

# Supreme Court of Kentucky

2022-SC-0289-KB

INQUIRY COMMISSION

MOVANT

V.

IN SUPREME COURT

RONNIE LEE GOLDY, JR.

RESPONDENT

## **ORDER ADOPTING REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER AND TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING**

This matter is before the Court on the Inquiry Commission's petition for temporary suspension of Ronnie Lee Goldy, Jr., under SCR 3.165. The Court received the report of Special Commissioner Logue on this date and having reviewed same, the Court ORDERS as follows:

1. The Court adopts the report of the Special Commissioner in its entirety, including its findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation contained therein, and incorporates the report by reference as part of this order;
2. Ronnie Lee Goldy is temporarily suspended from the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, effective upon the date of entry of this order at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time);
3. Disciplinary proceedings against Goldy may be initiated by the Inquiry Commission pursuant to SCR 3.160, unless already begun or unless

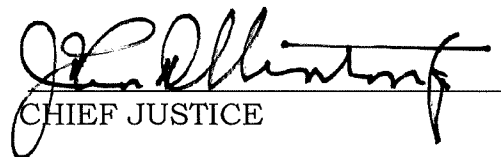
Goldy resigns under terms of disbarment;

4. Pursuant to SCR 3.165(5), Goldy shall, within twenty (20) days from the date of the entry of this order, notify in writing all clients of his inability to provide further legal services and furnish the Director of the Kentucky Bar Association with copies of all such letters;
5. Pursuant to SCR 3.165(6), Goldy shall immediately, to the extent reasonably possible, cancel and cease any advertising activities in which he is engaged.

The Court makes no specific order regarding Mr. Goldy's status to hold the Office of Commonwealth's Attorney for the 21st Judicial Circuit, as a commonwealth's attorney may be removed from office only by impeachment as provided for in Section 68 of the Kentucky Constitution. *Commonwealth ex rel. Pike Cnty. Bar Ass'n v. Stump*, 247 Ky. 589 (1933); *Commonwealth ex rel. Atty Gen.v. Howard*, 297 Ky. 488 (1944).

All sitting. All concur.

ENTERED: September 16, 2022.

  
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**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER**

Pursuant to Order of the Supreme Court of Kentucky, the Special Commissioner herein conducted an evidentiary hearing on Friday, September 9, 2022, to create a record from which the Supreme Court can determine whether probable cause exists to believe that Ronnie Lee Goldy, Jr.'s alleged professional misconduct poses a substantial threat of harm to his clients or the public. The Inquiry Commission was represented by Hon. Jane Herrick and Hon. Ashley Bailey. Hon. Ronnie Lee Goldy, Jr. was present and represented by Hon. Timothy Denison and Hon. Greg Butler.

On July 15, 2022, the Inquiry Commission filed a Petition for Temporary Suspension of Mr. Goldy pursuant to SCR 3.165(1)(b). In support of said Petition, the Inquiry Commission attached a *Courier-Journal* article published on July 12, 2022, titled "Kentucky prosecutor promised to help defendant if she sent him nude images, messages show." The Inquiry Commission relied solely on the article to establish probable cause that Mr. Goldy poses a substantial threat of harm to his clients or the public. On August 4, 2022, Mr. Goldy filed a Verified Response to Petition for Temporary Suspension and requested oral argument.

## EVIDENTIARY HEARING

The Inquiry Commission called Ronnie Lee Goldy, Jr. as its first witness. Mr. Goldy has served as the Commonwealth Attorney for the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit (Rowan, Bath, Menifee and Montgomery Counties) since January 1, 2013. He first met Misty Helton in 2015 or 2016 while she was a defendant incarcerated in the Rowan County Detention Center. Mr. Goldy acknowledged that he communicated directly with Ms. Helton via Facebook Messenger but was unaware of the exact dates of the communication. Inquiry Commission counsel presented Mr. Goldy with documents purported to be Facebook Messenger communications. (Marked as Movant's Exhibit 1). Mr. Goldy was asked to review the documents and state if he recognized any of the messages as his. He testified that he could not tell whether the documents were accurate or complete or not because they did not come from him.

