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

In a Settlement Agreement, approved by the Commission, Ms. Walls admitted to violating two counts of the Code of Ethics, KRS 11A.020(1)(a)(c) and (d). Specifically, while employed as a Correctional Officer, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Ms. Walls engaged in physical sexual conduct with an inmate she supervised. In addition, she used her position to facilitate an inmate selling controlled substances within a state operated corrections facility.

Pursuant to the Agreed Final Order, Ms. Walls must pay a \$3,000.00 civil penalty, receive a public reprimand, and waives any right to appeal.