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Abstract: **Dennis A. McAfee**

Mr. McAfee was hired in 1987 by the Board of Juvenile Judges to be the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of the Juvenile Detention Facility. His office and the detention facility was located at 307 Fort Street in Richmond, the original county jail, until a new 100,000 square foot facility was built in 1994.

In 1998, he transferred to the Sheriff's Office under Sheriff Milton Wright to head up a new concept called Juvenile Truancy Prevention Program as well as act as the grant coordinator seeking grants to fund the program. He served in those capacities until his retirement in 2014.

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Dennis McAfee died on March 7, 2017. His obituary may be found at:

http://www.fbherald.com/obituaries/dennis-a-mcafee-sr/article_ca004f72-56ef-5ec6-bfa6-ac1c868b7c2b.html

Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Dick Cheney – Former US Vice President
 Chief, Juvenile Probation Officer
 FB County Commissioners Court
 Thomas Culver – District Judge
 Tiny Gaston – Former Sheriff/Constable
 Robin McAfee – spouse
 Walter McMeans – County Court at Law Judge
 Jodie Stavinoha – County Judge
 Wolverines – Local Juvenile Gang
 Milton Wright – Sheriff

Places / Businesses

Alaska
 Aransas Port, Texas
 Coastal Conservation Association
 Coca Cola Corporation
 Corpus Christi, Texas
 FBC Juvenile Detention Center
 FBC Juvenile Detention Department
 FBC Office of Emergency Management
 FBC Sheriff's Office
 Harris County Juvenile Probation Dept
 Heroes On The Water (HOW)
 Lamar CISD (school district)
 Richmond, Texas
 Rosenberg, Texas
 Sam Houston State University
 Target Corporation

Events

Dennis worked for the Harris County Juvenile Probation dept for 10 years.

In 1987 he was hired by Fort Bend County to be Chief Juvenile Probation Officer.

Dennis oversaw the Probation and Detention programs at 307 Fort Street in the old renovated county jail.

In 1994 he supervised the planning and construction of the new 100,000 square foot Juvenile Detention Facility on Golfview Drive in Richmond.

A proud moment was when Dennis was named Texas Juvenile Probation Chief of the Year.

Sheriff Milton Wright hired Dennis in 1998 to manage a new juvenile truancy program and act as the grant coordinator, a position he held until his retirement in January 2014.

He and his wife Robin enjoyed traveling the US in their fifth wheel. He was also actively involved with the Heroes On The Water organization, which works with disabled military veterans to arrange fishing and kayak trips.