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FRANKFORT, KY – At its July 16, 2025 meeting, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission (“the Commission”) found James “Tony” Harris, of Marion, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, James “Tony” Harris admitted to one (1) count of violating the Code of Ethics, KRS 11A.020(1)(a). Specifically, while employed as an Internal Affairs Captain, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, James Tony Harris engaged in sexually inappropriate Facebook Messenger communications with an individual he was actively investigating. He did so to suit his own prurient interests, in conflict with his duties as a public servant, and in derogation of the public interest at large.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, James “Tony” Harris agreed to pay a \$2,000.00 civil penalty, receive a public reprimand, and waive any right to appeal. The Commission concluded the matter by issuing an Agreed Final Order.