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**Dallas County District Attorney Presents Fiscal Year 2008
Budget Requests to County Commissioners**

- WHAT:** The Dallas County District Attorney's Office will present its budget requests for the 2008 Fiscal Year, which includes 68 new positions (attorneys, investigators and support staff) for the office. Among the new attorney positions requested are special prosecutors to handle the growing load of mortgage fraud and financial exploitation of the elderly cases.
- WHEN:** Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. CDT
- WHERE:** Dallas County Commissioners Court
Administration Building
411 Elm Street
Dallas, Texas 75202
- BACKGROUND:** The current operating budget for the Dallas County District Attorney's Office is \$34.3 million (FY2007). Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins maintains that the office must be properly funded and staffed to operate at its full potential and handle the extensive load of criminal cases filed in Dallas County. Funding for the 68 new positions would require a \$3.8 million increase over the current year's operating budget.

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