

STATE OF TENNESSEE

CIRCUIT COURT FOR COCKE COUNTY

COUNT ONE

The Grand Jurors for the State of Tennessee, having been duly summoned, elected, impaneled, sworn, and charged to inquire for the body of the County and State aforesaid, present that **WILLIAM EDGAR BALLARD** on or about between October 23, 2019 and November 1, 2021; before the finding of this indictment in the State and County aforesaid, did unlawfully, knowingly and feloniously act with intent to promote or assist the commission of Bribery, to wit: **WILLIAM EDGAR BALLARD** did solicit, direct, aid, or attempt to aid another person, to wit: **MATTHEW BALLARD**, a public servant, to commit the offense of Bribery by accepting bribery payments totaling more than \$55,000.00 and depositing these payments into a account controlled by **MATTHEW BALLARD**, in violation of T.C.A. 39-11-402, and T.C.A 39-16-102, a class B felony, contrary to the statute, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.


DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL

True Bill

NO. :
PRESENTMENT 25CR-85

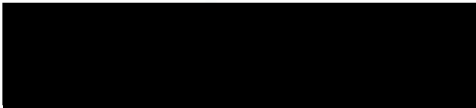
LIST OF WITNESSES:

1. Jim Medlin
FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY
2. [Redacted]
3. [Redacted]
4. [Redacted]
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6. [Redacted]
7. [Redacted]
8. [Redacted]
9. [Redacted]
10. [Redacted]
11. [Redacted]
12. [Redacted]

STATE OF TENNESSEE
VS.
WILLIAM EDGAR BALLARD

1 Count CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCT OF ANOTHER

Prosecutor:



Witness sworn by me in the presence of the Grand Jury 1-15-25

Jim Medlin
Foreman of the Grand Jury

Filed _____ day of _____, 2025

Clerk

CIRCUIT COURT
FILED
HOUR 11:00 M
JAN 15 2025
KAREN ATCHLEY, CLERK
SEVIER COUNTY, TN



Clerk: Summon all named witnesses for the State.
JAMES B. DUNN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF TENNESSEE

CIRCUIT COURT FOR SEVIER COUNTY

COUNT ONE

The Grand Jurors for the State of Tennessee, having been duly summoned, elected, impaneled, sworn, and charged to inquire for the body of the County and State aforesaid, present that **MATTHEW BALLARD** on or about between **September 5, 2018 and September 19, 2022**, before the finding of this indictment in the State and County aforesaid, while a public servant, did solicit, accept or agree to accept a pecuniary benefit upon an agreement or understanding that the public servant's vote, opinion, judgment, exercise of discretion or other action as a public servant will thereby be influenced, in violation of T.C.A. 39-16-102, a class B felony, contrary to the statute and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT TWO

The Grand Jurors for the State of Tennessee, having been duly summoned, elected, impaneled, sworn, and charged to inquire for the body of the County and State aforesaid, present that **MATTHEW BALLARD** on or about between **October 1, 2018 and November 5, 2022**, said conduct having been concealed by the said **MATTHEW BALLARD** when he directed district employees to document work performed for the said **MATTHEW BALLARD'S** benefit be disguised as work performed for the benefit of the district, until its revelation on January 25, 2023, before the finding of this indictment in the State and County aforesaid, being a public servant with the intent to obtain a benefit, did unlawfully, feloniously, intentionally or knowingly commit an act relating to the servant's office, the said **MATTHEW BALLARD** did receive a benefit not otherwise authorized by law, to-wit: the fraudulent receipt of \$18,581.27 in goods and services to which he was not entitled, in violation of T.C.A. 40-2-103 and T.C.A. 39-16-402(a)(5), a class E Felony, contrary to the statute, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

James B. Dunn
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL
by: *W. Brenton Marsh*
Dep. Dist. Atty. Gen.

True Bill

NO.:
PRESENTMENT 25CR-84

LIST OF WITNESSES:

1. Jim Medlin
FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY
2. [Signature]
3. Esther Jaye Wicks
4. Jeanne Phillips
5. Mary Annan
6. Wiemna Zawona
7. Michael [Signature]
8. Sharon Johnson
9. Mike [Signature]
10. John [Signature]
11. Ayla Gibson
12. [Signature]
13. Jenny [Signature]

STATE OF TENNESSEE
VS.
MATTHEW BALLARD

1 Count BRIBE PUBLIC SERVANT
1 Count OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT

Prosecutor

Witness sworn by me in the presence of the
Grand Jury 1-15-25

Jim Medlin
Foreman of the Grand Jury

Filed _____ day of _____, 2025

Clerk

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