

STATE GRAND JURY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	Case No. <u>2019-GS-47-41</u>
)	
)	INDICTMENT FOR
v.)	
)	ETHICS ACT VIOLATIONS
)	(3 COUNTS)
WILLIAM KENNEY BOONE,)	S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-1520; 1302;
)	1348(A); 1314(A)(2)
Defendant.)	
_____)	MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE
)	Common Law

At a session of the State Grand Jury of South Carolina, convened at Columbia, South Carolina on November 13, 2019, the State Grand Jurors present upon their oath:

COUNT I
Ethics Act Violation
Failure to Maintain Campaign Records of Contributions, Contributors, and Expenditures
(S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-1302 and 1520)

On or about the period between February 1, 2019 and April 24, 2019, WILLIAM KENNEY BOONE did take two contributions for the purpose of funding his campaign for Sheriff of Florence County and did convert them to his own use without putting them in his campaign account or reporting the contributions to the State Election Commission. BOONE also transferred money from his campaign account to his personal account without receipt or reporting of the expenditure.

All in violation of 8-13-1302 and 8-13-1520 of the S.C. 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 the State and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.

COUNT II
Ethics Act Violation
Use of Campaign Funds for Personal Expenses
(S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-1348(A) and 1520)

On or about the period between February 1, 2019 and April 24, 2019, WILLIAM KENNEY BOONE did take contributions for the purpose of funding his campaign for Sheriff of Florence County and did convert them to his own use without putting them in his campaign account or making any record of their receipt. BOONE cashed one-half of the check and deposited the other into his personal account where the funds in the account were not used for his office or campaign and were converted for personal use. The expenses were not accounted for by written record or receipt. The funds were never put into the campaign account. BOONE also took approximately \$500 out of the campaign account and put it into his personal account without reporting or receipting the expenditure and the funds were not used for his office or campaign.

This in violation of 8-13-1348(A) and 8-13-1520 of the S.C. 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 the State and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.

COUNT III
Ethics Act Violation
Accepting Campaign Contribution in Cash over \$25
(S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-1314(A)(2) and 1520)

On or about the period between February 1, 2019 and April 24, 2019, WILLIAM KENNEY BOONE did take a cash contribution of approximately \$500 for the purpose of funding his campaign for Sheriff of Florence County and did convert it to his own use without putting it in his campaign account or making any record of its receipt.

This in violation of 8-13-1314(A)(2) and 8-13-1520 of the S.C. 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 the State and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.

COUNT IV
MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE
Common Law

That WILLIAM KENNEY BOONE [BOONE] did in Florence County, for the fiscal year 2019-2020, 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:

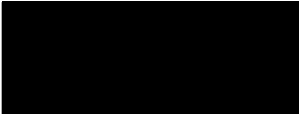
While using his office and position of Sheriff operated contrary to his duties, failing to properly account for campaign funds while exploiting his position for unlawful personal gain did use the campaign funds to obtain personal profit and benefit for himself and did,

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.

A True Bill



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