciplinary to date though Upshaw set me up and covered up  
two dozen others who deserved much more severe disciplinaries, including his wardens and majors.



[www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/OIG-Investigation-Finale.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/OIG-Investigation-Finale.pdf) - "Love-Honor" - THIS LETTER & attachments >>>



Yep, to see these online, someone is actually going to have type Love-Honor, and I hope they believe that.

**Mr. Collier & Mr. Mendoza, please think about a MORATORIUM on hiring in chaplaincy and a Programs Division Director until a full OIG investigation of these violations is complete. I will be vindicated.**

The End – *I hope not*  
*I don't know what else to do, please advise.*

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