He continued with this answer when asked if he had any recollection of sending the messages. When asked about specific pages and the content of specific messages, Mr. Goldy continued to respond that he could not tell whether they were accurate or not because they did not come from him. He did not deny the messages were his but asserted he did not know where the documents came from or if anything had been done to them. Mr. Goldy did not deny sending the messages, always stating he did not recall sending the messages.

When asked whether he received photographs from Ms. Helton, he stated he had not received photographs and that he had not asked her for photographs. Later in his testimony Mr. Goldy was asked if he had received nude pictures from Ms. Helton. In contradiction to his prior testimony, he acknowledged he had received nude pictures on two different occasions. He further acknowledged he did not handle it correctly but could not state what he did or did not say.

When specifically asked if he sent Ms. Helton \$25.00, he admitted sending the money but when asked about the Facebook Messenger exchange regarding sending money, he continued to assert the same response that he could not confirm the message was accurate or complete.

Mr. Goldy acknowledged that Ms. Helton called him several times, and they had phone conversations where she asked him to change court dates. He also acknowledged they communicated through text messages on his phone in addition to Facebook Messenger. Mr. Goldy stated that their communication was within normal procedure for the Commonwealth Attorney's office. Often, he would receive communication from a defendant requesting a change of their court date or the recalling of a warrant. He would often contact the court to move a court date or recall a warrant upon request of a defendant if they had a valid reason for the request. Additionally, he stated it is not uncommon for Commonwealth Attorneys to reach out to other prosecutors for similar issues.

Specifically, Mr. Goldy recalls on two occasions Ms. Helton had warrants for failure to appear in court – one in Rowan County and one in Bath County. She communicated to him that she had a job and did not want to lose the job. He had the warrants recalled and gave her a new court date. On one occasion he advised her to call her attorney. Another occasion he contacted the Montgomery County District Judge, telling the judge she said she needed additional time to pay. The judge gave her more time. Mr. Goldy said this is "stuff he does every day." Mr. Goldy denied that any of his assistance was on a quid pro quo basis. He testified that he never promised to do something for her in exchange for her doing something for him.

When asked if he sent a message to Ms. Helton requesting a video, he stated he did not recall. When asked whether he denied sending the messages requesting a video, he stated he did not deny but could not recall. However, later in his testimony, Mr. Goldy clarified that in late

April or early May of 2018, Ms. Helton called him and advised that she had a video of potentially illegal activity in Bath County. He advised her to send him the video and he would get it into the right hands. He stated he never received the video, and he never solicited any sexual or nude videos from Ms. Helton.

Mr. Goldy tendered Misty Helton's certified court records from Rowan Circuit Court. (Respondent's Exhibit 1). In case 15-CR-107, Ms. Helton was arrested May 22, 2015, and later indicted by the Rowan County Grand Jury. The last court activity in the case was April 20, 2018, whereby a bench warrant was issued. In case 15-CR-160, Ms. Helton was arrested August 18, 2015, and later indicted by the Rowan County Grand Jury. The last court activity in the case was October 19, 2018, where it appears a probation violation was removed from the docket. In the third case, 16-CR-25, Ms. Helton was in jail when she was charged with a felony. On February 19, 2016, the Rowan County Grand Jury issued an indictment. The last court activity on the case was December 15, 2017.

Next, Mr. Goldy submitted Misty Helton's certified Bath County Circuit Court records for case 19-CR-57. (Respondent's Exhibit 2). She was arrested on this charge June 22, 2019 and indicted by the Bath County Grand Jury on August 15, 2019. Mr. Goldy testified that Ms. Helton mentioned to him in a phone conversation or at the courthouse that he and she were related. On August 15, 2019, Mr. Goldy requested a special prosecutor in the 2019 Bath Circuit Court case. (Respondent's Exhibit 3).

