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AUGLAIZE COUNTY  
COMMON PLEAS COURT  
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I. JESSIE HICKSTROTH  
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**INDICTMENT**

Criminal Rule 6, 7

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THE STATE OF OHIO  
Auglaize County, ss.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

*Of the Term May in the year Two Thousand Twenty-one*

THE JURORS OF THE GRAND JURY of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County aforesaid, on their oaths, in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, do find and present that on or about the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, at Auglaize County, Ohio, the said THOMAS ALAN STINEBAUGH as a public official, did knowingly authorize, or employ the authority or influence of the public official's office, to secure authorization of any public contract in which the public official, a member of the public official's family, or any of the public official's business associates has an interest. Said act is a felony of the fourth degree in violation of Ohio Revised Code Title 29, §2921.42(A)(1), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**COUNT TWO**

THE JURORS OF THE GRAND JURY of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County aforesaid, on their oaths, in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, do find and present that on or about the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, 2016, at Auglaize County, Ohio, the said THOMAS ALAN STINEBAUGH as a public official, did knowingly authorize, or employ the authority or influence of the public official's office, to secure authorization of any public contract in which the public official, a member of the public official's family, or any of the public official's business associates has an interest. Said act is a felony of the fourth degree in violation of Ohio Revised Code Title 29, §2921.42(A)(1), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

### **COUNT THREE**

THE JURORS OF THE GRAND JURY of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County aforesaid, on their oaths, in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, do find and present that on or about the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, 2016, at Auglaize County, Ohio, the said THOMAS ALAN STINEBAUGH as a public official, did knowingly authorize, or employ the authority or influence of the public official's office, to secure authorization of any public contract in which the public official, a member of the public official's family, or any of the public official's business associates has an interest. Said act is a felony of the fourth degree in violation of Ohio Revised Code Title 29, §2921.42(A)(1), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

### **COUNT FOUR**

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### **COUNT FIVE**

THE JURORS OF THE GRAND JURY of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County aforesaid, on their oaths, in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, do find and present that on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, 2016, at Auglaize

County, Ohio, the said THOMAS ALAN STINEBAUGH as a public official, did knowingly authorize, or employ the authority or influence of the public official's office, to secure authorization of any public contract in which the public official, a member of the public official's family, or any of the public official's business associates has an interest. Said act is a felony of the fourth degree in violation of Ohio Revised Code Title 29, §2921.42(A)(1), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

#### COUNT SIX

THE JURORS OF THE GRAND JURY of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County aforesaid, on their oaths, in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, do find and present that on or about the 19<sup>th</sup> of October, 2018, at Auglaize County, Ohio, the said THOMAS ALAN STINEBAUGH as a public official, did knowingly authorize, or employ the authority or influence of the public official's office, to secure authorization of any public contract in which the public official, a member of the public official's family, or any of the public official's business associates has an interest. Said act is a felony of the fourth degree in violation of Ohio Revised Code Title 29, §2921.42(A)(1), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

#### COUNT SEVEN

THE JURORS OF THE GRAND JURY of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County aforesaid, on their oaths, in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, do find and present that on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, 2019, at Auglaize County, Ohio, the said THOMAS ALAN STINEBAUGH as a public official, did knowingly authorize, or employ the authority or influence of the public official's office, to secure authorization of any public contract in which the public official, a member of the public official's family, or any of the public official's business associates has an interest. Said act is a felony of the fourth degree in violation of Ohio Revised Code Title 29, §2921.42(A)(1), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

### COUNT EIGHT

THE JURORS OF THE GRAND JURY of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County aforesaid, on their oaths, in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, do find and present that on or about the 16<sup>th</sup> of August, 2019, at Auglaize County, Ohio, the said THOMAS ALAN STINEBAUGH as a public official, did knowingly authorize, or employ the authority or influence of the public official's office, to secure authorization of any public contract in which the public official, a member of the public official's family, or any of the public official's business associates has an interest. Said act is a felony of the fourth degree in violation of Ohio Revised Code Title 29, §2921.42(A)(1), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

### COUNT NINE

THE JURORS OF THE GRAND JURY of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County aforesaid, on their oaths, in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, do find and present that on or about the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, at Auglaize County, Ohio, the said THOMAS ALAN STINEBAUGH as a public official or employee, did use or authorize the use of the authority or influence of office or employment to secure anything of value or the promise or offer of anything of value that is of such a character as to manifest a substantial and improper influence upon the public official or employee with respect to that person's duties. Said act is a misdemeanor of the first degree in violation of Ohio Revised Code Title 1, §102.03(D), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

