Let me first start my thanking you for allowing me the time to address these allegations to the committee. I would also like the committee to know that I without question deny the allegations that have been made. These alleged messages were from 2018-2021 and as you will see are not what they have been reported.

FACTUAL BACKGORUND

I met Ms. Helton in 2015-2016 when she was a defendant in Rowan Circuit Court. She had three cases.

15-CR-107 (Rowan) - Receiving Stolen Property over \$500

- She plead guilty to Receiving Stolen Property under \$500 on December 18, 2015, where she received a sentence of 12 months concurrent with 15-CR-160, pay restitution and the sentence was probated for 2 years.
- This case was handled by an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney.
- The last CourtNet entry was December 15, 2017 Failure to Appear, Bench Warrant Issued no bond/ Recall Bench Warrant in lieu of revocation Continue Supervision Probation and Parole for 90 days
- No order extending probation was ever entered

15-CR-160 (Rowan) - Criminal Possession of Forged Instrument 2nd

- Plead guilty on December 18, 2015
- Was sentenced to 2 years, pay restitution, sentence was probated and suspended for 2 years on January 15, 2016
- This case was handled by an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney.
- No order entered showing extension of probation would have ended January of 2018

16-CR-25 (Rowan) - Complicity to Assault 2nd

- Plead guilty to Assault 4th Degree August 19, 2016
- Sentence was 12 months Conditionally Discharged for 24 months
- I handled this case
- The last CourtNet entry was December 15, 2017 Failure to Appear, Bench Warrant Issued no bond/ Recall Bench Warrant in lieu of revocation Continue Supervision Probation and Parole for 90 days (90 days would have ended March 15, 2018)
- No order extending pronation beyond the 90 days

I met Ms. Helton at the Rowan County Detention Center while conducting a pretrial conference for her case. She was present along with her attorney. As part of my review of the case, I noticed she was from Bath County. My father is from Bath County and we discussed whether or not she knew him or members of my family. We discussed the ones she knew and the members of her family that I knew. We reached an agreement on the case and did the paperwork.

Sometime later (sometime in early 2018) she contacted me asking for my help in a matter. She advised she had a video of what was described as illegal drug activity in Bath County. It was not

uncommon to receive this type of information, especially for Bath County. I asked her to send it to me. She advised she would.

In early May of 2018 she messaged me and asked if I would send her some money for gas to get home from Somerset. Her husband at the time had left her in Somerset and went to Louisville. I wouldn't normally do that type of thing but I did know several members of her family and I didn't want her to be stranded. I am the type of person that would help someone out if I could. Our conversations progressed from there.

I can tell you that at NO time did I ever ask for any nude images or video. This is corroborated by the messages, Ms. Helton's interview with the Mt. Sterling Advocate (see attached), as well as her testimony in September 2022. In fact, the words nude, naked or any other phrase of that nature are nowhere to be found in any message.

I did ask her to send me the video of the illegal drug activity she allegedly had. I do believe she had one or at least had access to one. I believe she was worried about sending it to me because she didn't want to be perceived as a "snitch". I believe this based on a couple of messages she sent me; (1) image 14 she asks me if I had told family members of her former paramour that she was a cooperating witness. I responded that I had not. Why would she ask me that question if there was no truth to her sending me a drug video, (2) image 184 - she asks me if a cooperating witness is allowed to use themselves during a buy.

Our last message was September 18, 2021.

I did help her in a couple of ways.

1. She advised that she owed a fine in district court and needed more time as she had just gotten a job but didn't get paid for another week or so - I contacted the District Judge and let him know what I was advised since any decisions is ultimately up to the judge and the judge simply agreed to pass her case but told her to pay something toward her fine - she could have done this with a letter to the judge

2. She had an FTA warrant and didn't want to lose her job – I relayed the information to the Judge and the judge felt like that was appropriate.

3. She had another FTA where she missed court over zoom – I first advised her to tell her attorney (images 209-211), when she advised she could not reach him I told her I would tell the judge and see if he would set another date. Again, I relayed the information to the Court and her attorney, and a new date was given.

She did send two photos containing nude images. I did not ask for either nor did I offer to exchange anything in return for them.

- o Images 7-10
- o Actual Message
- o RG ok I am getting ready to hit the shower after umpiring
- o MH Don't do anything I wouldn't do
- o RG lol. U never know
- MH I know a side of you that a lot of people don't. Don't forget that
- o RG This is true (10:44 pm)
- o RG You will have to come watch us play softball this summer (10:58)
- MH If I can get rid of these warrants then I def will. I cant do much of nothing right now
- MH I'm in Jordan's phone. Signing into my Gmail now to get all of my pics
- o MH picture sent (12:29 am)
- Again, I didn't ask for the photo
- Didn't ask for the photo in exchange for anything
- She told the Mt. Sterling Advocate Reporter Tom Marshall that I didn't coerce her to send any image, she also testified that I didn't ask for them
 - She sent another photo (Image 44) –
 - Photo is accompanied by a message that says "Isn't that one of the hottest pics ever? Convince me otherwise"
 - Again no request for it
 - Again no offer to exchange any help for it
 - Again her testimony was I never asked for it

The majority of the messages (images 60-230) revolved around her getting her car back and how to get on zoom court. Her car was seized in a bath county case:

- 19-CR-57 multiple charges including drug trafficking
- I recused from this case and a special prosecutor was appointed.
- Her car was seized as a result
- She entered a guilty plea to Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Tried to get her car returned most of the messages were about her car
- She had multiple family members contact me about this vehicle
- Her attorney and I had multiple conversations about the vehicle
- This was not a case prosecuted by my office
- Image 180 "I'm sorry Ronnie for always bothering you with this drama. I swear that I am sorry"
- Image 207 "I appreciate everything Ronnie, for real. I know that times are hard right now and having me aggravating you nonstop over something that doesn't involve you, doesn't help matters. I'm sure."

