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The Travis County District Attorney's Office today issued the following statement:

The Travis County Grand Jury today returned an indictment charging Tom DeLay with conspiracy to violate the Texas Election Code.

The indictment names John Colyandro and James Ellis as co-conspirators. Colyandro and Ellis have previously been indicted for both conspiracy to violate the Election Code and money laundering.

The indictment charges DeLay with conspiring with Ellis and Colyandro to violate the Texas Election Code by contributing corporate money to certain candidates for the Texas Legislature. It describes a scheme whereby corporate, or "soft" money, was sent to the Republican National Committee where it was exchanged for "hard" money, or money raised from individuals, and sent to those candidates.

Criminal conspiracy is a State Jail Felony punishable by six months to two years in a State Jail and a fine of up to \$10,000.