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FRANKFORT, KY – At its September 19, 2024, meeting the Executive Branch Ethics Commission found Elizabeth Koonce of Powderly, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, Elizabeth Koonce admitted to one (1) count of violating the Executive Branch Code of Ethics. Specifically, while employed as a contract worker at Green River Correctional Complex, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Ms. Koonce formed a relationship and engaged in sexual intercourse with an inmate while on duty.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Ms. Koonce agreed to pay a \$1,992.00 civil penalty. She also agreed to a public reprimand and waived any right to appeal. The Commission concluded the matter by issuing an Agreed Final Order.