The only offer to exchange anything came from Ms. Helton, when she tried to get me to pay for photos and videos. I did not pay for anything nor did I want to receive anything.

- Image 12 "Will you help me out with some money today? I will earn it or pay you back when I get my first check. Either way is fine. I found all my pics and videos but they gotta be worth a lil something, right?
- Image 136 "You interested in helping me make some money? Any ideas?? Videos?? Anythin?
- Image 143&144 "U wanna do some tradin?... Pics and videos for money I never sent money

KBA filed their petition for temporary suspension two (2) days after the release of the article in the Courier Journal. An article riddled with errors, misrepresentations and false statements. KBA did absolutely no investigation and simply relied on this erroneous article to move forward. The errors or misrepresentations are as follows (Article Attached):

- <u>Headline</u> "Kentucky prosecutor promised to help defendant if she sent him nude images, messages show"
 - Absolutely NO mention of nude, naked or any other phrase to that effect in messages
 - O Absolutely NO promise to do anything in exchange for something else
- "In 230 pages of messages from 2018 to 2020 obtained by The Courier Journal, Ronnie Goldy, commonwealth's attorney for Bath, Menifee, Montgomery and Rowan Counties, told Misty Helton that if she sent him nude images, he would talk to judges about continuing her cases and setting aside warrants"
 - O There are absolutely no messages requesting nude images in fact the word nude is never mentioned in any message
 - O There are absolutely no messages requesting any image or video in exchange for doing anything
 - The only talk of exchanging images or videos comes from Ms. Helton (where she wanted money in exchange – no such transaction took place)
 - 180+ images dealt with the topic of Ms. Helton's vehicle and how to get on zoom for Court
- August 20, 2018 (images 26-29) "Helton responded to Goldy's request for a nude video, texting she could make a new one"
 - o no mention of the word nude, no request for a nude video, video I am addressing is a drug buy video that she allegedly had even if you believed it was a nude video where is the promise to do something to help her in court there isn't any
- <u>June 11, 2018 (images 13-14)</u> "Helton messaged to Goldy, What do I need to do to get that warrant taken care of besides the obvious lmao"
 - o Had been over a month since I had talked to her
 - o Just got in from a little league game. Let me ask the judge tomorrow.

- o The obvious was to turn herself in
- No mention of sending me anything in exchange the way it works I asked the Judge to see what position they took– I don't have the authority to do anything with a warrant
- August 23, 2018 (images 29-30) Helton told Goldy a judge in Montgomery County was poised to jail her the next day for six months for failing to pay a fine. Goldy replied: I'm still waiting on those videos remember lol. I can see what I can do. What time is Court?
 - o No such message on August 23, 2018
 - o Actual message
 - MH Hey babe (August 23, 2018 9:48 pm)
 - \blacksquare RG What's up?
 - RG What ya been doing (10:04 pm)
 - MH Trying to get my car out of impound and get my stuff in order. What have you been doing?
 - RG Same old stuff (10:17 pm)
 - MH hey (August 25, 2018)
 - RG What's up? (August 25, 2018)
- November 6, 2020 (images 209-211) "On November 6, 2020 when Helton messaged him, "I freaking forgot about Court" Goldy responded: "Haven't been able to get to judge yet. But I'll take care of it.
 - O Again no mention of exchanging images for helping her
 - o Called me 4 times (didn't answer) on November 5, 2020
 - O Actual Message on November 6, 2020
 - MH I freaking forgot about Court
 - RG- Oh no. Call Charles (her attorney) and tell him. I'm sure it won't be a big deal.
 - MH I can't get thru to him until next Wednesday. I've still been meeting with my PO biweekly for drug tests, so I hope not
 - RG Should be fine
 - MH I just got off the phone with Adam. He had a whole attitude and was nothing but a smart ass for real. He wasn't trying to talk to me nor was he trying to hear me out. He said that they issued a warrant for FTA and I needed to turn myself in. I ask if he mentioned that I had been meeting him as I was supposed to and passing my drug test? He said, uh no.
 - RG I'll check

- MH Thank you. Please talk to Barber because Adam isn't interested and Charles isn't available until next Wednesday.
- MH Anything?
- RG Haven't been able to talk to the judge yet. But I'll take care of it.
- The exchanges show that Goldy, who is 50 and married with two children, repeatedly asked Helton, 22 years his junior, for the photos and videos, and she repeatedly requested favors from him in exchange.
 - At no point can anyone point to a time where I asked for nude photos or videos
 - O She sent a photo on May 4, 2018 (Image 9)
 - O At no point did I ask for it
 - o Images 7-9 I am talking about umpiring a baseball game and playing softball No where do I ask for the photo nor do I ask for it in exchange for anything She told the Mt. Sterling Advocate I never coerced her to send photo She testified in September that I did not ask for the photo she also told my attorney I didn't ask for any photos
 - She sent another photo (Image 44) funny the Courier doesn't mention it I guess it didn't fit the narrative.
 - Photo is accompanied by a message that says Isn't that one of the hottest pics ever? Convince me otherwise
 - Again no request for it
 - Again no offer to exchange any help for it
 - Again her testimony was I never asked for it
- June 5, 2018 (images 12-13) for example, he asked, When do I get to see a video? And she replied, "When do I not have a warrant hahaha?"
 - O No such message on June 5, 2018
 - o Image 12 (May 8-9, 2018)
 - o Image 13 (June 11, 2018)
 - June 27, 2018 (images 17-19) Goldy told Helton you owe me big time, and when she asked why, he said: Judge is about to withdraw some warrants
 - O Judge withdrew FTA warrants and set a court date so she didn't lose job not sure the warrants would have been valid anyway given she was done with probation Courts withdraw FTA warrants all the time
 - $-\mathbf{I}$ didn't ask for anything in return