### COUNT TEN

THE JURORS OF THE GRAND JURY of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County aforesaid, on their oaths, in the name and by the authority of the State of

Ohio, do find and present that on or about the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2016, at Auglaize County, Ohio, the said THOMAS ALAN STINEBAUGH as a public official or employee, did use or authorize the use of the authority or influence of office or employment to secure anything of value or the promise or offer of anything of value that is of such a character as to manifest a substantial and improper influence upon the public official or employee with respect to that person's duties. Said act is a misdemeanor of the first degree in violation of Ohio Revised Code Title 1, §102.03(D), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

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### **COUNT THIRTEEN**

THE JURORS OF THE GRAND JURY of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County aforesaid, on their oaths, in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, do find and present that on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016, at Auglaize County, Ohio, the said THOMAS ALAN STINEBAUGH as a public official or employee, did use or authorize the use of the authority or influence of office or employment to secure anything of value or the promise or offer of anything of value that is of such a character as to manifest a substantial and improper influence upon the public official or employee with respect to that person's duties. Said act is a misdemeanor of the first degree in violation of Ohio Revised Code Title 1, §102.03(D), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

### **COUNT FOURTEEN**

THE JURORS OF THE GRAND JURY of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County aforesaid, on their oaths, in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, do find and present that on or about the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, at Auglaize County, Ohio, the said THOMAS ALAN STINEBAUGH as a public official or employee, did use or authorize the use of the authority or influence of office or employment to secure anything of value or the promise or offer of anything of value that is of such a character as to manifest a substantial and improper influence upon the public official or employee with respect to that person's duties. Said act is a misdemeanor of the first degree in violation of Ohio Revised Code Title 1, §102.03(D), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

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**COUNT SEVENTEEN**

THE JURORS OF THE GRAND JURY of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County aforesaid, on their oaths, in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, do find and present that at or between the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018 and the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, at Auglaize County, Ohio, the said THOMAS ALAN STINEBAUGH as a public official or party official, did commit any theft offense as defined in division (K) of Ohio Revised Code §2913.01, when the offender uses the offender's office in aid of committing the offense or permits or assents to its use in aid of committing the offense and the value of the property or services stolen is \$7500.00 or more. Said act is a felony of the third degree in violation of Ohio Revised Code Title 29, §2921.41(A)(1), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.



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Special Prosecuting Attorney

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Assistant Prosecuting Attorney



May Term, 2021      Common Pleas Court      Auglaize County, Ohio

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**THE STATE OF OHIO vs. THOMAS ALAN STINEBAUGH**

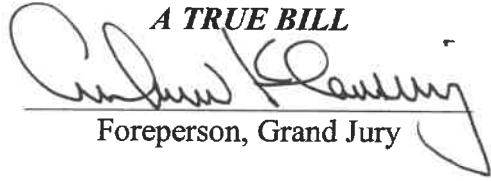
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Indictment for: Eight Counts Unlawful Interest in a Public Contract  
Eight Counts Conflict of Interest; One Count Theft in Office

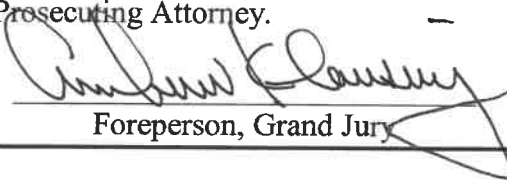
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Special Prosecuting Attorney

**A TRUE BILL**

  
Foreperson, Grand Jury

This Bill of Indictment found upon testimony sworn and sent before the Grand Jury at the request of the Prosecuting Attorney.

  
Foreperson, Grand Jury

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On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, the within named  
\_\_\_\_\_ Defendant arraigned, and pleads \_\_\_\_\_  
guilty to this Indictment.

I. JEAN MECKSTROTH, CLERK OF COURTS

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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**The State of Ohio, Auglaize County, Ohio.**

I, the undersigned, Clerk of Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the original indictment, with the endorsements thereon, now on file in my office.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court, at Wapakoneta, Auglaize County, Ohio, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

I. JEAN MECKSTROTH, CLERK OF COURTS

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk