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**For Immediate Release: Dallas County Criminal District Attorney John Creuzot  
Re: Hemp/Marijuana Policy**

**(Dallas, Texas)** – For more than a decade, the Dallas County Criminal District Attorney's Office has required a laboratory analysis prior to presenting a drug case to the grand jury for indictment. This policy protects innocent people from being wrongfully convicted.

As your District Attorney, I have the responsibility to protect the rights of our citizens and ensure that people are not prosecuted for possessing substances that are legal.

After the recent change in law (HB 1325) the most notable difference between the unlawful possession of marijuana and the lawful possession of hemp is the concentration of THC present in the substance. The concentration of THC is a statutory element of an offense that we must prove to establish a person's guilt. Our office will not charge a person with a marijuana offense without a laboratory report stating that the substance has an illegal concentration of THC.

HB 1325 was not confusing to the Dallas County Criminal District Attorney's Office. We thank Governor Greg Abbott for taking the time and effort to clarify what he obviously thought, and we agree, was a clearly written bill at the time he signed it into law.

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