

STATE GRAND JURY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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v.)
)
WILLIAM KENNEY BOONE,)
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Defendant.)
_____)

Case No. 2019-GS-47-04

INDICTMENT FOR
EMBEZZLEMENT (2 COUNTS)
S.C. Code Ann. § 16-13-210
MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE
Common Law

At a session of the State Grand Jury of South Carolina, convened at Columbia, South Carolina on April 17, 2019, the State Grand Jurors present upon their oath:

COUNT I
EMBEZZLEMENT
S.C. Code Ann. § 16-13-210

That WILLIAM KENNEY BOONE [BOONE] in Florence County, during fiscal year 2018-2019, while BOONE was responsible for the safekeeping, transfer and disbursement of public funds, did embezzle and convert to his own use ten thousand dollars or less (\$10,000) of the public funds, with the intention to defraud Florence County, to wit:

WILLIAM KENNEY BOONE, while serving in his capacity as Sheriff for Florence County, did purchase or cause to be purchased from the Florence County Sheriff's Office Federal Narcotics Account funds a variety of consumer type goods, including but not limited to bicycle equipment, groceries, coolers, baseball equipment, electronics, or clothing, from various vendors including but not limited to, Academy Sports, Dick's

Sporting Goods, Sam's, Wal-Mart, Shell, Best Buy, Bicycle World, Rapid Weight Loss, Piggly Wiggly, Mainstream Boutique, GameStop, Mast General Store, and various restaurants, whereby he then unlawfully converted \$10,000 or less worth of such purchases to his personal use.

All in violation of section 16-13-210 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended; and such conduct involving public corruption or arising out of or in connection with a crime involving public corruption and such conduct having not been authorized by law.

Against the peace and dignity of this State and contrary to the law in such case made and provided.

**COUNT II
EMBEZZLEMENT
S.C. Code Ann. § 16-13-210**

That WILLIAM KENNEY BOONE [BOONE] in Florence County, during fiscal year 2018-2019, while BOONE was responsible for the safekeeping, transfer and disbursement of public funds, did embezzle and convert to his own use ten thousand dollars or less (\$10,000) of the public funds, with the intention to defraud Florence County, to wit:

WILLIAM KENNEY BOONE, while serving in his capacity as Sheriff for Florence County, did purchase or cause to be purchased from Florence County Annual Budget funds a variety of consumer type goods, including but not limited to window tinting, floor mats, tools, lights, cooking appliances, a cooler, and groceries, from various vendors including but not limited to, Carolina Supply House, Another Tint Shop, Leonard

Aluminum, and Sam's Club, whereby he then unlawfully converted \$10,000 or less worth of such purchases to his personal use.

All in violation of section 16-13-210 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended; and such conduct involving public corruption or arising out of or in connection with a crime involving public corruption and such conduct having not been authorized by law.

Against the peace and dignity of this State and contrary to the law in such case made and provided.

**COUNT III
MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE
Common Law**

That WILLIAM KENNEY BOONE [BOONE] did in Florence County, for the fiscal year 2018-2019, while he served as Sheriff for Florence County in South Carolina, a public official, willfully and dishonestly fail to properly and faithfully discharge the duties of his public office imposed upon him by law; to wit:

Despite being charged with the good-faith administration of the funds allocated to the Florence County Sheriff's Office, including but not limited to, State, Federal or County funds, BOONE operated contrary to his duties, failing to properly administer the funds while exploiting his position for unlawful personal gain and did, by malfeasance, misfeasance, and nonfeasance, commit acts and omissions in breach of his duty of good faith, honesty, and accountability to the public.

This was done in violation of the Common Law of South Carolina, and such conduct involved public corruption and arose out of or in connection with a crime involving public corruption and such conduct was not authorized by law.

Against the peace and dignity of this State and contrary to the law in such case made and provided.

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