



# **Deputy Sheriff's Association of Bexar County**

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### **RESTRAINING ORDER GRANTED AGAINST SHERIFF & CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

*Sheriff preaches accountability but fails to follow the rules when it comes to promotions.*

San Antonio, TX — In response to violations of the promotions rules applicable to the Bexar County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Bexar County (DSABC) filed an application for a temporary restraining order (TRO) against the Bexar County Sheriff's Civil Service Commission (Commission) and the Bexar County Sheriff. The order was granted by a District Court Judge on June 24, 2021.

The TRO filed by the DSABC alleges that the Sheriff manipulated and violated the Commission's promotions process and rules, thereby creating an uneven playing field when it comes to opportunities in promotions for Bexar County Sheriff's Deputies.

*"The Sheriff keeps saying he wants to hold everyone accountable, but then he doesn't follow his own rules," said Jeremy Payne, DSABC president. "Ultimately this comes down to the Commission and the Sheriff not following the rules, which is why we're grateful the judge granted the restraining order."*

#### **Background:**

In order for deputies to be promoted, the first qualified individual on the list - which remains active for one year - is promoted. After that time, the testing procedures to create a new list are followed. DSABC sought temporary injunctive relief, which is authorized under state law, because if not granted, the Sheriff will make promotions based on what is now an invalid list. In sum, the DSABC believes that plain error has been willfully committed by the Commission and the Sheriff by failing to follow their own rules, and that they were going to commit an error by promoting off the invalid list and not following the rules they are bound by.

#### **Links:**

**[DSABC's Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Temporary Injunction.](#)**

**[Judge's Temporary Restraining Order Against the Commission and the Sheriff and Order Setting Hearing for Temporary Injunction](#)**

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