The Inquiry Commission next called Judge David Barber, Circuit Judge of the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit (Rowan, Bath, Menifee and Montgomery Counties) to testify regarding a conversation with Mr. Goldy. Judge Barber presided over a criminal matter in which Misty Helton was a defendant. When hearing argument regarding her motion to return a vehicle, Ms.

Helton made the off handed comment "I'll call Ronnie." Judge Barber felt he should let Mr. Goldy know about the statement. In response, Mr. Goldy told Judge Barber that he was related to Ms. Helton. Judge Barber felt that was a reasonable explanation especially in a small county where often people have large family connections.

The Inquiry Commission next called Dan Jackman, a forensic examiner for Mobile Forensic Service in Louisville, Kentucky. After Mr. Jackman detailed his education and experience in the field of computer forensics with a focus in mobile forensics, he was accepted as an expert without objection. Mr. Jackman was hired to examine the mobile phone of Joe McCarty, father of Misty Helton's 12-year-old child. In May of 2022, he went to the home of Beth Maze where he met Mr. McCarty and performed a data extraction from his mobile phone. Mr. McCarty consented to use of screen shots of his girlfriend's Facebook messages. Mr. Jackman explained how he determined the images had not been tamper with and verified that the images in Movant's tendered Exhibit 1 were the images he extracted from the phone. The images were admitted into evidence. (Movant's Exhibit 1).

As its last witness, the Inquiry Commission called Misty Helton. Ms. Helton testified that she met Mr. Goldy in 2015 while she was an inmate in jail. She and Mr. Goldy are not related by blood or marriage. They have had a personal relationship since 2015. Ms. Helton reviewed the images marked Movant's Exhibit 1 and identified them as conversations she had with Mr. Goldy on Facebook Messenger. Ms. Helton testified that she and Mr. Goldy communicated from 2015 until the day before she was arrested in 2022 through various means including Facebook Messenger, texting and phone calls. She further stated they met in person but gave limited details of the meetings. They met one time in the Morehead Park, and they met one time in the courthouse parking lot when he got her out of court. She had an outstanding

warrant and he told her to lay low until court. When she came to court, she remained in the parking lot. He came out of the courthouse and advised her he took care of her warrant.

Ms. Helton reviewed and explained many of the messages in Movant's Exhibit 1. She confirmed that on May 3, 2018, she was in Somerset when Mr. Goldy sent her \$25.00 for gas. This was the only time Mr. Goldy gave her money. Once she received the money, she messaged "Thank you Ronnie!" and Mr. Goldy responded "Now your turn. Lol." Followed by "Don't leave me hanging". She believed he always felt like she was in debt to him with sexual favors. He requested nude photographs, nude videos and sexual favors on many occasions, and she complied on several occasions.

On May 4, 2018, at 12:29 a.m., Ms. Helton sent Mr. Goldy nude photographs of herself. He responded "Wow. Nice. I do have most of those I think. But they are very nice. I'm sure you have some even better." She then messages that she may have videos too. At 6:50 a.m. Mr. Goldy messages "Video certainly sounds interesting." The same day at 4:16 p.m., Ms. Helton messages "How does someone go about getting back in front of the judge after a failure to indict to get seized property back?" Shortly thereafter, Mr. Goldy messages "Why was there a failure to indict? If it's because of labs or something they can still indict when they come back. Any luck finding that video."

Mr. Goldy and Ms. Helton have messages back and forth over the next month, then on June 15, 2018, at 3:23 p.m., Mr. Goldy messages "When do I get to see a video". Ms. Helton responds, "When am I not gonna have a warrant hahaha". Mr. Goldy responds "Lol, Good point. Incentives never hurt." The conversation continues on June 23<sup>rd</sup> with Mr. Goldy at one point stating "So that's a no on the video. Lol". He follows that with a message on June 27<sup>th</sup> stating



“You owe me big time.” Ms. Helton asks, “Why? Lol”. Mr. Goldy responds, “Judge is about to withdraw some warrants.”

