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Texas AG Paxton Avoids Prison, Fraud Charges

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton [reached a deal with prosecutors to dismiss felony fraud charges](#) and avoid a possible prison sentence if convicted at trial. The pre-trial agreement states the prosecution will drop three felony charges, with Paxton paying close to \$300,000 in restitution, and will require that he complete 15 hours of legal ethics education and 100 hours of community service.

Paxton released a statement on the agreement:

For over a decade, my family and I have been dealing with the ongoing stress of these accusations and are relieved to finally have a resolution in this matter. The prosecution came to us to begin negotiations and we were able to come to an agreement on terms. There will never be a conviction in this case nor am I guilty.

I look forward to putting this behind me. I want to thank my family, team, and supporters for sticking by my side. Dealing with a 10-year case looming over our heads was no easy task. I am glad to move on and will provide further comment in the weeks ahead.



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Ken Paxton



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