

## SWEETWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, June 24, 2024 **MEDIA REQUESTS:** Please email <u>kcox@coswtr.org</u>

## Former Sweetwater Police Officer Indicted on Official Oppression Charge

*Sweetwater, Texas* - On March 24, 2024, the Sweetwater Police Department received a complaint regarding a patrol officer allegedly using excessive force in the course of arresting an individual. The complaint alleged Corporal Caleb Norman struck a handcuffed individual in the face. Upon receiving the complaint, Cpl. Norman was placed on administrative leave. A subsequent internal affairs investigation was initiated. Additionally, the investigation was referred to the Texas Rangers to review any criminal matters.

During the course of the internal affairs investigation, Cpl. Norman was found in violation of department policy. On June 12, 2024, Cpl. Norman was placed on indefinite suspension and dismissed of duties from the Sweetwater Police Department.

On June 18, 2024, the Texas Rangers presented the case to a Nolan County grand jury and an indictment was issued. On the morning of June 22, 2024, Norman self-surrendered to the Runnels County Jail on the charge of Official Oppression.

No further information will be released at this time regarding the internal affairs investigation pending an appeal. Inquiries regarding the criminal case should be forwarded to the Texas Department of Public Safety. The case is now being handled by the Taylor County District Attorney's Office.