

INDICTMENT

Number: 65-19-42
CC-19-476THE STATE OF ALABAMA
LIMESTONE COUNTY

Circuit Court of Limestone County, August 2019

STATE OF ALABAMA v. MICHAEL ANTHONY BLAKELY

COUNT 1: § 13A-8-4, Theft of property in the second degree.

The Grand Jury of Limestone County charges that, before the finding of this indictment, MICHAEL ANTHONY BLAKELY, whose name is otherwise unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly obtain or exert unauthorized control over, or did knowingly obtain by deception control over, lawful U.S. currency and/or a check, to wit: a \$1,500 check from the Alabama Realtors Political Action Committee, a better description of which is unknown to the grand jury, the property of the principal campaign committee for Mike Blakely, a/k/a Friends of Mike Blakely, of some value between \$1,500 and \$2,500, with the intent to deprive the owner of the property, in violation of Section 13A-8-4 of the Code of Alabama, against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

COUNT 2: § 13A-8-3, Theft of property in the first degree.

The Grand Jury of Limestone County charges that, before the finding of this indictment, MICHAEL ANTHONY BLAKELY, whose name is otherwise unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly obtain or exert unauthorized control over, or did knowingly obtain by deception control over, lawful U.S. currency and/or a check, to wit: a \$4,000 check from Red Brick Strategies, a better description of which is unknown to the grand jury, the property of the principal campaign committee for Mike Blakely, a/k/a Friends of Mike Blakely, of some value exceeding \$2,500, with the intent to deprive the owner of the property, in violation of Section 13A-8-3 of the Code of Alabama, against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

COUNT 3: § 13A-8-4, Theft of property in the second degree.

The Grand Jury of Limestone County charges that, before the finding of this indictment, MICHAEL ANTHONY BLAKELY, whose name is otherwise unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly obtain or exert unauthorized control over, or did knowingly obtain by deception control over, lawful U.S. currency and/or a check, to wit: a \$2,500 check from Austin Hinds Motors, Inc., a better description of which is unknown to the grand jury, the property of the principal campaign committee for Mike Blakely, a/k/a Friends of Mike Blakely, of some value between \$1,500 and \$2,500, with the intent to deprive the owner of the property, in violation of Section 13A-8-4 of the Code of Alabama, against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

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Number CC-19-476**COUNT 4: § 13A-8-3, Theft of property in the first degree.**

The Grand Jury of Limestone County charges that, before the finding of this indictment, MICHAEL ANTHONY BLAKELY, whose name is otherwise unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly obtain or exert unauthorized control over, or did knowingly obtain by deception control over, lawful U.S. currency and/or a check, to wit: a \$3,000 check from Friends of Mike Blakely, a better description of which is unknown to the grand jury, the property of the principal campaign committee for Mike Blakely, a/k/a Friends of Mike Blakely, of some value exceeding \$2,500, with the intent to deprive the owner of the property, in violation of Section 13A-8-3 of the Code of Alabama, against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

COUNT 5: § 13A-8-4.1, Theft of property in the third degree.

The Grand Jury of Limestone County charges that, before the finding of this indictment, MICHAEL ANTHONY BLAKELY, whose name is otherwise unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly obtain or exert unauthorized control over, or did knowingly obtain by deception control over, lawful U.S. currency and/or a check, to wit: a portion of the U.S. currency derived from a \$2,500 check dated December 1, 2014, a better description of which is unknown to the grand jury, the property of the Limestone County Sheriff Law Enforcement Fund, of some value that exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$1,499, with the intent to deprive the owner of the property, in violation of Section 13A-8-4.1 of the Code of Alabama, against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

COUNT 6: § 13A-8-4.1, Theft of property in the third degree.

The Grand Jury of Limestone County charges that, before the finding of this indictment, MICHAEL ANTHONY BLAKELY, whose name is otherwise unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly obtain or exert unauthorized control over, or did knowingly obtain by deception control over, lawful U.S. currency and/or a check, to wit: a portion of the U.S. currency derived from a \$2,000 check dated December 4, 2015, a better description of which is unknown to the grand jury, the property of the Limestone County Sheriff Law Enforcement Fund, of some value that exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$1,499, with the intent to deprive the owner of the property, in violation of Section 13A-8-4.1 of the Code of Alabama, against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

COUNT 7: § 36-25-5(a), Use of official position or office for personal gain.

The Grand Jury of Limestone County charges that, before the finding of this indictment, MICHAEL ANTHONY BLAKELY, whose name is otherwise unknown to the Grand Jury, did intentionally use or cause to be used his official position or office, to wit: the Sheriff of Limestone County, Alabama, to obtain personal gain, to wit: a portion of the U.S. currency derived from a \$2,000 check dated December 4, 2015, from the Limestone County Sheriff Law Enforcement Fund, for himself, a family member, or a business with which he is associated, and such use and gain were not otherwise specifically authorized by law, in violation of Alabama Code section 36-25-5(a), against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

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Number CC-19-476**COUNT 8: § 36-25-5(a), Use of official position or office for personal gain.**

The Grand Jury of Limestone County charges that, before the finding of this indictment, MICHAEL ANTHONY BLAKELY, whose name is otherwise unknown to the Grand Jury, did intentionally use or cause to be used his official position or office, to wit: the Sheriff of Limestone County, Alabama, to obtain personal gain, to wit: \$1,000 in lawful U.S. currency sent by wire from a Limestone County Sheriff's Office employee on or about December 9, 2015, for himself, a family member, or a business with which he is associated, and such use and gain were not otherwise specifically authorized by law, in violation of Alabama Code section 36-25-5(a), against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

COUNT 9: § 13A-8-5, Theft of property in the fourth degree.

