

# Convicts had accused warden of brutality

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HOUSTON — Wallace M. Pack, the prison warden killed two weeks ago by an inmate who claims self-defense, condoned violence against prisoners and harassed inmates who were jailhouse lawyers, according to court testimony.

The statements about Pack were made during a year-long trial here before U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice of Tyler, who ruled in

December that the Texas Department of Corrections routinely violates numerous constitutional rights of prisoners.

TDC officials have bitterly attacked Justice's opinion, complaining the judge blindly believed the testimony of convicted felons while discounting that of TDC witnesses.

Pack, 54, a veteran TDC employe who had been appointed warden of the Ellis Unit near Huntsville on March 18, was drowned and his farm

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