

Press Release

Aransas County District Attorney Takes Office

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From this day forward, attorneys in Aransas County will prosecute the County's felonies. For years, an agreement existed between San Patricio and Aransas Counties to share a mutual state's prosecutor of both Counties' felony cases. The Texas Legislature decided that as of today, that agreement no longer applies.

The Aransas County District Attorney's Office will handle all misdemeanor and felony cases on behalf of the County. "In addition to the approximately 160 felony cases awaiting indictment, we anticipate having approximately 4-600 open, active cases from the San Patricio District Attorney's office," says Kristen Barnebey. This summer Aransas County law enforcement was asked to hold approximately 62 felony cases and deliver those to the new District Attorney. In addition, the San Patricio District Attorney's office delivered 48 cases to the County Attorney in July 2015. Further, approximately 50 Rockport Police Department cases are awaiting indictment because of pending lab testing, bringing the total number of felony cases awaiting indictment to 160.

"As the Aransas County District Attorney, our office will work diligently to begin handling this caseload and have hired new attorneys and staff to assist the office. Moving forward, please contact the office for answers to your questions about felony and misdemeanor criminal cases."



Kristen Barnebey
Aransas County District Attorney