The Grand Jury of Limestone County charges that, before the finding of this indictment, MICHAEL ANTHONY BLAKELY, whose name is otherwise unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly obtain or exert unauthorized control over, or did knowingly obtain by deception control over, lawful U.S. currency and/or a check, to wit: a portion of the U.S. currency derived from a check in the amount of \$1,500 and dated August 15, 2016, and/or a portion of the U.S. currency derived from a check in the amount of \$218.36 and dated August 22, 2016, a better description of which is unknown to the grand jury, the property of the Limestone County Sheriff Law Enforcement Fund, of some value that does not exceed \$500, with the intent to deprive the owner of the property, in violation of Section 13A-8-5 of the Code of Alabama, against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

COUNT 10: § 36-25-5(a), Use of official position or office for personal gain.

The Grand Jury of Limestone County charges that, before the finding of this indictment, MICHAEL ANTHONY BLAKELY, whose name is otherwise unknown to the Grand Jury, did intentionally use or cause to be used his official position or office, to wit: the Sheriff of Limestone County, Alabama, to obtain personal gain, to wit: a portion of the U.S. currency derived from a check in the amount of \$1,500 and dated August 15, 2016, and/or a portion of the U.S. currency derived from a check in the amount of \$218.36 and dated August 22, 2016, for himself, a family member, or a business with which he is associated, and such use and gain were not otherwise specifically authorized by law, in violation of Alabama Code section 36-25-5(a), against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

COUNT 11: § 36-25-5(e), Soliciting a thing of value from a subordinate.

The Grand Jury of Limestone County charges that, before the finding of this indictment, MICHAEL ANTHONY BLAKELY, whose name is otherwise unknown to the Grand Jury, being a public official or employee, to wit: the Sheriff of Limestone County, Alabama, did, other than in the ordinary course of business, solicit a thing of value, to wit: \$1,000 in lawful U.S. currency sent by wire on or about August 17, 2016, from a subordinate or person with whom he directly inspects, regulates, or supervises in his official capacity, in violation of Alabama Code section 36-25-5(e), against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

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Number CC-19-476**COUNT 12: § 36-25-5(a), Use of official position or office for personal gain.**

The Grand Jury of Limestone County charges that, before the finding of this indictment, MICHAEL ANTHONY BLAKELY, whose name is otherwise unknown to the Grand Jury, did intentionally use or cause to be used his official position or office, to wit: the Sheriff of Limestone County, to obtain personal gain, to wit: an interest-free loan and/or loans in the form of lawful U.S. currency, and/or a \$50,000 cashier's check, and/or a \$22,189.68 credit, for himself, a family member, or a business with which he is associated, and such use and gain were not otherwise specifically authorized by law, in violation of Alabama Code section 36-25-5(a), against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

COUNT 13: § 36-25-5(a), Use of official position or office for personal gain.

The Grand Jury of Limestone County charges that, before the finding of this indictment, MICHAEL ANTHONY BLAKELY, whose name is otherwise unknown to the Grand Jury, did intentionally use or cause to be used his official position or office, to wit: the Sheriff of Limestone County, Alabama, to obtain personal gain, to wit: interest-free loans in the form of lawful U.S. currency from a safe that held money belonging to the Limestone County inmates, for himself, a family member, or a business with which he is associated, and such use and gain were not otherwise specifically authorized by law, in violation of Alabama Code section 36-25-5(a), against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

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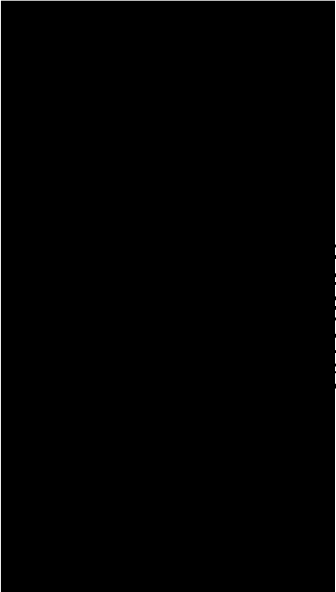
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CHARGES

- § 13A-8-4, Theft of property in the second degree (2 COUNTS)
- § 13A-8-3, Theft of property in the first degree (2 COUNTS)
- § 13A-8-4.1, Theft of property in the third degree (2 COUNTS)
- § 36-25-5(a), Use of office or position for personal gain (5 COUNTS)
- § 13A-9-5, Theft of property in the fourth degree
- § 36-25-5(e), Soliciting a thing of value from a subordinate

A TRUE BILL

Jerry Brown
Foreperson of Grand Jury

BAIL IN THIS CASE IS FIXED AT

\$ 49,000.00

[Signature]
Circuit Court Judge of Limestone County

Presented in open court by the Foreperson of the Limestone County Special Grand Jury in the presence of 15 other members of the Grand Jury and filed this 21 day of August, 2019.

[Signature]
Circuit Court Clerk

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