On July 25, 2018, Mr. Goldy invites Ms. Helton to a softball game via Facebook Messenger. The next day she messaged, “How did it go last night hun” and he responded, “Went fine as usual. We have not lost a game in several years. Don’t you owe me a video? Lol”. Later in the conversation he messages, “Yes I am right. U owe me a very good video or two.” Ms. Helton responds, “Okay, I got you. I promise. Give me until this evening to get something to you, okay? & also, I do need to talk to you about something else. I’m going to text you though because I don’t like talking across Facebook.” Mr. Goldy responds, “It better be good. Lol. Ok. Just text me.” Later that evening he messages, “Don’t forget me. I’ve been patiently (or not so patiently) waiting. Lol. It better be worth the wait. Lol.”

Ms. Helton testified that she often tried to ignore Mr. Goldy’s request by changing the topic. For example, on August 21, 2018, after an exchange on Facebook Messenger, Mr. Goldy states, “Don’t get off topic. You still owe me videos. Can’t tease and then not deliver.”

On October 23, 2018, Mr. Goldy messaged, “U ignoring me?” Ms. Helton responds, “No baby, I ain’t. I’ve been meaning to holler back at you but guess never got around to it. I’m sorry. What you been up to trouble?” Mr. Goldy responds, “Got your Rowan county stuff done. You are completely free of that. Still working on Clark county. They are a pain.” She responds, “You are so awesome! I can’t thank you enough. What has Clark county said?” He responds, “Just being difficult. I’ll get it squared away eventually. Lol.” At this point, Ms. Helton sends a nude picture of herself to Mr. Goldy and states “Is that not one of the hottest pics ever?? ... convince me otherwise.” Mr. Goldy responds, “Yes. Yes it is. Looks better in person I’m sure.”

Later he responds, “U send me pics lien that just makes me want to see that video even more. I got to holding out and hook me up.”

The messages in Movant’s Exhibit 1 continue through September of 2021. However, Ms. Helton testified that she and Mr. Goldy had multiple means of communication and communicated until the day of her last arrest. The messages presented at the hearing only represent a small portion of their communication over a seven-year period.

Ms. Helton acknowledged that John McCarty is the father of her son but stated they had not had a relationship for 12 years. She did not believe he had access to her messages and thought they were retrieved from her phone that went missing from evidence in one of her prior Bath County cases. There was no evidence to support this claim and her authentication of the messages in question was sufficient for purposes of this hearing.

Ms. Helton testified that during her 2019 arrest in Bath County, the police were performing a search of her vehicle and had custody of her cell phone. While the phone was in the possession of the police, Mr. Goldy texted her. (Note: she is not referring to the same phone which she believes was missing from evidence in a prior case.) The police saw Mr. Goldy’s text message to her, and later the police officer testified to this fact in a court proceeding. Ms. Helton believes Mr. Goldy recused because the police had evidence he was texting her. While there was no additional evidence presented on this issue, the Bath County court record should be reviewed for any future hearings in this matter.

Most recently, Ms. Helton was arrested in 2022 and she asserts that she talked to Mr. Goldy on the phone the day before she went to jail. She felt she was caught in the middle of a political fight and did not want to talk with the newspaper before she spoke with Mr. Goldy. When she first spoke with the newspaper, she was repeating what Mr. Goldy told her to say.

She was then visited at the jail by Mr. Goldy's attorney, Hon. James Davis. He brought a document for her to sign. She identified it as a waiver but through testimony of Mr. Davis the document was identified as an affidavit. Ms. Helton was concerned because she did not have an attorney or anyone to explain the document to her, and she refused to sign the affidavit. She felt it was time for her to tell what had happened to her.

