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Commissioner, Precinct 2

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Statement from Hidalgo County Judge Ramon Garcia regarding the arrest of former JP Precinct 3, Place 2 Ismael "Melo" Ochoa.

"I was extremely disappointed to hear of the criminal charges made against former Precinct 3, Place 2 Justice of the Peace Ismael "Melo" Ochoa.

As an elected official, I know that our constituents have entrusted us to put the community first and to do what is right. When this type of conduct takes hold, it destroys that sense of fairness critical for the rule of law to prevail. We must work even harder to not only regain the public's trust, but to prove that we are worthy of it.

We have over 3,000 dedicated public servants in Hidalgo County – whether elected, appointed or hired as staff. The great majority are individuals of integrity.

As for Judge Ochoa, I wish him and his family well and will withhold further comment. I trust in our judicial system to see that justice prevails."

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