

**STATE GRAND JURY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	Case No. _____
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	)	
v.	)	
	)	<b>MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE</b>
	)	
RONALD DEWAYNE WILBANKS,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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At a session of the State Grand Jury of South Carolina, convened in Columbia, South Carolina, on April 17, 2018, the State Grand Jurors present upon their oath and charge as follows:

WHEREAS, THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

**COUNT ONE  
OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE  
(Common law)**

That from on or about January 2010 to on or about December 2017, in Oconee County, and while serving as a sworn law enforcement officer with the City of Walhalla Police Department, RONALD DEWAYNE WILBANKS willfully and dishonestly failed to properly and faithfully discharge the duties of his public office imposed upon him by law, including but not limited to his duty of good faith, honesty, and accountability to the public, and his duties and obligations as a certified law enforcement officer in South Carolina; to wit: RONALD DEWAYNE WILBANKS did on many occasions, including times when he was on duty, in uniform, and in police vehicles or at police facilities,

repeatedly and regularly ask for and illegally obtain narcotic and opiate pills from other officers who had or whose family had legitimate prescriptions for these pills, and in particular from officers who were directly subordinate to him and under his command, and who depended on RONALD DEWAYNE WILBANKS for their jobs, appropriate work environment, and promotions.

All in violation of the common law of South Carolina, and such conduct involving public corruption and arising out of or in connection with a crime involving public corruption and such conduct not having been authorized by law.

Against the peace and dignity of this State and contrary to the law in such case made and provided.

**COUNT TWO  
OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE  
(Common law)**

That from on or about January 2008 to on or about December 2017, in Oconee County, and while serving as a sworn law enforcement officer with the City of Walhalla Police Department, RONALD DEWAYNE WILBANKS willfully and dishonestly failed to properly and faithfully discharge the duties of his public office imposed upon him by law, including but not limited to his duty of good faith, honesty, and accountability to the public, and his duties and obligations as a certified law enforcement officer in South Carolina; to wit: RONALD DEWAYNE WILBANKS did on many occasions, including times when he was on duty, in uniform, and in police vehicles or at police facilities, request and illegally obtain prescription narcotic and opiate pills from a citizen, and did threaten the citizen with official retaliation when the citizen refused to provide him pills.

All in violation of the common law of South Carolina, and such conduct involving public corruption and arising out of or in connection with a crime involving public corruption and such conduct not having been authorized by law.

Against the peace and dignity of this State and contrary to the law in such case made and provided.

**COUNT THREE  
OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE  
(Common law)**

That on or about some time in 2014, in Oconee County, and while serving as a sworn law enforcement officer with the City of Walhalla Police Department, RONALD DEWAYNE WILBANKS willfully and dishonestly failed to properly and faithfully discharge the duties of his public office imposed upon him by law, including but not limited to his duty of good faith, honesty, and accountability to the public, and his duties and obligations as a certified law enforcement officer in South Carolina; to wit: RONALD DEWAYNE WILBANKS did improperly give a citizen a department firearm as part of a private deal.

All in violation of the common law of South Carolina, and such conduct involving public corruption and arising out of or in connection with a crime involving public corruption and such conduct not having been authorized by law.

Against the peace and dignity of this State and contrary to the law in such case made and provided.

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ALAN WILSON (scw)  
ATTORNEY GENERAL