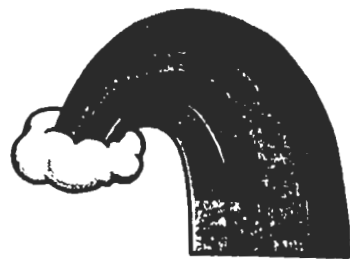


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# Grand juror expresses disgust with dismissals

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**EAGLE PASS** — Some former Maverick County grand jurors are "disgusted" with the dismissal of bribery indictments against a school district president, a developer and a television anchorman.

"Every taxpayer is the victim here and every member of the grand jury," Jack Minney told the Express-News Friday.

Minney served on the grand jury that indicted School Board President Inez Ramirez, developer Nick Carr and Ignacio Trujillo, a television news anchorman.

The three men were indicted in 1986 on charges of bribery and criminal conspiracy in the purchase of a school district administration building.

The indictments were dismissed Wednesday by District Judge Rey

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— **Jack Setser**  
grand jury foreman

Perez after defense attorney Gerald Goldstein of San Antonio quoted a 1977 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that grand juries must represent a true cross-section of the community.

Goldstein used 1986 U.S. Census reports to show the population in Maverick County is 90 percent Hispanic. The grand jury that indicted his client, Nick Carr, was only 40 percent Hispanic.

The foreman of the grand jury,

Jack Setser, said Hispanics who could neither read or write English and Hispanic women with small children were dismissed from service when the grand jury was selected.

"I think there was a good mix of people. It was a very conscientious jury," Setser said, adding:

"I'm disappointed in the judicial system as a whole and the makeup of the grand jury doesn't change the evidence one iota," Setser said.

Minney said he is also upset with the dismissals.

"It's so disgusting to see what we did and have it shot down by a technicality," he said. "There was absolutely no split along racial lines. There was no dissention. We're all taxpayers. Ethnic (background) had nothing to do with it."

Special Prosecutor Rogelio Munoz said Friday he will present the case again before a new grand jury.



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## Indictments dismissed; too few Hispanics on jury

**By GARY MARTIN**  
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**EAGLE PASS** — Bribery indictments against a school board president and two others were dismissed in a decision that questions the low number of Hispanics on Maverick County grand juries during the past 10 years.

The charges were dismissed Wednesday against School Board President Inez Ramirez, developer Nick Carr and Ignacio Trujillo when District Judge Rey Perez agreed with a defense motion that Hispanics had been systematically excluded from grand juries here.

Defense attorney Gerald Goldstein of San Antonio argued that the

makeup of the grand jury violated a 1977 U.S. Supreme Court decision requiring that a true cross-section of the community be represented on the panel.

Census figures from 1986 show the population of the county is 90 percent Hispanic. Goldstein pointed out the makeup of the jury that indicted the three after a four-month investiga-

tion was about 40 percent Hispanic. Although Carr is Anglo, Goldstein said, the ethnicity of the defendant is irrelevant to the issue because the Supreme Court ruling sought balanced juries with a true representation of the community.

"In essence, there has been a substantial misrepresentation of Hispanics on grand juries in Maverick

County," Goldstein said. "You're entitled to a jury that represents a cross-section of your community."

Perez and Special Prosecutor Rogelio Munoz could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Carr, Trujillo and Ramirez were indicted after a special grand jury investigation into the purchase of a school district administration building. Ramirez was charged with two counts of criminal conspiracy, bribery and official misconduct. Carr was charged with criminal conspiracy, bribery and theft of more than \$20,000. Trujillo also was charged with criminal conspiracy and bribery.