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FRANKFORT, KY – Today, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission found DAVID THACKER of Owenton, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Final Order of Default, the Commission found Mr. Thacker to have violated two (2) counts of the Code of Ethics. Specifically, Mr. Thacker, during 2019, engaged in an inappropriate relationship on state time and on state property. Thacker did so to fulfill his own prurient interest. Furthermore, Thacker used his official position to engage in the inappropriate relationship with a subordinate employee.

Pursuant to the Final Order of Default, Mr. Thacker must pay a \$2,500.00 civil penalty per count for a total fine of \$5,000 and receive a public reprimand.