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## **TARRANT COUNTY GRAND JURY VOTES TO “NO BILL” GRAPEVINE PD OFFICER FOR FEBRUARY SHOOTING**

(Fort Worth) — Today, the Tarrant County grand jury announced its decision not to indict Grapevine Police Officer Robert Clark for the February 20, 2015 shooting of Ruben Garcia Villalpando.

“The grand jurors were given complete and open access to all the evidence in this case, included cell phone videos, the dash cam video from Officer Clark’s vehicle, witness statements, police records and reports, and any additional information that they requested,” said Larry Moore, Chief of the CDA’s Criminal Division, who led the state’s presentation. “They heard testimony from witnesses representing both Mr. Villalpando and Officer Clark. The attorneys representing Officer Clark and the Villalpando family were also given the opportunity to directly address the Grand Jury, should they wish to do so.”

### **Witness List:**

- Officer Robert Clark, Grapevine Police Department
- Sgt. Alicia D. Fowler, DFW – DPS
- Eric Friend, Ruben Garcia Villalpando’s employer
- Sgt. Joseph Hernandez, DFW – DPS
- Detective Edgar Hurtado, Euless Police Department
- David Kunkle, Former Chief Arlington PD & Dallas PD, expert witness
- Lt. Robert Moak, DFW – DPS
- Samantha Palma, Passing motorist
- Commander Albert Rodriguez, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission; Owner, Force Analysis expert witness
- Corporal C.P. Sanders, Euless Police Department
- Deputy Chief Shaun Short, DFW – DPS
- Chief Charles Siquemani, DFW – DPS
- Lieutenant Eric Starnes, Euless Police Department

“As with all officer-involved fatality cases, the State made no recommendation to the Grand Jury as to a specific outcome, placing the decision squarely in their hands. These Grand Jurors have taken their responsibility very seriously, and were extremely astute in the questions they asked. They understood the weight of their decision and the scrutiny their decision would bear, and they were determined to have every piece connected to their satisfaction before making their judgment,” Moore concluded.

“This office is committed to providing justice for all residents of Tarrant County, and ensuring the constitutional right to unbiased consideration,” said Criminal District Attorney Sharen Wilson. “The ruling on this case was made by an impartial Grand Jury of Tarrant County citizens based solely on the facts, and we respect the decision of the citizens.”

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Video of the incident from Officer Clark’s dash-cam can be viewed at the following location:  
<https://vimeo.com/127088998>. Password: Tarrant2015

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