

# INDICTMENT

No.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

v.

**DAVID ALLEN AKERS**

Charge(s):

THEFT OF PROPERTY - \$60,000 - \$250,000  
THEFT OF PROPERTY - >\$1,000 TO < \$2,500  
TENNESSEE PERSONAL AND COMMERCIAL  
COMPUTER ACT

Date Presented: September 22, 2025

TRUE BILL

NO TRUE BILL

*Helen H. Sigdon*

Affiant

Comptroller's Office

## WITNESSES

Investigator  
Investigator

Here duly summoned as witnesses and sworn by me and testified before the Grand Jury on this indictment.

*Helen H. Sigdon*  
Foreman, Grand Jury

THE CLERK will issue summons for the following State Witnesses:

Investigator  
Investigator

**BRYANT C DUNAWAY**  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE, OVERTON COUNTY**  
**SEPTEMBER TERM OF THE CRIMINAL COURT, 2025**

### Count 1:

THE GRAND JURORS of Overton County, Tennessee, duly empaneled and sworn upon their oath present that **DAVID ALLEN AKERS** heretofore between the 6th day of April, 2024 and 14th day of March, 2025, in Overton County, Tennessee and before the finding of this indictment did unlawfully and knowingly obtain or exercise control over grant funds in excess of \$60,000 but less than \$250,000 awarded to the Rickman Volunteer Fire Department from the State Fire Marshal's Office, with the intent to deprive the Rickman Volunteer Fire Department, and without the consent of the Rickman Volunteer Fire Department; to wit, David Allen Akers obtained the grant funds and used them for personal and unauthorized purchases, in violation of T.C.A. §39-14-103, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

*[Signature]*  
Office of the District Attorney General

# INDICTMENT

STATE OF TENNESSEE, OVERTON COUNTY

September Term of the Criminal Court of the Overton County, 2025

## Count 2:

THE GRAND JURORS of Overton County, Tennessee, duly empaneled and sworn upon their oath present that **DAVID ALLEN AKERS** heretofore between the 6th day of April, 2024 and 14th day of March, 2025, in Overton County, Tennessee and before the finding of this indictment did unlawfully and knowingly obtain or exercise control over Venmo donations in excess of \$1,000 but less than \$2,500 that were made to the Rickman Volunteer Fire Department with the intent to deprive the Rickman Volunteer Fire Department, and without the consent of the Rickman Volunteer Fire Department; to wit, David Allen Akers received, via Venmo, donations for the Rickman Volunteer Fire Department, but kept those donations in a personal bank account and never deposited the funds into the Rickman Volunteer Fire Department bank account, in violation of T.C.A. §39-14-103 and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

## Count 3:

THE GRAND JURORS of Overton County, Tennessee, duly empaneled and sworn upon their oath present that **DAVID ALLEN AKERS** heretofore between the 6th day of April, 2024 and 14th day of March, 2025, in Overton County, Tennessee and before the finding of this indictment did unlawfully and knowingly and directly access a computer, computer network, or any part thereof for the purpose of obtaining money by means of false or fraudulent pretenses or representations; to wit, David Allen Akers made multiple transactions using a computer network to make cash withdrawals from a bank account and Venmo containing grant funds and donations for the Rickman Volunteer Fire Department for his personal uses, in violation of T.C.A. 39-14-602 and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.



Office of the District Attorney General

IN THE CRIMINAL/CIRCUIT COURT FOR OVERTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Case Number: 2025-CR-81 Count # 1 Counsel for the State: Jackson W. Carter
Judicial District: District 13 Judicial Division: II Counsel for the Defendant: Brett Knight
Co-Counsel for the Defendant:
[checked] Retained [ ] Pub Def Appt [ ] Private Atty Appt
[ ] Counsel Waived [ ] Pro Se

State of Tennessee

vs.
Defendant: DAVID ALLEN AKERS Alias: Date of Birth: Sex: M
Race: White SSN: Driver License #: Issuing State: Tennessee
State ID#: County Offender ID # (if applicable): TDOC #:
Relationship to Victim: Victim's Age:
State Control #: Arrest Date: 09-25-2025 Indictment Filing Date: 04-06-2024

JUDGMENT [checked] Original [ ] Amended [ ] Corrected

Come the parties for entry of judgment.