- <u>In another conversation</u>, she reminded Goldy, "I know a side of u that a lot of people don't" Goldy responded "That is true"
 - o **Images** 7-10
 - Actual Message
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 - Again I didn't ask for the photo
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 - Over the three year period (2018-20), Helton was charged with nine misdemeanors and three felonies in Goldy's circuit for offenses such as identity theft, assault, writing bad checks, and possession of controlled substances.
 - Absolutely not true
 - o (Bath) 14-M-15 Theft by Unlawful Taking under \$500
 - o (Bath) 14-M-108 Assault 4th
 - o (Bath) 15-F-4 Multiple counts of bad checks
 - o (Rowan) 15-CR-107 -RSP under \$500
 - o (Rowan) 15-CR-160 CPFI 2nd
 - o (Mont) 16-M132 Theft by Deception
 - o (Bath) 19-F-44 -multiple trafficking charges (19-CR-57)
 - o (Bath) 19-CR-57 Fleeing/evading, PCS (Special Prosecutor)
 - Only charges in the circuit during this 3 year period was the one I asked for a special prosecutor. The 19-F-44 case turned into 19-CR-57 (Special Prosecutor)

Shortly after her arrest, my attorney went to the detention center to interview her. In that interview, she acknowledged to my attorney that I did not ask for any photos or videos. That I did not ask for anything in exchange for any photos or videos.

Mt. Sterling Advocate – August 19, 2022 (See Attached) – Helton interview by Tom Marshall (See attached)

- She and I were just friends no further relationship
- I think Ronnie is doing what he has to do I think Ronnie is a good person
- Goldy has done nothing wrong
- Exchange of the nude images was simply an extension of the friendship they had developed and asserts Goldy never coerced her to send them
- There is a lot of pressure on her right now because of what she claims to know and a lot of attorneys are calling her
- Defended Goldy during her interview
- Claimed there was a special prosecutor on her case during the time period when the nude images were exchanged
- Alleged she was being used as a pawn between warring political factions
- She alleges Goldy's opponents approached numerous individuals to try and get her phone in order to tarnish Goldy's image
- I am not a victim I allowed it to happen

We never met outside of a courtroom or the jail (pretrial conference) – corroborated by her own words in the messages

- Images 23-24 "I know you are wondering why I haven't been around much or coming through as I said but I need to talk to you in person and then maybe you'll understand" I asked why we need to meet We never met
- Image 27 "we still need to meet up, if we are ever able to get on the same page. Lol" never met
- Images 98&99 she talks about whether or not us actually meeting will come into play- **Again we never met**

As you can plainly see there was no time when I asked for any inappropriate photos or videos from Ms. Helton. There was never a time where I asked for anything in exchange for helping her in Court.

I did have contact with her concerning her case, more specifically how to get her car back. I was not the prosecutor on that case and the case was not handled by my office. I ended up being the middleman between her and her attorney.

neiton, in interview from Clark Co. jail, claims she and Goldy were just 'friends'

By Tom Marshall Senior Advocate writer

A woman who is alleged to have exchanged nude images of herself for help in court claimed in an interview with the Advocate Aug. 19 that she and Commonwealth Attorney Ronnle Goldy were just friends and there was no further relationship.

Misty Helton, 28, granted the Advocate an in-person interview at the Clark County Detention Contex where she is being held on charges that arison since the Louisville Courier Journal

published a report in June regarding messages allegedly exchanged between her and

Helton addressed the matter during a 15-minute interview over a jail phone through a glass partition.

Helton told the Advocate she is currently being held in a one-person cell in the medical ward at the Winchester facility due to what she claims was a previous back injury.

"I think Ronnie is doing what he has to do," Helton claims, "I think Ronnie is d good person."

done nothing wrong."

Helton claims the exchange of the nude images was simply an extension of the friendship they had developed and asserts that Goldy never coorced her to send them.

Helton alleges there is a lot of pressure on her right now because of what she claims to know and "a lot of attornoys" are calling her. Among those to visit lich at the Clark Colmby Detention Center, she alleges, was the FBI, who reportedly wented to talk to her about





Misty Helton

Helton claims she told the FBI she would not talk to them without an attorney and they loft.

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Helton defended Goldy during her interview with the Advocate.

Helton claims there was a special prosecutor assigned to her, Brandon Ison, commonwealth attorney for Carter, Morgan and Elliott counties, on previous criminal charges during the time period the nude images were allegedly exchanged.

Ison's office confirmed this week that Ison was assigned as special prosecutor in a 2019 felony case against

Helion alleges she is now being used as a pawn between what she claims are warring political factions.

"It's all political," she claims.

spread in Bath County, Helton claims, that she allegedly had Facebook messages between Goldy and her on her cell phone and had sent him nude images. Helton is from Salt Lick.

. In a news report in June the Courier Journal said it had obtained copies of more than 230 pages of reported Pacebook messages Goldy allegedly sent to Helton from 2018-2020.

Helton claims Goldy's allegedly opponents approached numerous individuals, including a law enforcement officer, to try and get her phone to tarnish

Goldy's image.

She also claims that some individuals have allegedly tried to intimidate her both before and after she was incarcorated over the alleged relationship with Goldy.

Helton was transferred to the Winchester facility from the Rowan County Detention Center in Morehead, where she was initially held after her arrest July 15 within a few weeks of when the allegations involving the messages and

nude images first surfaced.

Helton was arrested on that occasion for allegedly fleeing from authorities in a vehicle and was reportedly found in possession of drugs, according to uniform citation filed by the Bath County Sheriff's Office, the Advocate previously reported. Helton is charged with fleeling or eyading police, tampering with physical evidence, trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine and heroin), reckless driving, speeding, no registration plates and failure to maintain insurance.

Rowan County Jaller Wes Coldiron told the Advocate he had Helton transferred to Clark County after attorneys who allegedly identified themselves as representing Goldy visited the fall there to speak with Helton.

Coldiron said he couldn't recall the attorneys' names.

Following the reported visit, Coldiron said he thought it best Helton be transferred,

The Advocate filed an Open Records request with Coldiron asking for copies of jail visitation logs related to visits to Helton there.

