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STATE GRAND JURY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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ROBERT ANDERSON STRICKLAND, JR.,

DEFENDANT.

	JAMES R. PARKS
	CLERK, STATE GRAND JURY
Case No.	2020-GS-47-02

INDICTMENT FOR MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE AND UNLAWFUL DRUGS

At a session of the State Grand Jury of South Carolina, convened in Columbia, South Carolina, on February 13, 2020, the State Grand Jurors present upon their oath:

COUNT ONE MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE Common Law

That ROBERT ANDERSON STRICKLAND, JR. did in Horry County, from on or about November 13, 2017, through November 17, 2017, and while the elected Sheriff of Colleton County, a public official, did willfully and dishonestly fail to properly and faithfully discharge the duties of his public office imposed upon him by law; to wit: While Sheriff, STRICKLAND used Colleton County property and resources for personal use while in Horry County, and did provide schedule IV controlled substances to a subordinate who did not have a valid prescription for said substance, and did provide alcohol to subordinate under twenty-one (21) years of age for a personal and non-law enforcement purpose, all in violation of the laws of South Carolina, the duties and obligations of his office, and of his duties and obligations as a Class 1 law enforcement officer. Therefore, STRICKLAND did, by malfeasance, misfeasance, and nonfeasance, commit acts and omissions in breach of his duty of good faith, honesty, and accountability to the public.

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.

COUNT TWO DISTRIBUTION OF A SCHEDULE IV CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE S.C. Code Ann. § 44-53-370(b)(3)

That ROBERT ANDERSON STRICKLAND, JR. did in Horry County, from on or about November 13, 2017, through November 17, 2017, knowingly and intentionally, distribute, dispense, and/or deliver; or did aid, abet, attempt, or conspire to distribute, dispense, and/or deliver, a quantity of AMBIEN A/K/A ZOLPIDEM, a Schedule IV controlled substance under the provisions of § 44-53-110, *et. seq.*, Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended.

All in violation of S.C. Code Ann. § 44-53-370 of the South Carolina Code, and such conduct not having been authorized by law; and such conduct involving and arising out of and in connection with a crime involving public corruption, narcotics, dangerous drugs, or controlled substances, and such crime being of a multi-county nature and having transpired and having significance in more than one county of this State.

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

A TRUE Bill

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