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Review expands to more than 2,000 cases

HOUSTON- Prosecutors are expanding an ongoing review to include at least 800 cases linked to Houston Police Officer Steven Bryant during his years-long career, Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg said Monday.

The increase comes in the wake of Feb. 20 announcement that prosecutors are reviewing more than 1,400 cases tied to Officer Gerald Goines, who was relieved of duty last month.

“We have a duty to the people of Harris County to pursue justice in every instance, no matter how many cases this involves,” Ogg said. “We are going to thoroughly review each of these cases to ensure that the arrests and convictions were proper.”

Ogg said that it is too soon to know just how many cases will be reviewed as part of the probe, which stems from a recent officer-involved shooting on Harding Street.

The District Attorney’s Office is notifying individual defense lawyers of the review to ensure that they have a chance to independently review potential defenses.

Prosecutors are also letting defense lawyers know a hold has been placed on resolving the cases pending the conclusion of the review.

Of the cases linked to Bryant, who has been relieved of duty, approximately 30 are currently pending in court.

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