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STATE GRAND JURY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	Case No. 2017-GS-47-50
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v.)	INDICTMENT FOR EMBEZZLEMENT
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BRANTLEY D. THOMAS, III,)	
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Defendant.)	
_____)	

At a session of the State Grand Jury of South Carolina, convened at Columbia, South Carolina on November 15, 2017, the State Grand Jurors present their oath:

**COUNT I
EMBEZZLEMENT
S.C. Code Ann. § 16-13-210**

That BRANTLEY D. THOMAS, III, in Berkeley County, on or about November 3, 2010 while THOMAS was responsible for the safekeeping, transfer and disbursement of public funds, did embezzle and convert to his own use ten thousand dollars or more (\$10,000) of those public funds, with the intention to defraud the Berkeley County School District, to wit:

THOMAS, while serving in his capacity as a financial officer for the Berkeley County School District, did convert to his personal use approximately \$26,743.31 of public school funds, by obtaining a cashier's check for that amount drawn on the Berkeley County School District General Fund and made out to the servicer of THOMAS's personal

credit card account, and then applying that check as payment on his personal credit card account.

All in violation of section 16-13-210 of the South Carolina 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 this State and contrary to the law in such case made and provided.

**COUNT II
EMBEZZLEMENT
S.C. Code Ann. § 16-13-210**

That BRANTLEY D. THOMAS, III, in Berkeley County, on or about September 24, 2008, while THOMAS was responsible for the safekeeping, transfer and disbursement of public funds, did embezzle and convert to his own use ten thousand dollars or more (\$10,000) of those public funds, with the intention to defraud the Berkeley County School District, to wit:

THOMAS, while serving in his capacity as a financial officer for the Berkeley County School District, did cause approximately \$31,956.12 of public school funds to be withdrawn from a Berkeley County School District investment account, whereby the funds were then converted to his personal use in the form of payment on one of THOMAS's credit card accounts.

All in violation of section 16-13-210 of the South Carolina 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 this State and contrary to the law in such case made and provided.

**COUNT III
EMBEZZLEMENT
S.C. Code Ann. § 16-13-210**

That BRANTLEY D. THOMAS, III, in Berkeley County, on or about November 29, 2007, while THOMAS was responsible for the safekeeping, transfer and disbursement of public funds, did embezzle and convert to his own use ten thousand dollars or more (\$10,000) of those public funds, with the intention to defraud the Berkeley County School District, to wit:

THOMAS, while serving in his capacity as a financial officer for the Berkeley County School District, did convert to his personal use approximately \$22,700.00 of public school funds, by deliberately causing the Berkeley County School District to overpay a vendor, and then having the vendor send a refund of the overpayment to his home address, upon which the funds were converted to his personal use.

All in violation of section 16-13-210 of the South Carolina 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 this State and contrary to the law in such case made and provided.

**COUNT IV
EMBEZZLEMENT
S.C. Code Ann. § 16-13-210**

That BRANTLEY D. THOMAS, III, in Berkeley County, on or about November 20, 2007, while THOMAS was responsible for the safekeeping, transfer and disbursement of public funds, did embezzle and convert to his own use ten thousand dollars or more (\$10,000) of those public funds, with the intention to defraud the Berkeley County School District, to wit:

THOMAS, while serving in his capacity as a financial officer for the Berkeley County School District, did convert to his personal use approximately \$11,602.16 of public school funds, by causing the Berkeley County School District to route money that supposedly was for payment on a school district line of credit instead to his personal checking account.

All in violation of section 16-13-210 of the South Carolina 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 this State and contrary to the law in such case made and provided.

A True Bill



FOREPERSON

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan Wilson".

ALAN WILSON (scw)
ATTORNEY GENERAL