On the 18th day of May, 2026, the defendant:

[checked] Pled Guilty [ ] Pled Nolo Contendere [ ] Pled Guilty Certified Question Findings Incorporated by Reference
[ ] Dismissed [ ] Nolle Prosequi with costs [ ] Nolle Prosequi without costs
Is found: [ ] Guilty [ ] Not Guilty [ ] Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity
[ ] Jury Verdict [ ] Bench Trial Merged with Count:

Indictment: Class (circle one) 1st A (B) C D E [checked] Felony [ ] Misdemeanor
Indicted Offense Name: THEFT OF PROPERTY - \$60,000 - \$250,000
Indicted Offense TCA §: 39-14-103
Amended Offense Name:
Amended Offense TCA §:
Offense Date: 04-06-2024 - 03-14-2025 County of Offense: Overton
Conviction Offense Name: THEFT OF PROPERTY - \$60,000 - \$250,000
Conviction Offense TCA §: 39-14-103
Conviction: Class (circle one) 1st A (B) C D E [checked] Felony [ ] Misdemeanor
Sentence Imposed Date: 05-18-2026

Offender Status (Check One)
[ ] Mitigated [checked] Standard [ ] Multiple [ ] Persistent [ ] Career
[ ] 1st Degree Murder [ ] Drug Free Zone [ ] Pre 1989 [ ] Gang Related
[ ] Reform Act 1989 [ ] Repeat Violent Off [ ] After July 1, 1995

After considering the evidence, the entire record, and in the case of sentencing, all factors in Tennessee Code Annotated Title 40, Chapter 35, all of which are incorporated by reference herein, it is ORDERED and ADJUDGED that the conviction described above is imposed hereby and that a sentence and costs are imposed as follows:

Concurrent with:
Consecutive to:

Pretrial Jail Credit Period(s):
From to From to
From to From to
From to From to
It is not the intent of the court for duplication of Jail Credit to be applied to consecutive sentences

Judge's Name: Wesley Thomas Bray Judge's Signature: Wesley Thomas Bray Date: 06-04-2026

IN THE CRIMINAL/CIRCUIT COURT FOR OVERTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Case Number: 2025-CR-81 Count #: 1

Judicial District: District 13 Judicial Division: II

State of Tennessee

vs.

Defendant: DAVID ALLEN AKERS Alias: Date of Birth: Sex: M
Race: White SSN:

CONTINUATION OF JUDGMENT Original Amended Corrected

Sentenced To: TDOC County Jail Workhouse
Sentence Length: 8 Years Months Days Hours Life Life w/out Parole Death
Mandatory Minimum Sentence Length: §§ 39-17-417, 39-13-513, 39-13-514
§ 55-10-401 DUI 4th Offense
§ 39-17-1324 Possession/Employment of Firearm
§§ 40-39-208, -211 Violation of Sex Offender Registry
Meth §§ (39-17-434, -417, -418)
Minimum service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status and rehabilitative programs: % (Misdemeanor or Split Confinement Only)
Defendant may be subject to an additional year of mandatory supervision pursuant to § 40-35-506

Release Eligibility: Mitigated 20% Mitigated 30% Standard 30% Multiple 35% Persistent 45% Career 60%
% TCA (early release eligibility, if any, not calculated)
100% TCA (include subsection)

Alternative Sentence: Sup Prob Unsup Prob Comm Corr Prob Sup By Comm. Corr (CHECK ONE BOX)
8 Years Months Days Effective:
Period of incarceration to be served prior to release on probation or Community Corrections: Months Days Hours
WAS DRUG/RECOVERY COURT ORDERED AS A CONDITION OF THE ALTERNATIVE SENTENCE? Yes No

Court Ordered Fees and Fines: Costs to be Paid by
\$ Court Costs Defendant State
\$ Fine Assessed
\$ Traumatic Brain Injury Fund (68-55-301 et seq.)
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\$ CICF
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\$ Other:

