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Laredo Police Officer Arrested in Illegal Bail Bond Scheme

On March 12, 2021, the Texas Rangers arrested Laredo police officer, Robert Richard Ramirez, for Abuse of Official Capacity (a class A misdemeanor), Official Oppression (a class A misdemeanor), and Prohibited Recommendations or Solicitations (a class B misdemeanor). The investigation which led to Ramirez's arrest uncovered a scheme in which Ramirez coordinated and secured a bail bond. As alleged in the arrest warrant, Ramirez was coercing an individual, for whom he had acquired an arrest warrant, to pay money to a particular bond company before the arrest occurred. Ramirez threatened that if the individual did not use that bond company, the individual would be forced to pay a higher bond amount or even face federal charges. Ramirez was booked at the Webb County Jail on Friday evening.