Coldiron denied the request, claiming there were no such records.

Helton alleges Mt. Sterling attorney James Davis came to the Rowan County Detention Center to visit her and asked her to sign a waiver claiming she is "not a victim" of Goldy.

"I'm not a victim, I allowed it to happen," Helton claimed in her interview with the Advocate.

Davis, who previously represented Goldy as his private attorney, told the Advocate that he did interview Helton, but claims he never asked her to sign any sort of waiver.

Goldy has reportedly hired Louisville criminal attorney Timothy Denison to represent him, Neither Goldy nor Denison have returned a messages from the Advocate seeking comment.

Monday of this week, Goldy's office referred questions about the case to his attorney.

Many of the allegations against Goldy are outlined in a five-page report compiled by a former Louisville Metro Dept. officer Dan Jackman, a private investigator who now operates a company called Mobile Forensic Solutions.

Jackman was hired to examine a phone reportedly belonging to Helton's boy-friend, Louisville attorney Thomas Clay told the Advocate previously.

Clay claims he got access to the Facebook messages after Helton's boyfriend reportedly contacted Maze's ex-husband and gave him screen shots of some of the messages.

Clay represents former Circuit Judge Beth Maze, who is scheduled to go on trial in Bath County Circuit Court Oct. 10 on two counts of forgery and one count of tampering with official records for allegedly forging the names of Goldy and other public officials on documents that approved two requests for testing of her former husband's blood at local hospitals following a previous

Mazo is the former circuit judge for Montgomery,

Monifee, Rowan and Bath counties, the same counties Goldy now represents. She held the position for 18 years. Goldy is slated to be a wit-

ness in that case.

A new special prosecutor was recently named in the Beth Maze criminal case. The Kentucky Attorney General's Office announced last week that Brian Wright, commonwealth attorney for Adair and Casey counties, had been assigned to the case after Michelle Snodgrass with the AG's Office recused.

Snodgrass cited a potential conflict for the recusal.

Clay claims it would have been improper for Snodgrass to prosecute his client while the AG's office also represented Goldy in his capacity as commonwealth attorney.

The AG's office agreed to represent Goldy because Clay also requested cell phone records and other evidence from Goldy for the Maze

Maze was publicly reprimanded by the Judicial Conduct Commission in 2017 for allegedly improperly intervening when her husband, Donald "Champ" Maze, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and other allege crimes.

Comes now the undersigned Affiant, Michael R. Campbell, and after being first duly sworn and cautioned, states as follows:

- 1. My name is Michael R. Campbell, KBA II was admitted to the bar in 1989 and have served in good standing throughout my career.
- Our firm, Campbell, Rogers and Stacy, PLLC is located in Morehead, Kentucky and is a small general practice law firm serving Morehead and the surrounding rural areas of northeastern Kentucky.
- I have known Hon. Ronnie Goldy since he was first admitted to the bar. Over the years I
 have known Mr. Goldy to have been honest and fair in all of his dealings with me and
 members of my firm.
- 4. My practice is primarily criminal defense. In that capacity, I have worked with/against Ronnie Goldy on dozens of cases involving the entire range of felony criminal matters. He has conducted himself in a professional manner at all times. There has never been a single instance where I had conflict with Mr. Goldy due to unfair or unethical conduct. There have been several instances where we disagreed about cases but all disagreements were confined to their proper professional context.
- 5. On many occasions I have requested that Mr. Goldy seek a court summons for my clients rather than arrest warrants. On many occasions I have requested that Mr. Goldy assist me in the withdrawal of a warrant of arrest when I was able to arrange my client's voluntary appearance before the court to face charges. In each of these situations, Mr. Goldy was accommodating if he believed that substituting a court summons for an arrest warrant did not endanger public safety.
- 6. Further, Affiant sayeth naught.

Michael R. CAMPBELL, AFFIANT

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 8/87/95

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AFFIDAVIT OF PAUL W. COX, JR. ATTORNEY AT LAW

COUNTY OF ROWAN >

STATE OF KENTUCKY >

Comes now, Paul W. Cox, Jr., the affiant herein, and voluntarily gives his sworn statement as follows:

- Afflant states he was admitted to the practice of law in May of 1989, in the State of Ohio; and admitted to the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 2001.
- 2. Affiant further states he has known the Honorable Ronnie Lee Goldy, Jr. well before he became an attorney and have always been impressed with how he conducted himself as a moral and respectful person during his younger years while in school and while participating in the community.
- 3. Afflant further states he has regularly practiced law on opposing sides of cases with Mr. Goldy since Mr. Goldy became assistant Commonwealth attorney in 2006, and Commonwealth Attorney thereafter.
- Mr. Goldy always conducted himself in a professional manner in and out of the Courtroom and displayed preparedness and a good working knowledge of the criminal law.
- 5. In working to resolve cases, and in the jury trials Mr. Goldy and I have had against each other, Mr. Goldy has proven to be a man of his word who, while zealously advocating for his client, would carefully abide by the rules set forth for the practice of law.
- 6. Mr. Goldy made himself available for negotiating with the public defenders such affiant who were overloaded with cases seeking to negotiate the best deal we could for our clients. For many years Mr. Goldy would actually come to the jail and do pre-trials with mainly public defenders and their clients in an effort to help with communication among the parties.
- 7. While affiant may not be privileged to all the allegations in this pending matter, the undersigned affiant can say with absolutely no hesitation that he has no personal knowledge of Mr. Goldy ever doing or saying anything which could be construed as calling into question his ethics, fitness, or character to practice law.
- 8. Afflant states he has practiced primarily criminal law as his main area of law since 1989; and had the privilege of working with many prosecutors over the years. From afflant's perspective, Mr. Goldy has always conducted himself in a manner that is consistent with only the highest level of ethical conduct and professionalism.

