

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
EXECUTIVE BRANCH ETHICS COMMISSION  
CASE NO. 11-005**

**IN RE: GEORGE JUILFS  
ALLEGED VIOLATION OF KRS CHAPTER 11A**

**INITIATING ORDER  
Initiation of Administrative Proceeding  
And Formal Complaint**

The Executive Branch Ethics Commission (the “Commission”), upon its own motion, initiated a preliminary investigation of George Julifs (the “Respondent”), pursuant to KRS 11A.080(1), on March 8, 2011.

At all relevant times the Respondent was a “public servant” as defined in KRS 11A.010(9), and thus subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

The Commission initiated the preliminary investigation to determine whether it has sufficient probable cause to believe the Respondent violated provisions of KRS Chapter 11A (also referred to herein as the “Ethics Code”).

The Commission focused its investigation upon the Respondent’s possible violation of the Ethics Code by using his official position to give himself a financial gain and an advantage in derogation of the public at large; and using his official position to secure or create privileges, exemptions, advantages, or treatment for himself or others in derogation of the public interest by misusing government equipment and vehicles for his own personal use.

The Commission notified the Respondent of the preliminary investigation by letter dated March 9, 2011. During the course of the investigation, the Commission found probable cause to believe that violations of KRS Chapter 11A had occurred and voted on May 9, 2011, to initiate an administrative proceeding, pursuant to KRS 11A.080(4)(b) and KRS Chapter 13B, to determine whether the Respondent violated the Ethics Code as set forth in the Allegations of

Violations, attached hereto and incorporated fully herein as Appendix A to this Initiating Order.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that:

1. The Respondent shall file his answer to this Initiating Order within twenty (20) days from the date of service, verifying the truth and accuracy of any answer submitted.
2. The Respondent shall appear at a hearing to be scheduled by subsequent order and be prepared to defend against the Commission's allegations that he committed the Ethics Code violations set forth in the Allegation of Violations, attached hereto and incorporated fully herein as Appendix A to this Initiating Order.
3. All material submitted to the Commission shall be addressed to the Executive Branch Ethics Commission, #3 Fountain Place, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. The Commission is represented by Kathryn H. Gabhart, General Counsel, and John R. Steffen, Executive Director. They may be contacted through the Commission's office at (502) 564-7954.
4. The Respondent has the right to legal counsel during this proceeding. If the Respondent retains legal counsel, that person shall file an appearance with the Commission, and thereafter all correspondence from the Commission to the Respondent shall be mailed or delivered to the Respondent's attorney.
5. The Respondent has the right to examine upon request, at least five (5) days prior to the hearing, a list of witnesses the Commission expects to call at the hearing, any evidence that will be used at the hearing and any exculpatory information in the Commission's possession.
6. The Respondent has the right to subpoena witnesses on his own behalf. If the Respondent subpoenas witnesses, he shall pay for all costs associated with the subpoenas' issuance, including any applicable witness fees.
7. If the Respondent fails to attend or participate as required at any stage of the administrative hearing process without good cause shown, he may be held in default pursuant to

KRS 13B.050(3)(h).

8. The Respondent has a right to appeal any final Commission order to the Franklin Circuit Court within thirty (30) days of service.

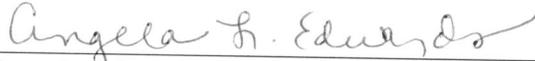
9. This proceeding is subject to KRS Chapter 11A, the Commission's regulations, the provisions of KRS Chapter 13B, and any Order issued by the Commission or its hearing officer issued during this administrative proceeding.

So ordered this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011.

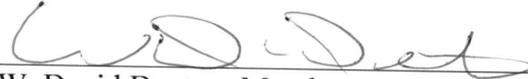
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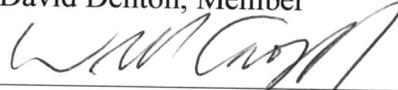
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**APPENDIX A  
CASE NO. 11-005  
INITIATING ORDER**

**ALLEGATION OF VIOLATIONS**

The Respondent, George Juilfs, was at all relevant times an employee of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, serving in the Division for Air Quality, Department for Environmental Protection, Energy and Environment Cabinet. As such, the Respondent was subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. KRS 11A.010(9)(h).

During the course of its preliminary investigation, the Commission found probable cause to believe that George Juilfs committed the following violations:

**COUNT I**

George Juilfs, during his course of employment as an Environmental Inspector III with the Division for Air Quality, Department for Environmental Protection, Energy and Environment Cabinet, used his official position to obtain financial gain for himself and others and to secure or create privileges, exemptions, advantages, or treatment for himself in derogation of the public interest at large by the gross misuse of a state equipment for his own personal interests and the interests of others.

Specifically, Juilfs used his state vehicle to transport individuals who were not state government employees on multiple occasions during 2009 and 2010. Between September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of 2010, Juilfs traveled in excess of 180 miles for his own personal use. On or about September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of 2010, Juilfs transported an individual who was not a state government employee while in Frankfort, Kentucky. On September 27, 2010, Juilfs used his state vehicle for his own personal use to travel to a medical appointment. On October 19, 2010, Juilfs used a state vehicle to travel to Lawrenceburg, Indiana for personal reasons.

Further, Juilfs allowed an individual who was not a state government employee to use his

state-issued cell phone on multiple occasions. From April through October 2010, personal phone calls on Juilfs' state-issued cell phone resulted in overage charges totaling \$446.12.

These facts constitute violations of KRS 11A.020(1)(c) and (d).

KRS 11A.020(1)(c) and (d) provide:

(1) No public servant, by himself or through others, shall knowingly:

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(c) Use his official position or office to obtain financial gain for himself or any members of the public servant's family; or

(d) Use or attempt to use his official position to secure or create privileges, exemptions, advantages, or treatment for himself or others in derogation of the public interest at large.

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