

STATE OF TENNESSEE, COUNTY OF CAMPBELL
SEPTEMBER 2020 SESSION OF THE CRIMINAL COURT

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

CASE NO: 18616

MICHAEL STANFIELD
DOB:
SSN:

A TRUE BILL

Charles Herman

FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY

COUNT	OFFENSE	TCA §§	CLASS
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PROSECUTOR

WITNESSES

On September 2, 2020, the following witness was sworn during open court before the Grand Jury to give evidence on this indictment:

Special Agent Maria Cutshaw
Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

Charles Herman

FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY

THE CLERK shall summon the following witnesses for the State of Tennessee:

Special Agent Maria Cutshaw
Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

Nathan S. Nichols

NATHAN S. NICHOLS
District Attorney General *Pro Tempore*
Acting Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §8-7-106


THIS indictment returned to the Court by the Grand Jury and filed and the subpoenas for the same authorized this day of 9-21, 2020

[Signature]
CLERK OF THE CRIMINAL COURT

COUNT 1

**OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-402(a)(2)**

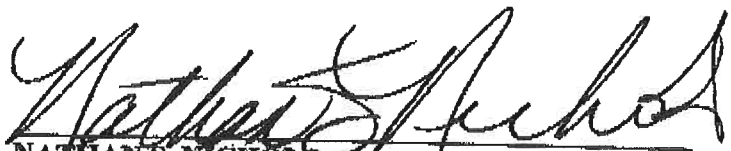
THE GRAND JURORS for the State of Tennessee, duly impaneled, sworn, and charged to inquire in and for the body of the County of Campbell, in the State of Tennessee, upon their oath, present that **MICHAEL STANFIELD**, prior to the finding of this indictment, **from 2015 until AUGUST 2020**, and while at all times relevant a public servant as defined in TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-401, did unlawfully, knowingly, and with the intent to obtain a benefit, commit an act under color of office that exceeded his official power, to wit: **DIRECTING A MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE TO REPAIR PRIVATE PROPERTY**, in violation of TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-402(a)(2) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.


NATHAN S. NICHOLS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PRO TEM
Acting Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §8-7-106

COUNT 2

**OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-402(a)(4)**

THE GRAND JURORS for the State of Tennessee, duly impaneled, sworn, and charged to inquire in and for the body of the County of Campbell, in the State of Tennessee, upon their oath, present that **MICHAEL STANFIELD**, prior to the finding of this indictment, **from 2015 until AUGUST 2020**, and while at all times relevant a public servant as defined in TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-401, did unlawfully, knowingly, and with the intent to obtain a benefit, violate a law relating to his office, to wit: **ARTICLE V, SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LAFOLLETTE, TENNESSEE**, in violation of TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-402(a)(4) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.



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COUNT 3

**OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-402(a)(5)**

THE GRAND JURORS for the State of Tennessee, duly impaneled, sworn, and charged to inquire in and for the body of the County of Campbell, in the State of Tennessee, upon their oath, further present that **MICHAEL STANFIELD**, prior to the finding of this indictment, from **2015 until AUGUST 2020**, and while at all times relevant a public servant as defined in TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-401, did unlawfully, knowingly, and with the intent to obtain a benefit, receive a benefit not otherwise authorized by law, to wit: **THE LABOR OF A MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE FOR HIS PRIVATE PURPOSES**, in violation of TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-402(a)(5) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.



NATHAN S. NICHOLS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PRO TEM
Acting Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §8-7-106

COUNT 4

**OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-402(a)(5)**

THE GRAND JURORS for the State of Tennessee, duly impaneled, sworn, and charged to inquire in and for the body of the County of Campbell, in the State of Tennessee, upon their oath, further present that **MICHAEL STANFIELD**, prior to the finding of this indictment, **from 2015 until AUGUST 2020**, and while at all times relevant a public servant as defined in TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-401, did unlawfully, knowingly, and with the intent to obtain a benefit, receive a benefit not otherwise authorized by law, to wit: **UTILIZATION OF PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT BELONGING TO THE CITY OF LAFOLLETTE, TENNESSEE FOR HIS PERSONAL PURPOSES**, in violation of TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-402(a)(5) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.



NATHAN S. NICHOLS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PRO TEM
Acting Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §8-7-106

COUNT 5

**OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-402**

THE GRAND JURORS for the State of Tennessee, duly impaneled, sworn, and charged to inquire in and for the body of the County of Campbell, in the State of Tennessee, upon their oath, present that **MICHAEL STANFIELD**, prior to the finding of this indictment, **on or about AUGUST 2020**, and while at all times relevant a public servant as defined in TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-401, did unlawfully, knowingly, and with the intent to obtain a benefit, commit an act under color of office that exceeded his official power, to wit: **DIRECTING A MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE TO MAKE FALSE STATEMENTS TO STATE AUDITORS**, in violation of TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-402(a)(2) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.




NATHAN S. NICHOLS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL, PRO TEM
Acting Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §8-7-106

COUNT 6

**OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-402(a)(4)**

THE GRAND JURORS for the State of Tennessee, duly impaneled, sworn, and charged to inquire in and for the body of the County of Campbell, in the State of Tennessee, upon their oath, further present that **MICHAEL STANFIELD**, prior to the finding of this indictment, **on or about AUGUST 2020**, and while at all times relevant a public servant as defined in TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-401, did unlawfully, knowingly, and with the intent to obtain a benefit, violate a law related to his office, to wit: **TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-407**, in violation of **TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-402(a)(4)** and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.


NATHAN S. NICHOLS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PRO TEM
Acting Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §8-7-106

COUNT 7

**OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-402(a)(4)**

THE GRAND JURORS for the State of Tennessee, duly impaneled, sworn, and charged to inquire in and for the body of the County of Campbell, in the State of Tennessee, upon their oath, further present that **MICHAEL STANFIELD**, prior to the finding of this indictment, **on or about AUGUST 2020**, and while at all times relevant a public servant as defined in TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-401, did unlawfully, knowingly, and with the intent to harm another, violate a law related to his office, to wit: **TENN. CODE ANN. §8-4-409(c)**, in violation of **TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-402(a)(4)** and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.



NATHAN S. NICHOLS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PRO TEM
Acting Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §8-7-106

COUNT 8

**RETALIATION FOR REPORT OF MISCONDUCT TO COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY
TENN. CODE ANN. §8-4-409(c)**

THE GRAND JURORS for the State of Tennessee, duly impaneled, sworn, and charged to inquire in and for the body of the County of Campbell, in the State of Tennessee, upon their oath, further present that **MICHAEL STANFIELD**, prior to the finding of this indictment, **on or about AUGUST 2020**, and while at all times relevant serving as Mayor of the City of LaFollette, Tennessee, did unlawfully and willfully retaliate against **JAMES JEFFRIES** for reporting alleged wrongdoing to the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, in violation of **TENN. CODE ANN. §8-4-409(c)** and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.



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Acting Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §8-7-106

COUNT 9

**MISREPRESENTING INFORMATION TO STATE AUDITOR
TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-407**

THE GRAND JURORS for the State of Tennessee, duly impaneled, sworn, and charged to inquire in and for the body of the County of Campbell, in the State of Tennessee, upon their oath, further present that **MICHAEL STANFIELD**, prior to the finding of this indictment, **on or about AUGUST 2020**, and while at all times relevant a public servant as defined in TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-401, did unlawfully, knowingly, and with the intent to deceive, misrepresent material information related to an audit conducted by an auditor in the department of audit, in violation of TENN. CODE ANN. §39-16-407 and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.



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