Paul W. Cox, Jr., Attorney at Law

Signed and sworn to in my presence this 17th day of August, 2022

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: $\frac{2}{34}$

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- 1. I, Michael J. Curtis, am a practicing attorney in the Commonwealth of Kentucky with my main area of practice concentrating on criminal law.
- 2. In my many years of practice and dealing with Ronnie Goldy, when he was in private practice, when he was an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney and him being the Commonwealth Attorney at no time did I ever know of him doing anything unethical for the benefit of a client or himself.
- 3. He has always been a fair prosecutor with the interest of the victim and the Commonwealth. All plea negotiations were aboveboard with no benefit to Defendants unless the Defendant cooperated.
- 4. He has always been a fair and honest attorney, always representing the people in his district with honor and dignity.

Further Affiant sayeth naught.

MICHAEL J. CURTIS

STATE OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF BOYD

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this $17^{\rm th}$ day of August, 2022, by Michael J. Curtis.

My Commission Expires:

3/10/2023

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE-AT-LARGE

ID# 617836

Comes the Affiant, Gregory L. Hall, Attorney at Law, and gives his sworn statement as follows:

- 1. I was admitted to the Kentucky Bar On May 19, 1981.
- 2. Since that time, I have remained in good standing with the Kentucky Bar Association.
- 3. I was administered the oath of office for the Menifee County Attorney on June 6, 2006. I remained at that position until my retirement from the Menifee County Attorney's Office on March 31, 2022.
- 4. I have know the Honorable Ronnie Lee Goldy, Jr. during those 16 years, as a private attorney, and Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, and as the Commonwealth Attorney for Menifee County (as well as Bath, Rowan, and Montgomery Counties).
- 5. I have had a personal working relationship with Mr. Goldy in my position as Menifee County Attorney and as his position as Assistant Commonwealth Attorney and as the Commonwealth Attorney for the aforementioned counties.
- 6. During my work with Mr. Goldy, he has exemplified professionalism, absolute knowledge of the law, and impeccable integrity and honesty in the exercise of his fitness and his duties as the Commonwealth Attorney for Menifee County.
- 7. Mr. Goldy was always accessible and always willing to assist my office in the smooth transition of my District Court Cases to the Circuit Court level.
- 8. The professionalism Mr. Goldy exemplified as the Commonwealth Attorney was always of the upmost character and fitness, and for his concerns for public fairness and protection.

Further, the Affiant sayeth naught.

This 2nd day of August, 2022.

Gregory I. Hall, Altorney at Law

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STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF MENIFEE

GREGORY L. HALL, the Affiant in the foregoing Affidavit, states that he has read the Affidavit and the contents therein are true and correct as he verily believes.

Subscribed, sworn, and acknowledged to before me by GREGORY L. HALL this the day of August, 2022.

My Commission Expires: 4/1/2023

Notary Public
FD: 614564

Comes now, Jeffery N. Lovely, after first being duly sworn and states the following:

- 1. That I am a practicing attorney in good standing with the Kentucky Bar Association since 1997.
- 2. That I have known Ronnie Goldy since approximately 2010.
- 3. That my relationship with Ronnie Goldy is professional in nature.
- 4. We were adversaries in civil cases prior to him being elected Commonwealth's Attorney and I have continued to have criminal cases with Mr. Goldy as Commonwealth's Attorney since his election.
- 5. In my experience Mr. Goldy has always been professional, forthcoming and fair to my clients.
- 6. Mr. Goldy has never acted outside the ethical boundaries in any case that I have had with him over the last 12 years.

· Further affiant sayeth naught.

JEFFERY N. ZOWELY

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF MAGOFFIN

Subscribed and sworn before me this the <u>25th</u> day of July, 2022 by Jeffery N. Lovely

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Comes the Affiant, Chris Ring, and states as follows:

- 1. I was admitted to the Kentucky Bar on October 12, 2011.
- 2. I am currently in good standing and have been since October 12, 2011.
- 3. I have been a solo practitioner since October 12, 2011 in Rowan County Kentucky. My office is at 324 East Main Street, Morehead, KY 40351.
- 4. I have known Ronnie Lee Goldy, Jr. for about thirteen years personally and professionally.
- 5. Based on my experience working with Mr. Goldy, he has always been professional, honest and has upheld his duties as Commonwealth Attorney.
- 6. I am aware of the allegations listed in various newspaper articles. Based on my experience with Mr. Goldy, I do not believe the allegations in the articles are correct.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 174 day of

CHRIS RING Affiant

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I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing was subscribed and sworn to before me by Chris Ring this 17th day of August, 2022.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 5 14 2015.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Comes the Affiant, M. Alex Rowady, Attorney at Law, and gives his sworn statement as follows:

- 1. I was admitted to the Kentucky Bar on October 17, 1991.
- 2. Since that time, I have remained in good standing with the Kentucky Bar Association.
- I have known the Honorable Ronnie Lee Goldy, Jr. since at least 2006, as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney and as the Commonwealth's Attorney for the 21st Judicial District, which includes Bath, Menifee, Montgomery and Rowan Counties.
- 4. I have had a personal working relationship with Mr. Goldy throughout my time representing defendants in his Judicial Circuit.
- 5. During my work with Mr. Goldy, he has exemplified professionalism, knowledge of the law, and impeccable integrity and honesty in dealing with me and my clients.
- 6. Mr. Goldy is always accessible and always willing to communicate with me in attempts to resolve our cases together.
- 7. I am aware of the allegations contained in a newspaper article that was released in July of this year. Based on my dealings with Mr. Goldy, I find those allegations difficult to believe.
- The professionalism Mr. Goldy exemplifies as the Commonwealth Attorney was always
 of the utmost character and fitness and for his concerns for public fairness and protection.
 Further, the Affiant sayeth naught.

This 17th day of August, 2022.

M. Alex Rowady, Attorney at Law

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STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF CLARK

M. ALEX ROWADY, the Affiant in the foregoing Affidavit, states that he has read the Affidavit and the contents therein are true and correct as he verily believes.

