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Photo by Suzanne Garnsey

After a long day of classes, Beverlee Nix, a senior biomedical science major from Fort Worth, spends a quiet moment reading her mail at the Northgate post office.

Bexar task force chief faces bribery, protection charges

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — The FBI arrested the chief of the Bexar County Sheriff's Department task force Thursday on charges of soliciting and receiving bribes from county massage parlors.

Lt. Thomas A. Chavana, a 16-year veteran of the sheriff's office, was charged with "soliciting and receiving bribes ... in return for protection," said FBI spokesman Manuel Marquez said.

Arraignment was scheduled later Thursday.

The San Antonio Light reported Thursday the FBI and several state agencies have been investigating possible corruption by Bexar County sheriff's officials.

The Light story said federal prosecutors were reviewing a case in which a sheriff's official was videotaped Sept. 1 accepting a monthly \$400 payoff from the operator of a massage parlor in south Bexar County and promising that her protection was "all taken care of, all the way to the top."

Sources close to the investigation told the Light the two-month FBI investigation was continuing and was expected to lead to federal

grand jury indictments.

Two other high-ranking members of the sheriff's department also were targeted in the investigation, the Light reported.

Sheriff Joe Neaves said Wednesday he was not aware of the investigation and promised to cooperate.

The investigation began during the summer and included the Department of Public Safety Intelligence Division, the Texas Rangers and local police departments, the Light reported.

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