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FRANKFORT, KY – At its September 17, 2025 meeting, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission (“the Commission”) found Ralph O. Crawford of London, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, Ralph O. Crawford admitted to one (1) count of violating the Code of Ethics, KRS 11A.020(1)(a) and (d). Specifically, from January through August 2022, Mr. Crawford while working as Mine Safety Specialist Branch Manager, Energy and Environment Cabinet, claimed approximately 224 hours of work time in which he was at an address in Thousand Sticks, Kentucky, rather than his self-identified primary office workstation or supporting his staff at a mine. Mr. Crawford’s conduct created a conflict between his public duty and his personal interests wherein he used his position to create exemptions and treatment for himself in derogation to the public interest at large.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Ralph O. Crawford agreed to pay a \$3,000.00 civil penalty, receive a public reprimand, and waive any right to appeal. The Commission concluded the matter by adopting an Agreed Final Order.