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FRANKFORT, KY – At its January 15, 2025 meeting the Executive Branch Ethics Commission found Ronnie Lee Goldy of Morehead, KY, former Commonwealth’s Attorney representing the 21st Circuit, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In an Agreed Final Order, the Commission found Ronnie Goldy violated three (3) counts of the Code of Ethics, while acting as a public servant. Specifically, on dates between May 3, 2018 and September 6, 2020, Ronnie Goldy used his personal Facebook account to communicate and form a relationship with a defendant, who had active criminal cases in the 21st Circuit where he prosecuted cases as the Commonwealth’s Attorney. Ronnie Goldy performed favors for the defendant that included having warrants recalled for cases that were in his circuit, providing her with money, and discussing active criminal cases with the expectation of receiving something in return. In his on-going communication with the defendant through his personal accounts, Ronnie Goldy would declare that she “owed” him after a favor was executed on her behalf and made it clear he expected additional nude images or sexually explicit videos after receiving the initial set of nude images from the defendant. Ronnie Goldy used his position to solicit pictures and videos from the defendant for his own interest.

In a Settlement Agreement, approved by the Commission, Ronnie Goldy must pay a \$10,000.00 civil penalty and receive a public reprimand. The Commission concluded the matter by issuing an Agreed Final Order.