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FRANKFORT, KY – At its July 15, 2026, meeting, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission (“the Commission”) found Jonathan Carnes of Nicholasville, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, Jonathan Carnes admitted to one (1) count in violation of the Code of Ethics, KRS 11A.020(1)(a),(c), and (d). Specifically, while employed as a Corrections Training Instructor with the Department of Corrections, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Carnes falsified twenty-four (24) hours of worktime on his timesheet, claiming work for time he did not work.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Jonathan Carnes agreed to pay a \$1,000.00 civil penalty, receive a public reprimand and waive any right to appeal. The Commission concluded the matter by issuing an Agreed Final Order.

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