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## Harris County Judge loses election sets juveniles free.

### Judge Glenn Devlin releases defendants

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**USPA NEWS** - Texas Judge decides to release juvenile defendants after losing his seat for reelection to a Democratic opponent.

Harris County District Court Judge Glenn Devlin loses reelection and decides to release juvenile defendants. Devlin a Republican judge lost his seat Tuesday to Democratic opponent Natalia Oakes. The juveniles were asked if they would "kill somebody". Four of the 13 juveniles were facing aggravated robbery charges Harris County prosecutors told the Houston Chronicle. Such offenses could lead to a substantial amount of incarceration time. Judge Devlin has a staunch record when it comes to incarcerating juvenile defendants which is confirmed by a Houston Chronicle investigation. Harris County Public Defender Alex Bunin says he's "baffled" by the Judges decision. Bunin said some of the children may have mental health issues and may need support. The ACLU also seems to think the move by the judge to be abysmal calling it quote "improper". Alex Bunin said "I mean, the day after the election when he wasn't re-elected, he changed his policy". This seems to demonstrate that judge Devlin may be disgruntled about his lost for reelection.

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