Subscribed, sworn, and acknowledged to before me by M. ALEX ROWADY, this 17th day of August, 2022.

My Commission Expires:

Ashley Bordas Smith
Notary Public, ID KYNP6444
Stale at Large, Kentucky
My Commission Expres on April 22, 2024

Notary Public

State of Kentucky at Large

Comes the Affiant, Ira Kilburn, Attorney at Law, and gives his sworn statement as follows:

- 1. I was admitted to the Kentucky Bar in October 1999.
- 2. Since that time, I have remained in good standing with the Kentucky Bar Association.
- 3. I have known the Honorable Ronnie Lee Goldy, Jr. since at least 2001, as a private attorney, as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney and as the Commonwealth's Attorney for the 21st Judicial District, which includes Bath, Menifee, Montgomery and Rowan Counties.
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 - 8. The professionalism Mr. Goldy exemplifies as the Commonwealth Attorney was always of the utmost character and fitness and for his concerns for public fairness and protection.

Further, the Affiant sayeth naught.

This 17th day of August, 2022.

Tra Kilburn, Attorney at Law

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IRA KILBURN, the Affiant in the foregoing Affidavit, states that he has read the Affidavit and the contents therein are true and correct as he verily believes.

Subscribed, sworn, and acknowledged to before me by IRA KILBURN, this ______day of August, 2022.

My Commission Expires: 02/03/2024

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Kentucky prosecutor promised to help defendant if she sent him nude images, messages show



Andrew Wolfson

Louisville Courier Journal

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — An elected prosecutor in Eastern Kentucky exchanged Facebook messages with a defendant in which he promised to help her with her criminal cases in exchange for nude photos and videos of herself.

In 230 pages of messages from 2018 to 2020 obtained by The Courier Journal, Ronnie Goldy, commonwealth's attorney for Bath, Menifee, Montgomery and Rowan counties, told Misty Helton that if she sent him the nude images, he would talk to judges about continuing her cases and setting aside warrants.

On Aug 20, 2018, for example, Helton responded to Goldy's request for a nude video, texting she could make a new one.

"You did get a bond taken care of on a Sunday, I suppose," she messaged.

"Now you are thinking right," he replied.

He also agreed to check if Helton and others had pending warrants.

The Facebook messages, which surfaced in an unrelated criminal case against a former judge who Goldy may testify against, show that on at least two occasions Helton sent the prosecutor what he requested.

"Even a fifth-grader would know this is inappropriate and doesn't pass the smell test," said Boston College law professor R. Michael Cassidy, the author of "Prosecutorial Ethics," a leading work on the topic.

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In a brief interview, Goldy, who was first elected in 2012, denied he did favors for Helton but declined to offer any explanation for the messages.

He said he met her in part while prosecuting one of her cases. But he declined to offer any details about the relationship, saying it could compromise witnesses in other cases he wouldn't identify.

Helton did not respond to several requests for comment. One of her former public defenders, Charles Landon, said she declined to be interviewed in part because she absconded from a warrant.

How the Facebook messages came to light

Copies of the messages were provided to The Courier Journal by Louisville attorney Thomas Clay, who represents former judge Beth Maze, who served on the bench for 18 years in the same four counties where Goldy is the prosecutor.

Clay said he got them from Helton's boyfriend, who was suspicious that she might have been having an affair.

The Judicial Conduct Commission publicly reprimanded Maze for improperly intervening when her ex-husband was charged in 2017 with possession of a controlled substance and other offenses.

She also was indicted on two counts of forgery and one count of tampering with official records for filling out forms that made it appear Goldy and other officials had seen and approved two requests she made for testing her former husband's blood at local hospitals.

Clay said in a June 1 pretrial hearing in Bath Circuit Court he hopes to introduce the messages at Maze's trial to discredit Goldy, who is listed as a witness in the case.

"What I am trying to establish is that Mr. Goldy used his official office to extract sexual favors from a defendant," Clay said at that hearing.

Clay also said he has turned over the messages to the FBI because he believes Goldy's conduct would violate federal law.

\n FBI spokeswoman told The Courier Journal that Justice Department rules don't allow her to confirm or deny an investigation.

Two former prosecutors, Brian Butler and John Caudill, told The Courier Journal if a prosecutor arranged for favors in exchange for anything of value, it would constitute official misconduct, a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail.

"Clearly the prosecutor has engaged in criminal conduct," said Bennett Gershman, who teaches prosecutorial ethics at Pace University law school in White Plains, New York.

More: Voters say 'no' to ousted judge who vowed to run for election to get her job back

Facebook messages illustrate traded favors

The Facebook messages appear to show promises made between Goldy and Helton in which he would help her with her criminal cases and she would send him nude images.

On June 11, 2018, for example, Helton messaged Goldy: "What do I need to do to get that warrant taken care of — besides the obvious, Imao."

Goldy responded, "Let me ask the judge tomorrow."

On Aug. 23 that year, Helton told Goldy a judge in Montgomery County was poised to jail her 'he next day for six months for failing to pay a fine.

Goldy replied: "I'm still waiting on those videos remember lol. I can see what I can do. What time is court?"

On Nov. 6, 2020, when Helton messaged him, "I freaking forgot about court."

Goldy responded: "Haven't been able to get to judge yet. But I'll take care of it."

The exchanges show that Goldy, who is 50 and married with two children, repeatedly asked Helton, 22 years his junior, for the photos and videos, and she repeatedly requested favors from him in exchange.

On June 5, 2018, for example, he asked, "When do I get to see a video?" and she replied, "When I do I not have a warrant hahaha."

Later that month, on June 27, 2018, when Goldy told Helton, "You owe me big time," and when she asked why, he said: "Judge is about to withdraw some warrants."

n another conversation, she reminded Goldy, "I know a side of u that a lot of people don't."

Goldy responded, "That is true."

Experts say promise of favors is out of bounds

The messages show Goldy and Helton acknowledging instances where promises were carried but.

