FRANKFORT, KY – Today, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission found MICHAEL TIPTON of Shelbyville, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, Mr. Tipton admitted to two (2) counts of violating the Code of Ethics. Specifically, Mr. Tipton accepted gifts, in the form of basketball tickets, totaling in value of more than $25 in a calendar year from a contractor or consultant of his agency.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Mr. Tipton agreed to pay a $500.00 civil penalty, receive a public reprimand, and waive any right to appeal. The Commission concluded the matter by issuing a Final Order.