Hon. James Davis testified on behalf of Respondent. Mr. Davis represented Mr. Goldy regarding the Inquiry Commission Petition for Temporary Suspension and, at Mr. Goldy's request, prepared an affidavit for Ms. Helton. On July 16, 2022, one day after the Petition for Temporary Suspension was filed, Mr. Davis visited Ms. Helton while she was an inmate in the Clark County Detention Center. Mr. Davis had not spoken with Ms. Helton prior to preparing the affidavit. He identified himself as Mr. Goldy's attorney and reviewed with Ms. Helton an affidavit with ten statements and requested her signature. (Respondent Exhibit 5). Ms. Helton did not have an attorney present and refused to sign the affidavit. Mr. Davis recorded the conversation at the detention center without the knowledge or consent of Ms. Helton. The recording was played into the record. Ms. Helton refused to sign the affidavit; therefore, no weight is given to this testimony for purpose of the probable cause hearing.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The evidence establishes probable cause to believe that Ronnie Lee Goldy, Jr., while serving as the Commonwealth Attorney for the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, engaged in personal communications with Misty Helton, a defendant in the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, regarding her various criminal cases. He discussed Ms. Helton's criminal matters with her directly without her counsel being present and clearly intervened on her behalf by having court dates moved or warrants

recalled. In return for his actions, Mr. Goldy solicited nude pictures and videos from Ms. Helton.

Mr. Goldy maintained that the communications were in the normal course of his duties as Commonwealth Attorney. Throughout his testimony, Mr. Goldy shows a complete disregard for SCR 3.130(4.2) regarding communication with a person represented by counsel. Based on the testimony, Mr. Goldy's relationship with Ms. Helton was not in the normal course of business for a Commonwealth Attorney. Ultimately, Mr. Goldy admitted receiving nude pictures from Ms. Helton and continuing to communicate with Ms. Helton all while she was a defendant in the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit.

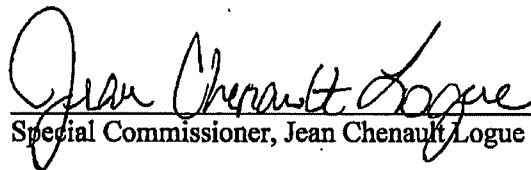
Ms. Helton and Mr. Goldy communicated by Facebook Messenger, text message and phone calls for a period up to seven years. Ms. Helton identified the Facebook Messenger communications in Movant's Exhibit 1 as those between she and Mr. Goldy. Based on her testimony and a review of the Facebook Messenger communications, a clear picture is painted regarding their relationship. Ms. Helton's described in detail the quid pro quo nature of their relationship; her testimony was supported by the Facebook Messenger documents in which Mr. Goldy received nude photographs, requested more photographs and continued to request a video from Ms. Helton in exchange for money and favorable actions in her criminal cases. The context of the messages supports Ms. Helton's testimony that the video requested was of a sexual nature.

The evidence establishes probable cause to believe that Mr. Goldy abused his power by using his official position as Commonwealth Attorney to provide Ms. Helton with assistance in criminal matters for her benefit while he expected and requested actions of a sexual nature from her for his benefit. The communications occurred while Ms. Helton was a defendant in the 21<sup>st</sup>

Judicial Circuit. However, it appears from the record that Mr. Goldy was assisting Ms. Helton with criminal matters in other jurisdictions with the same quid pro quo requirement.

**CONCLUSION OF LAW**

Based on the testimony and exhibits presented, the Inquiry Commission has established probable cause to believe that Mr. Goldy's professional misconduct poses a substantial threat of harm to the public pursuant to SCR 3.165(1)(b). Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Special Commissioner that Ronnie Lee Goldy, Jr. be temporarily suspended from the practice of law.

  
Special Commissioner, Jean Chenault Logue

# SUPREME COURT OF KENTUCKY

## Case Information (2022-SC-0289)

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## Trial Court/Agency Information

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## Party and Attorney Information

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


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1	07/15/2022	<a href="#">PETITION FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION</a>	PETITION FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION	RESPONSE DUE: 08/04/2022	
2	08/04/2022	<a href="#">ENTRY OF APPEARANCE BY COUNSEL</a>	ENTRY OF APPEARANCE BY COUNSEL		