For example, Goldy once messaged Helton: "Got your Rowan County stuff done. You are completely free of that. Still working on Clark County. They are a pain."

In another, Helton told him he "did get a bond taken care" of for her on a Sunday, for which she said she was so grateful she would make him a new video.

"Now you're talking," he responded.

Legal experts say even promising to do a favor out of normal court channels is unethical.

Over the three-year period, Helton was charged with nine misdemeanors and three felonies in Goldy's circuit for offenses such as identity theft, assault, writing bad checks and possession of a controlled substance.

Circuit Judge David Barber, who was appointed in 2020, said when Helton appeared in his court to try to get her vehicle returned by police — and he told her she needed to pay towing ees first — she replied, "I will call Ronnie."

Barber said in an interview he was so stunned a defendant would seek help from a prosecutor that he later asked Goldy about it.

Barber said Goldy told him he was related to Helton's adoptive parents, but her adoptive mother told The Courier Journal that wasn't true.

"It reflects on the whole legal profession when stuff like this happens," Barber said.

More: Removed for misconduct, then trounced in election bid, disgraced ex-judge to run yet again

Judge says mistakes have made her life 'horrific nightmare'

For her part, Maze said in an interview, she had made mistakes that had turned her life into a "horrific nightmare."

In her defense, she has argued other judges had previously used the same forms for requesting blood tests. She said she only intended to route the forms to the officials whose names she wrote on them

Maze was indicted by a grand jury led by a special prosecutor, but Clay said Goldy was "instrumental" in getting the prosecution started by requesting the prosecution.

She has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Michelle Snodgrass, the third and current special prosecutor assigned to Maze's case, declined to comment because it is pending.

Goldy is also listed as a victim in the case, and Clay said he is hopeful the Facebook messages demonstrate that the prosecutor's credibility is suspect.

Goldy's personal lawyer, James Davis, noted that Goldy passed on prosecuting one of Helton's cases in favor of a special prosecutor, but did not elaborate on the reason. The special, Brandon Ison, said he was asked to handle the case because Goldy had "some kind of family relationship" with Helton.

More: A Kentucky lawyer ran against the judge on her contentious divorce case. She won, kind of.

When Clay asked Goldy in court about the Facebook messages, Goldy said under oath he didn't remember them, despite the fact that they make up 350 screenshots.

Testifying under oath, Goldy also said he "did not recall" requesting videos from Helton, which the messages reveal he did multiple times.

Snodgrass objected to Clay's detailed questions about the messages, saying Goldy should have the opportunity to consult a lawyer before answering. Special Judge Phil Patton sustained the motion.

Witness overhears plot to remove judge

The case against Maze, which is set for trial over five days in October, has been acrimonious in the four-county 21st Judicial Circuit in which she served.

In a video deposition, Rowan Circuit Clerk Kim Barker Tabor testified she had overheard Goldy and Circuit Judge William Lane talk about getting Maze off the bench so Goldy could move to a judgeship.

I was under the impression that they were going to try to take down Judge Maze whenever her ex-husband got arrested," Tabor said. "I had heard a conversation that this would get her to resign."

In an interview, Lane said "that conversation never happened."

By retiring from the bench, Maze limited the Judicial Conduct Commission's sanction to a public reprimand. The Kentucky Supreme Court Supreme affirmed that punishment but said her conduct, "while ill-considered," would not have warranted removal from office if she hadn't quit.

Maze said she was compelled to act on her ex-husband's behalf before his blood evidence deteriorated. She said other local judges refused to act, and it would have taken three days to get another special judge's approval.

But the Judicial Conduct found there was no justification for Maze's acts, which it said constituted judicial misconduct.

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August 15, 2019

Hon, David Wilson Special Prosecutions Office of the Altorney General

Re: Special Prosecution request

Dear David,

I am requesting a special prosecutor on the following cases. I have spoken to Hon. Brandon Ison and he has agreed to take these cases for me.

Commonwealth v. Rowan Circuit Court

Commonwealth v. Misty Helton Bath Circuit Court 19-CR-00057

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

Hon. Ronnie Goldy, Jr./ Commonwealth's Attorney

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No you don't have to let them search.

I'll get they taken care of.

Ok. I'm getting ready to hit the shower after umpiring.



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Ronnie Active 7 hours ago









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Lol. U never know.





MAY 4, 2018 AT 12:29 AM

You will have to come watch us play softball this summer.

MAY 3, 2018 AT 11:35 PM

MAY 3, 2018 AT 10:58 PM

This is true.

MAY 3, 2018 AT 10:44 PM





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Ronnie Active 7 hours ago

MAY 4, 2018 AT 12:29 AM







MAY 4, 2018 AT 12:58 AM

Wow. Nice. I do have most of those I think. But they are very nice.

MAY 4, 2 . 1:59 AM

I'm sure you have some even better.

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Ronnie Active 7 hours ago









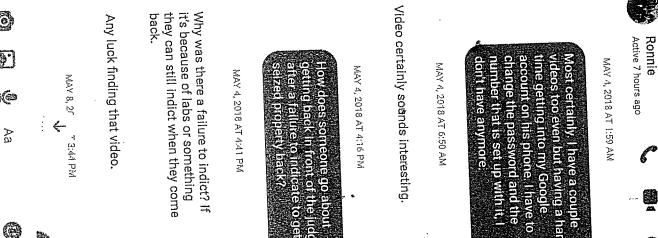












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MAY 8, 21

Ronnie Active 7 hours ago

I'll try and come up with a few

Working on it.

MAY 8, 2018 AT 8:02 PM

MAY 9, 2018 AT 10:31 AM



































How much ya need?

MAY 9, 2018 AT 11:37 AM























Ok. Let me see what I can do.

I'm out of town at the moment my son is having surgery tomorrow.

JUN 11, 2018 AT 9:21 PM





What's up

JUN 11, 2018 AT 10:32 PM

Just got in from a little league game. U?







