

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This agreement is made and entered into between the Executive Branch Ethics Commission (hereinafter the "Commission") and Margaret "Geri" Murphy.

WHEREAS, this agreement involves the matter styled *Executive Branch Ethics Commission v. Margaret "Geri" Murphy*, Agency Case No. 12-006;

WHEREAS, the Commission is designated by statute as the agency responsible for enforcing the Executive Branch Code of Ethics, KRS Chapter 11A;

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2012, the Commission alleged facts in an Initiating Order that Margaret "Geri" Murphy violated the Executive Branch Code of Ethics at KRS 11A.020(1)(c) and (d);

WHEREAS, Margaret "Geri" Murphy was at all relevant times mentioned in the Initiating Order a "public servant" as defined in KRS 11A.010(9), and thus is subject to the Executive Branch Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, Margaret "Geri" Murphy indicates her desire to resolve all issues in this action by the execution of a Settlement Agreement.

WHEREAS, Margaret "Geri" Murphy is currently incarcerated for the criminal charges stemming from the conduct that is the subject-matter of the above-references administrative proceedings;

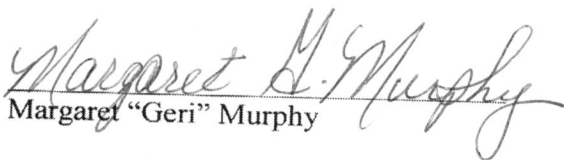
NOW, THEREFORE, in settlement of the above allegations, the Commission and Margaret "Geri" Murphy agree, pursuant to KRS 11A.100, as follows:

1. Margaret "Geri" Murphy admits that she committed violations of the Executive Branch Code of Ethics at KRS 11A.020(1)(b) and (d) as stated in Appendix A of the Commission's Initiating Order of July 2, 2012, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.
2. Margaret "Geri" Murphy agrees to pay the Commission a civil penalty of one thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,750.00) to be received by the Commission not later than one year after the date that she is released from incarceration within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
3. Margaret "Geri" Murphy agrees to never again seek employment in any position within any branch of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
4. Margaret "Geri" Murphy agrees that upon the Commission accepting the Settlement Agreement and entering the Agreed Final Order that she waives all rights to any further administrative process or appeal pursuant to KRS 13B.140 thereon.

5. The parties further agree that the acceptance of this Settlement Agreement and Agreed Final Order by both parties, and the fulfillment of its express terms, is in full accord and satisfaction of the herein referenced *Executive Branch Ethics Commission v. Margaret "Geri" Murphy*, Agency Case No. 12-006.

6. This Settlement Agreement constitutes a public reprimand to Margaret "Geri" Murphy, a copy of which will be provided to her former appointing authority pursuant to KRS 11A.100(3)(c).

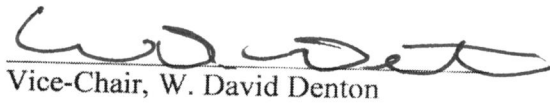
IN WITNESS THEREOF, the respondent has caused this agreement to be executed:

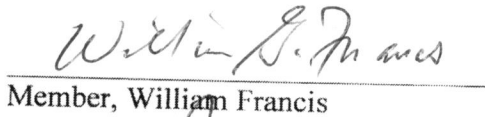

Margaret "Geri" Murphy

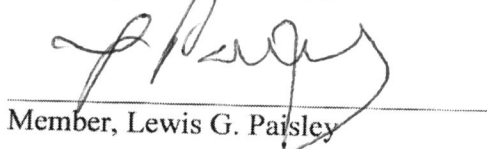

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WHEREFOR, the EXECUTIVE BRANCH ETHICS COMMISSION has approved and executed this settlement agreement.

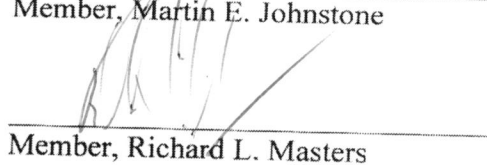
ENTERED: December 3, 2012


Vice-Chair, W. David Denton


Member, William Francis


Member, Lewis G. Paisley

Absent
Member, Martin E. Johnstone


Member, Richard L. Masters

**APPENDIX A
CASE NO. 12-006
INITIATING ORDER**

ALLEGATION OF VIOLATIONS

The Respondent, Margaret "Geri" Murphy, was at all relevant times an employee of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, serving in the Department for Community Based Services, Cabinet for Health and Family Services. 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 Margaret "Geri" Murphy committed the following violations:

COUNT I

Margaret "Geri" Murphy, during her course of employment as Social Service Clerk I, Department for Community Based Services, used or attempted to use any means to influence a public agency in derogation of the state at large, used her official position to secure or create privileges, exemptions, advantages, or treatment for herself in derogation of the public interest at large.

Specifically, from April 2006 through October 2010, Murphy falsified reports claiming to have performed investigations into the abuse and neglect of children that she had not performed, completed reports with inaccuracies that influenced her public agency and other law enforcement agencies in derogation of the state, and failed to fulfill her job duties while receiving wages and benefits. On August 2, 2011, Murphy was charged in Anderson Circuit Court with nine (9) counts of Tampering with Public Records. On May 22, 2012, Murphy pleaded guilty to all counts.

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

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

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

(b) Use or attempt to use any means to influence a public agency in derogation of the state at large; **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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