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FRANKFORT, KY – At its September 16, 2026, meeting, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission ("the Commission") found Charles Hughes of Danville, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, Charles Hughes admitted to twenty-eight (28) counts in violation of the Code of Ethics, KRS 11A.020(1)(a), (c), and (d). Specifically, while employed as a Warden for the Kentucky Southeast State Correctional Complex, Justice & Public Safety Cabinet, he claimed 369.5 hours of time that he did not work. In addition, Hughes also permitted a subordinate to use a state vehicle and state credit card for his own personal benefit.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Charles Hughes agreed to pay a $18,200.00 civil penalty, receive a public reprimand, and waive any right to appeal. The Commission concluded the matter by issuing an Agreed Final Order.

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