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

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3	08/04/2022	<u>RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION</u>	RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION  Threaded to Step #1	REVIEW FOR SUBMISSION TO COURT: 08/04/2022	
4	08/04/2022	<u>REVIEWED AND SUBMITTED</u>	REVIEWED AND SUBMITTED	ASSIGNMENT CHAMBERS: 08/04/2022	
5	08/04/2022	<u>MOTION CONCERNING ORAL ARGUMENT (OTHER)</u>	MOTION CONCERNING ORAL ARGUMENT	RESPONSE DUE: 08/17/2022	
6	08/12/2022	<u>ORDER SHOW CAUSE</u>	<p>ON JULY 15, 2022, THE INQUIRY COMMISSION FILED A PETITION SEEKING THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF RESPONDENT RONNIE LEE GOLDY, JR., THE COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY FOR THE 21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, PURSUANT TO SUPREME COURT RULE (SCR) 3.165(1)(B). THE PETITION, CITING A NEWS ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE COURIER-JOURNAL ON JULY 12, 2022 THAT CLAIMED GOLDY ENGAGED IN IMPROPER CONTACT WITH A DEFENDANT IN A CRIMINAL CASE, <b>STATED</b> THAT PROBABLE CAUSE EXISTED TO BELIEVE, THAT GOLDY HAD ABUSED HIS OFFICE AND THE PUBLIC TRUST, AND THEREBY THAT HIS CONDUCT POSED ?A <b>SUBSTANTIAL THREAT</b> OF HARM TO HIS CLIENTS OR TO THE PUBLIC.? SCR 3.165(B).</p> <p>GOLDY, FILED A VERIFIED RESPONSE TO THE PETITION ON AUGUST 4, 2022, OBJECTING TO THE COMMISSION'S PETITION ON GROUNDS THAT IT WAS DEFECTIVE BECAUSE IT WAS NOT ?SUPPORTED BY AN AFFIDAVIT? AS REQUIRED BY SCR 3.165(1). IN HIS VERIFIED RESPONSE, GOLDY OTHERWISE STATED THAT THE CITED ARTICLE CONTAINED INACCURACIES AND MISREPRESENTATIONS AND DENIED HE ENGAGED IN ANY UNETHICAL OR IMPROPER CONDUCT.</p> <p>HAVING REVIEWED THE PETITION AND GOLDY'S VERIFIED RESPONSE, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT A SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT WAS FILED OR TENDERED BY THE COMMISSION. THE SUBMISSION OF AN <b>AFFIDAVIT WITH A PETITION FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION IS REQUIRED BY</b> RULE. ACCORDINGLY, THE COMMISSION IS ORDERED TO SUPPLEMENT ITS PETITION WITH AN AFFIDAVIT WITHIN 5 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS ORDER <b>OR SHOW CAUSE WHY</b> ITS PETITION SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED.</p> <p>TO FACILITATE A TIMELY RESPONSE, <b>THE CLERK OF COURT</b> IS ORDERED TO DISTRIBUTE THIS ORDER TO THE PARTIES ELECTRONICALLY VIA COUNSEL'S OFFICIAL EMAIL ADDRESS.</p>	8/17/2022	

