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## State Grand Jury Indictments Returned in Lexington County Public Corruption Case

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) Federal officials today announced the indictment of Lexington County Sheriff James Metts (68). As a direct result of the unprecedented level of cooperation between state and federal authorities, South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson today announced the following state indictments:

The State Grand Jury indicted former Lexington town councilman Danny Frazier (46) for the Ethics Act criminal offense of Giving Anything of Value to Influence Action of Public Official (§8-13-705), a felony carrying a penalty of up to ten (10) years in prison and a \$10,000 fine, as well as a permanent disqualification from being a public official.

The State Grand Jury indicted Gregorio M. Leon, also known as Greg Leon (47), for Giving or Offering Bribes to Officers (§16-9-210), a felony carrying a penalty of up to five (5) years imprisonment, or (1) one year imprisonment and a fine up to \$3,000.

The indictments allege that Frazier and Leon bribed Sheriff Metts.

The State Grand Jury also indicted former South Congaree Police Chief Jason Amodio (45) for Common Law Misconduct in Office. The indictment alleges Amodio, while chief of police, accepted payment in return for seized gaming machines. Common law Misconduct in Office is a misdemeanor carrying a penalty of up to ten (10) years in prison, in the discretion of the court.

The indictments are the result of a collaborative investigation involving the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, the United States Attorney's Office, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Department of Homeland Security.

“These indictments are the product of close cooperation among the Attorney General’s Office, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, SLED, the FBI and other agencies,” Wilson said. “This ongoing federal and state partnership demonstrates our commitment to prosecuting public corruption wherever it is found.”

The cases will be prosecuted by Assistant Deputy Attorney General Allen Myrick, Assistant Deputy Attorney General Creighton Waters, Assistant Attorney General Brian Petrano, and Assistant Attorney General Jason Anders.

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

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