

# State judge suspected of living outside district

**Associated Press**  
**HOUSTON** — Harris County prosecutors have launched an investigation into a charge that a state judge lives outside the district in which he serves, a violation of the law which requires judges to live in their district.  
 District Attorney John Holmes said he has assigned the chief of his office's investigation division, Bob Blaylock, to look into a charge raised by a television station's story that State District Judge I.D. McMaster lives outside of Harris County while serving as judge in the county.  
 The copyright report by KPRC-TV on Sunday said McMaster has lived in Omega Bay, a Galveston County development, since September 1982.  
 Records on file with the Democratic Party of Harris County show

that the judge listed his address when he registered for re-election as Seabrook Shipyard in Seabrook, Texas — the location of a sailboat.  
 Holmes said if the investigation substantiates the charge that the judge lives outside the district, prosecutors could file a suit to remove McMaster from office, contending "he's not qualified to hold it."  
 He said there was a possibility McMaster could face a perjury charge if he swore on official election forms that he lived at one address when he actually lived at another.  
 Bob Flowers, executive director of the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct, said his organization could take disciplinary action against McMaster only if it was demonstrated that the judge "had intentionally deceived the public."  
 McMaster refused to talk about

the case in detail, saying, "I'm going to talk to the proper authorities when the time comes."  
 Flowers said if a complaint is lodged against the judge, a judicial conduct commission would form a seven-judge tribunal made of jurists from Texas' 14 appeals courts. That group would hear the case against the judge. Either side could appeal its ruling to the Texas Supreme Court, Flowers said.  
 If McMaster were held to have violated the law, any attempt to void his previous decisions would likely come on a case-by-case basis, Flowers said.  
 McMaster presided over the trial of David Port, 18, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to 75 years in prison for the June 1984 slaying of postal worker Deborah Sue Schatz.

# CPA accused of drug dealing; denies money-laundering ring

**Associated Press**  
**HOUSTON** — A certified public accountant accused of masterminding a drug and money-laundering ring said Monday in his 6-week-old trial that he earned his money from a healthy accounting practice and a Houston blueprinting company.  
 Drake Williams, 38, of Santa Fe, N.M., is accused of leading an alleged drug gang that sold millions of dollars worth of marijuana and cocaine and laundered the profits through legitimate businesses.

Under questioning, Williams explained why he put nearly \$800,000 in a Swiss bank account in 1982, nearly a year after he learned he and his business, A Jiffy Inc., were under investigation by federal authorities.  
 Williams said a federal prosecutor in El Paso scared him by vowing that the government would take away all of his alleged "dope money."  
 "I was trying to protect myself, my family, my employees and my employees' families," Williams testified.  
 He also denied previous witnesses' claims that he supervised multi-ton

pot deals and that he was a heavy cocaine user.  
 Assistant U.S. Attorney Ken Magidson has accused Williams of laundering \$290,000 in drug profits in 1980 and 1982 by directing associates to buy scores of cashier's checks for less than \$10,000, the smallest cash amount that must be reported to the Internal Revenue Service.  
 The trial is scheduled to resume Thursday with more testimony from Williams.

# SEC insider-trading dispute settled for over \$1 million

**Associated Press**  
**DALLAS** — Former Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Thayer, Dallas stockbroker Billy Bob Harris and a banker agreed Tuesday to pay more than \$1 million to settle their insider-trading civil case with the Securities and Exchange Commission.  
 Under the agreement, Thayer, former chairman and chief execu-

utive officer of Dallas-based LTV Corp., will pay the government \$555,000, Harris will pay \$275,000 and Texas banker Gayle L. Schroder will pay \$176,383.  
 Schroder was accused by the government of receiving insider information and also chaired banks that loaned Thayer money to buy securities.

Government prosecutors contended that Thayer, while he headed LTV Corp. and was a board member of two other companies, gave confidential corporate takeover information to Harris.  
 Thayer and Harris acknowledged giving false testimony to the SEC about their participation in "insider trading" between 1981 and 1983.

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