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FRANKFORT, KY – At its March 12, 2025 meeting, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission (“the Commission”) found William B. Abbott, Nancy, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, William B. Abbott admitted violating one (1) count of the Code of Ethics, KRS 11A.020(d) and KRS 11A.045(1). Specifically, on March 26, 2024, while employed as a Highway Technician II, Roadside Environment Section, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Abbott, a public servant, accepted a dinner at Jeff Ruby’s Steakhouse that was paid for by a prohibited source.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, William B. Abbott agreed to pay a \$500.00 civil penalty, receive a public reprimand, and waive any right to appeal. The Commission concluded the matter by issuing an Agreed Final Order.