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FRANKFORT, KY – Today, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission found SHANNON ANSON of Louisville, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, Ms. Anson admitted to twenty-three (23) counts of violating the Code of Ethics. Specifically, from August 2013 through July 2015, on twenty-three (23) separate occasions used her official position to corruptly accept payments totally approximately \$50,500 from various individuals at a non-profit corporation organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Anson accepted the payments in return for placing youth under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice with the non-profit corporation pursuant to a contract between the non-profit corporation and the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Ms. Anson agreed to pay a civil penalty of forty-six thousand dollars (\$46,000). However, this amount will be completely offset by the criminal restitution to be paid by Ms. Anson. Further, Ms. Anson agreed to abstain from ever again seeking employment with the Executive Branch of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Commission concluded the matter by issuing an Agreed Final Order.