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7	08/12/2022	<u>ORDER AS TO ORAL ARGUMENT</u>	<p>RESPONDENT RONNIE LEE GOLDY, JR., BY MOTION, REQUESTS ORAL ARGUMENT PRIOR TO THE ENTRY OF ANY ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION, STATING THAT WITHOUT OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD HE WILL "HAVE BEEN DENIED DUE PROCESS AND SUSPENDED BASED UPON MISREPRESENTATIONS AND MISSTATEMENTS" AND LOSE "THE ABILITY TO PROPERLY LITIGATE AND PRESERVE THESE ISSUES BEFORE THIS COURT SO THAT [IT] . . . IS FULLY INFORMED AS TO HIS DEFENSES AND DENIALS OF ANY UNETHICAL CONDUCT."</p> <p>THE ALLEGATIONS RAISED IN THIS MATTER ARE SERIOUS AND ESPECIALLY CONCERNING CONSIDERING RESPONDENT'S POSITION AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL. THIS COURT ALSO RECOGNIZES THAT TEMPORARY SUSPENSION IS NOT A PUNISHMENT TO BE FLIPPANTLY IMPOSED. THIS COURT BY SIMULTANEOUS ORDER HAS DIRECTED THE COMMISSION TO SUPPLEMENT ITS PETITION WITH AN AFFIDAVIT PRIOR TO THE IMPOSITION OF DISCIPLINE IN THIS PROCEEDING. WE FURTHER PERMIT AND DIRECT GOLDY TO SUPPLEMENT HIS VERIFIED RESPONSE WITH ADDITIONAL AFFIDAVITS OR INFORMATION WITHIN 5 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS ORDER.</p> <p>AT THIS TIME, THE COURT IS NOT INCLINED TO SCHEDULE ORAL ARGUMENT AND DOES SEE GOOD CAUSE TO DO SO. ACCORDINGLY, RESPONDENT'S MOTION IS DENIED.</p> <p>TO FACILITATE A TIMELY RESPONSE, THE CLERK OF COURT IS ORDERED TO DISTRIBUTE THIS ORDER TO THE PARTIES ELECTRONICALLY VIA COUNSEL'S OFFICIAL EMAIL ADDRESS.</p> <p>Threaded to Step #5</p>	8/17/2022	
8	08/17/2022	<u>RESPONSE TO SHOW CAUSE ORDER</u>	<p>RESPONSE TO SHOW CAUSE ORDER</p> <p>Threaded to Step #6</p>		
9	08/17/2022	<u>RESPONDENT'S SUPPLEMENT TO RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION</u>	<p>RESPONDENT'S SUPPLEMENT TO RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION</p> <p>Threaded to Step #7</p>		
10	08/17/2022	<u>REVIEWED AND SUBMITTED</u>	<p>Threaded to Step #6</p> <p>Threaded to Step #7</p> <p>Threaded to Step #8</p> <p>Threaded to Step #9</p>	<p>ASSIGNMENT CHAMBERS: 08/17/2022</p>	
11	08/26/2022	<u>MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD</u>	<p>MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD</p>	<p>RESPONSE DUE: 09/06/2022</p>	




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12	08/26/2022	<u>RENEWED MOTION FOR ORAL ARGUMENT</u>	RENEWED MOTION FOR ORAL ARGUMENT	RESPONSE DUE: 09/06/2022	
13	08/26/2022	<u>NOTICE TREATED AS MOTION TO OBJECTION TO AFFIDAVIT</u>	NOTICE TREATED AS MOTION TO OBJECTION TO AFFIDAVIT	RESPONSE DUE: 09/06/2022	
14	08/26/2022	<u>ORDER APPOINTING SPECIAL COMMISSIONER</u>	<p>THE COURT ORDERS THAT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. THE HONORABLE JEAN CHENAULT LOGUE IS APPOINTED THE COURT'S SPECIAL COMMISSIONER TO PRESIDE AT A HEARING CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SCR 3.340, MEANING THE RULES OF EVIDENCE APPLICABLE IN CIVIL ACTIONS WILL APPLY AND THE SPECIAL COMMISSIONER WILL RULE ON ALL EVIDENTIARY MATTERS.</li> <li>2. THE SPECIAL COMMISSIONER WILL DETERMINE AND REGULATE THE ORDER OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE HEARING.</li> <li>3. THE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022, AT 1:00PM PREVAILING TIME AT THE CLARK COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, CIRCUIT COURTROOM, 17 CLEVELAND AVENUE, WINCHESTER, KY, AND IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.</li> <li>4. THE CLERK OF THE CLARK CIRCUIT COURT WILL RECORD THE HEARING USING THE OFFICIAL VIDEO OR DIGITAL RECORDING SYSTEM IN PLACE IN THE CLARK COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, AND THIS RECORDING WILL BE THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING.</li> <li>5. UPON COMPLETION OF THE HEARING, THE SPECIAL COMMISSIONER SHALL SUBMIT HER REPORT AND RECOMMENDED FINDING OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER TO THE COURT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS. IN ADDITION, THE CLARK CIRCUIT CLERK SHALL TRANSMIT THE RECORDING TO THE CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.</li> </ol>		
15	09/02/2022	<u>MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD</u>	MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD	RESPONSE DUE: 09/15/2022	
16	09/02/2022	<u>TENDERED DOCUMENT RECEIVED</u>	<p>10 COPIES OF SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS AND 10 JUMP DRIVES</p> <p>Threaded to Step #15</p>		
17	09/02/2022	<u>RESPONSE TO MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD</u>	<p>RESPONSE TO MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD</p> <p>Threaded to Step #11</p>		
18	09/02/2022	<u>RESPONSE TO OBJECTION TO AFFIDAVIT</u>	<p>RESPONSE TO OBJECTION TO AFFIDAVIT</p> <p>Threaded to Step #13</p>		

