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FRANKFORT, KY – Today, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission found CHERL "RENA" RICHARDSON of Dawson Springs, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, Ms. Richardson admitted to three (3) counts of violating the Code of Ethics. Specifically, Ms. Richardson used her official position to have an inappropriate relationship with an inmate using the facility's inmate communication systems.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Ms. Richardson agreed to pay a \$3,000.00 civil penalty, receive a public reprimand, and waive any right to appeal. The Commission concluded the matter by issuing an Agreed Final Order.