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FRANKFORT, KY – Today, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission found MICHAEL ANTOSH of West Paducah, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, Mr. Antosh admitted to three counts of violating the Code of Ethics that occurred during the course of his employment as a Corrections Recreations Program Supervisor with the Department of Corrections, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. Specifically, Antosh used his position and access to the Kentucky State Penitentiary's Sam's Club account, and access to funds provided by the Kentucky State Penitentiary intended to be used for the purchase of items for agency purposes, to instead purchase items for his personal use and benefit. Furthermore, Antosh used his position and access to the Kentucky State Penitentiary's Sam's Club account to acquire and redeem approximately \$610 in "rewards cash" that had accrued on the State Penitentiary's Sam's Club account for his personal use and benefit. He used this "rewards cash" to obtain items at Sam's Club including grocery items, clothing, and alcoholic beverage purchases for use by himself and his family. Finally, Antosh used his position as a Corrections Recreations Programs Supervisor to sell items directly to inmates with an approximately 30% markup upon specified agreement with management that profits were to be turned over to the penitentiary's recreations department accounts. Antosh intentionally dealt with this profit as his own property and failed to make required payment or disposition to the penitentiary by selling these items without properly turning over the earned profit to the penitentiary. Antosh sold items to inmates, such as boots and watches, for his own financial benefit and in violation of prison policies and procedures since these items were prohibited.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Mr. Antosh agrees to pay a \$6,000.00 civil penalty, receive a public reprimand, and waives any right to appeal. The Commission concluded the matter by issuing an Agreed Final Order.