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Anthony McNeil Indicted In Connection With South Carolina Education Lottery Embezzlement

COLUMBIA, SC – South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the Richland County Grand Jury has returned an indictment against a Columbia man in connection with the embezzlement of over \$200,000 from the South Carolina Education Lottery.

Anthony J. McNeil (DOB 03/16/1958, Columbia, SC) was indicted Friday, March 15, on one count of Embezzlement of Public Funds over \$10,000 under S.C. Code Section 16-13-210. The offense is a felony, punishable by up to ten (10) years in prison and a fine.

The indictment alleges between April 2010 and August 2012, McNeil, while an employee in the finance division of the South Carolina Education Lottery, used a scheme involving overcharges, computer changes, bank account sweeps and redirecting of certain funds, resulting in his receiving the money and the discrepancy not appearing in the Lottery's overall numbers.

The case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.