

# DAKOTAH LINDSEY HARRELL INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

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On June 28, 2016, I reported that on June 24, 2016, a Cooke County, Texas, grand jury of the 235th Judicial District Court handed down an indictment against Dakotah Lindsey Harrell, 28, with the last known address of Whitesboro, Texas. Harrell had previously bonded out of a bond set at \$50,000.

The indictment against Harrell stated that “on or about Oct. 1, 2013 to Oct. 31, 2016, Harrell unlawfully appropriated, by acquiring or otherwise exercising control over property, to-wit: United States currency of the value of \$200,000 or more from Miller Wade Smith, Geary, Okla., the owner thereof, without the effective consent of the owner and with intent to deprive the owner of the property.”

Obviously, the Oct. 31, 2016 date has not yet happened and one cannot be indicted on a date that has not yet happened. Yesterday I called the District Clerk’s office of Cooke County and asked if a new copy of the indictment, with the correct date, had been received in her office. She said it had not.

The grand jury indictment was originally scheduled for May 11, 2016 with Assistant District Attorney Lisa Decker; however, was put off until June 24.

Smith and his wife, Tresa, are involved in the cutting horse business, with Smith showing in Non-Pro competition. Also a vested-interest partner in the business is Wade Smith’s mother, a well-known horse owner, Jimmie Miller Smith, also of Geary.

The Smiths breed, buy and sell horses and have them trained and shown by various trainers, including Merritt Wilson, Whitesboro, Texas, where, according to Harrell’s Facebook page, she was employed at the time of her arrest as an assistant trainer.

Following the theft, freelance writer and contributor to [allaboutcutting.com](http://allaboutcutting.com), author, risk analyst and risk manager Rick Dennis was hired by Jimmie Miller Smith to evaluate this incident and establish a Risk Management Program to prevent further thefts of funds from their bank account. According to Dennis, this has been completed.

An arraignment hearing, where Harrell will be allowed to plead guilty or not guilty, has been set for Aug. 12, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. Stay tuned to [allaboutcutting.com](http://allaboutcutting.com) for upcoming information on this situation.

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