JUN 11, 2 👃 10:56 PM











Active 7 hours ago

JUN 11, 2018 AT 10:56 PM

Let me ask the judge tomorrow. I'll get everything lined out before hand.

Besides the obvious Imao

JUN 11, 2018 AT 11:37 PM







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I haven't talked to people. That's crazy

or any of his

JUN 12, 2018 AT 7:05 AM

JUN 15, 2018 AT 3:23 PM

When do I get to see a video

JUN 15, 2018 AT 5:43 PM







































I'd be cool with not having to look

Lol. Good point.

JUN 23, 2018 AT 7:10 PM



So that's a no on the video. Lol

JUN 27, 2018 AT 11:20 AM



You owe me big time.





Judge is about to withdraw some warrants.

JUN 27, 2018 AT 11:48 AM





Pretty sure it's already done.

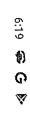
Judge had his clerk call Rowan and withdraw them. May take a day or two to clear the svotem.



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Which promise? Lol

What other stuff did you do.

JUN 27, 2018 AT 12:49 PM

JUN 27, 2018 AT 12:21 PM

Hell yeah that means alot

U said you needed to talk to me about some other stuff.

JUN 27, 2018 AT 1:01 PM





















JUN 27, 2018 AT 3:42 PM

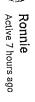
Well that's good.

JUN 27, 2018 AT 1:48 PM





























JUN 27, 2018 AT 3:42 PM

Not quite what I was expecting lol

JUN 27, 2018 AT 8:45 PM

JUN 28, 2018 AT 12:13 AM































































Trying to figure you out. Lol

AUG 17, 2018 AT 10:10 PM



Ronnie missed your call. Aug 17, 2018 at 10:09 PM

CALL AGAIN

AUG 20, 2018 AT 1.20 AM

AUG 20, 2018 AT 7:14 AM

You are killing me. Lol

Though I do expect some videos (more than 1) this time.

AUG 20. 2018 AT 8:43 AM



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AUG 20, 2018 AT 8:43 AM







There should be any I may do that. It should be I will do that ASAP. Lol.



We can meet anytime you want.

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AUG 20, 2018 AT 11:05 AM



Now you're thinking right.

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AUG 20, 2018 AT 6:49 PM

Ronnie Active 7 hours ago







Misdemeanor theft.

AUG 20. 2018 AT 9:26 PM

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Sure. Which gym?

AUG 21. 2018 AT 2:06 AM



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Figured you'd already have a membership somewhere but ive

What's up

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Ronnie
Active 7 hours ago















What's up

What ya been doing

AUG 23, 2018 AT 10:17 PM

AUG 23, 2018 AT 10.04 PM

Same old stuff.

AUG 25, 2018 AT 7:58 PM

What's up?

AUG 25, 2018 AT 8:27 PM











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In Virginia.





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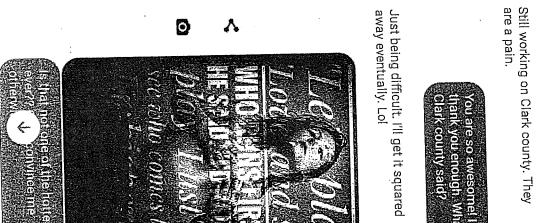


Got your Rowan county stuff done. You are completely free of that.









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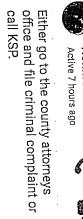












APR 14, 2020 AT 2:07 PM

Just got the order extending the restrictions on court through May 31. So I would say you won't have court.

Could always do the private snap chat videos. I knr girl who made a bunch of \$\$ do, rat. Lol

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Where'd you disappear to? Lol

APR 15, 2020 AT 9:11 PM

APR 18, 2020 AT 1:32 PM

Ronnie Active 7 hours ago

















What kind of trac 🌡

APR 18, 2020 AT 5:20 PM

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APR 18, 2020 AT 1:58 PM

What you decide to do with photos and video

APR 18, 2020 AT 3:07 PM

APR 18, 2020 AT 5:05 PM







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Ronnie Active 7 hours ago





















Some pics and vids for \$\$ lol

APR 19, 2020 AT 9:52 AM

APR 19, 2020 AT 3:02 PM

What's it going to cost

APR 19, 2020 AT 3:47 PM

Sorry. Doing 42 things at once.



You know I'm excited.

APR 19, 2020 AT 3:59 PM



You tell me.

APR 19, 2020 AT 4:10 PM





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Can't put you in jail if they don't have a warrant and there are none active.



That shouldn't be enough for a warrant. You're liking me. Lol. Just kidding.





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Ronnie Active 8 hours ago















































Hell they are not keeping anyone in jail these days

SEP 23, 2020 AT 10:52 PM

SEP 23, 2020 AT 11:05 PM

What's that

I don't believe the supposed to.



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Ronnie Active 8 hours ago

OCT 14, 2020 AT 9:01 PM

No bother to me at all.

Always glad to try and help.

OCT 16, 2020 AT 9:29 AM

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What you doing there







Ronnie Active 8 hours ago

Baseball tournament

NOV 5, 2020 AT 9:16 PM

Ronnie missed your call. Nov 5, 2020 at 9:16 PM

CALL AGAIN

OCT 25, 2020 AT 8:04 AM

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Ronnie missed your call.
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NOV 5, 2020 AT 9:31 PM

Ronnie missed your call. Nov 5, 2020 at 9:18 PM

CALL AGAIN

Ronnie missed your call. Nov 5, 2020 at 9:31 PM

CALL AGAIN

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MOV 6, 2020 AT 12:36 PM

Oh no. Call Charles and tell him. I'm sure it won't be a big deal.





Should be fine

NOV 6, 2020 AT 1:17 PM



































Ronnie Active 8 hours ago

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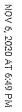


NOV 6, 2020 AT 3:16 PM



NOV 6, 2020 AT 4:33 PM

Haven't been able to get judge yet. But I'll take care of it.







Have I ever failed

NOV 9, 2020 AT 3:26 PM



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