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FRANKFORT, KY – At its March 18, 2026 meeting, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission (“the Commission”) found Austin M. Scott of Somerset formerly of Columbia, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement, approved by the Commission, Austin M. Scott admitted to one (1) count of violating the Executive Branch Code of Ethics, KRS 11A.020(1)(a), (c) and (d). Specifically, Austin M. Scott while employed as a Correctional Officer, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, provided his CashApp account information to a juvenile inmate and added music to the same juvenile’s MP3 player and soon after a deposit of \$20 was put into that account alongside a notation of music symbols.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Austin M. Scott agreed to pay a \$500.00 civil penalty, receive a public reprimand, and waive any right to appeal. The Commission concluded the matter by adopting an Agreed Final Order.