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19	09/02/2022	<u>RESPONSE TO MOTION TO RENEWED MOTION FOR ORAL ARGUMENT</u>	RESPONSE TO MOTION TO RENEWED MOTION FOR ORAL ARGUMENT  Threaded to Step #12		
20	09/02/2022	<u>MOVANT'S PREHEARING MEMORANDUM AND WITNESS AND EXHIBIT LIST</u>	MOVANT'S PREHEARING MEMORANDUM AND WITNESS AND EXHIBIT LIST		
21	09/02/2022	<u>MOTION SUBMITTED TO COURT</u>	MOTION SUBMITTED TO COURT  Threaded to Step #12 Threaded to Step #13 Threaded to Step #15 Threaded to Step #17 Threaded to Step #18 Threaded to Step #19 Threaded to Step #20		
22	09/07/2022	<u>SUBPOENA SERVED JUDGE DAVID BARBER</u>	SUBPOENA SERVED JUDGE DAVID BARBER		
23	09/07/2022	<u>SUBPOENA SERVED</u> [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
24	09/08/2022	<u>SUBPOENA SERVED RONNIE LEE GOLDY JR</u>	SUBPOENA SERVED RONNIE LEE GOLDY JR		
25	09/08/2022	<u>SUBPOENA SERVED</u> [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
26	09/13/2022	<u>ENTRY OF APPEARANCE BY COUNSEL</u>	ENTRY OF APPEARANCE BY COUNSEL HON. RUBY J. SWINEY AS COUNSEL FOR [REDACTED], INQUIRY COMMISSION WITNESS		
27	09/13/2022	<u>MOTION TO QUASH SUBPOENA</u>	MOTION TO QUASH SUBPOENA	RESPONSE DUE: 09/23/2022	
28	09/16/2022	<u>REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER</u>	REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER		
29	09/16/2022	<u>RECORD FROM SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S HEARING FILED</u>	FILED 1 HEARING TRANSCRIPT, 1 CD/DVD OF 9/9/2022 HEARING, INQUIRY COMMISSION EXHIBITS 1 & 2 AND DEFENDANT'S EXHIBITS 1-5 FROM COURT ORDERED HEARING.		
30	09/16/2022	<u>MOTION SUBMITTED TO COURT (NO RESPONSE)</u>	Threaded to Step #15		
31	09/16/2022	<u>ORDER ADOPTING REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER AND TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING</u>	ORDER ADOPTING REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER AND TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING		

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32	09/27/2022	<u>MOTION SUBMITTED TO COURT</u> <u>(NO RESPONSE)</u>	MOTION DENIED AT 9/9 HEARING  Threaded to Step #27		
33	09/28/2022	<u>FINALITY</u>	1 HEARING TRANSCRIPT, 1 CD/DVD OF 9/9/2022 HEARING, INQUIRY COMMISSION EXHIBITS 1 & 2 AND DEFENDANT'S EXHIBITS 1-5 FROM COURT ORDERED HEARING RETAINED WITH SUPREME COURT CLERK RECORD.		

A video copy of the proceedings of the *Inquiry Commission v. Ronnie Lee Goldy, Jr.*, 2022-SC-0289, is available for purchase upon request to the Kentucky Supreme Court, 700 Capital Avenue, Room 235, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.