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## **NEWS RELEASE**

**SUBJECT: Kop Busters Arrests**

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On December 4, 2008, the Odessa Police Department became the subject of a ruse set up by an organization calling itself "Kop Busters". They set up a fake drug sting, luring officers to a house where they were confronted with video cameras and posters indicating the whole matter had been a hoax designed to embarrass and discredit the Odessa Police Department.

Texas Rangers investigated the incident. Recently, the Rangers concluded their investigation and issued arrest warrants for Barry Cooper, his wife Lisa Cooper, and accomplice Tammy Grimes. The arrest of these individuals, together with the conclusion of Yolanda Madden's criminal and civil cases brought about by her own admission of guilt and acknowledgement that the Odessa Police Officers involved had performed professionally and appropriately, serve to vindicate the actions of Odessa Police Department officers in both matters.

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