Restitution: Victim Name
Address
Total Amount \$
Amount Per Month (if applicable) \$
Payment Period

Unpaid Community Service:
Hours Days Weeks Months

- The Defendant having been found guilty is rendered infamous and ordered to provide a biological specimen for the purpose of DNA analysis.
Pursuant to 39-13-521, the defendant is ordered to provide a biological specimen for the purpose of HIV testing.
Pursuant to 39-13-524 or 39-13-518, the defendant is sentenced to community supervision for life following sentence expiration.
Pursuant to Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 10, 71-6-117, or 71-6-119, the clerk shall forward this judgment to the Department of Health.

Special Conditions:

The defendant has paid \$86,000.00 in restitution back to the Rickman Fire Department. The remaining balance of restitution owed in the amount of \$1,072.95 is to be paid in its entirety to Rickman Fire Department.

Wesley Thomas Bray Judge's Name Wesley Thomas Bray Judge's Signature 06-04-2026 Date of Entry of Judgment
Jackson W. Carter Counsel for State/Signature (optional) Defendant/Defendant's Counsel/Signature (optional)
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IN THE CRIMINAL/CIRCUIT COURT FOR OVERTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Case Number: 2025-CR-81 Count # 2 Counsel for the State: Jackson W. Carter
Judicial District: District 13 Judicial Division: II Counsel for the Defendant: Brett Knight
Co-Counsel for the Defendant:
[ ] Retained [ ] Pub Def Appt [ ] Private Atty Appt
[ ] Counsel Waived [ ] Pro Se

State of Tennessee
vs.

Defendant: DAVID ALLEN AKERS Alias: Date of Birth: Sex: M
Race: White SSN: Driver License #: Issuing State: Tennessee
State ID#: County Offender ID # (if applicable): TDOC #:
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Amended Offense Name:
Amended Offense TCA §:
Offense Date: 04-06-2024 - 03-14-2025 County of Offense: Overton
Conviction Offense Name:
Conviction Offense TCA §:
Conviction: Class (circle one) 1st A B C D E [ ] Felony [ ] Misdemeanor
Sentence Imposed Date:

Offender Status (Check One)
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Judge's Name: Wesley Thomas Bray Judge's Signature: Wesley Thomas Bray Date: 06-04-2026

IN THE CRIMINAL/CIRCUIT COURT FOR OVERTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Case Number: 2025-CR-81 Count #: 2
Judicial District: District 13 Judicial Division: II

State of Tennessee

vs.

Defendant: DAVID ALLEN AKERS Alias: Date of Birth: Sex: M
Race: White SSN:

CONTINUATION OF JUDGMENT Original Amended Corrected

Sentenced To: TDOC County Jail Workhouse
Sentence Length: Years Months Days Hours Life Life w/out Parole Death
Mandatory Minimum Sentence Length: §§ 39-17-417, 39-13-513, 39-13-514
§ 55-10-401 DUI 4th Offense
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Minimum service prior to eligibility for work release, furlough, trusty status and rehabilitative programs: % (Misdemeanor or Split Confinement Only)
Defendant may be subject to an additional year of mandatory supervision pursuant to § 40-35-506

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Alternative Sentence: Sup Prob Unsup Prob Comm Corr Prob Sup By Comm. Corr (CHECK ONE BOX)
Years Months Days Effective:
Period of incarceration to be served prior to release on probation or Community Corrections: Months Days Hours
WAS DRUG/RECOVERY COURT ORDERED AS A CONDITION OF THE ALTERNATIVE SENTENCE? Yes No

Court Ordered Fees and Fines: Costs to be Paid by
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\$ Fine Assessed
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\$ CICF
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\$ Other:

Restitution: Victim Name
Address
Total Amount \$
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Special Conditions:

Wesley Thomas Bray Wesley Thomas Bray 06-04-2026
Judge's Name Judge's Signature Date of Entry of Judgment

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IN THE CRIMINAL/CIRCUIT COURT FOR OVERTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Case Number: 2025-CR-81 Count # 3 Counsel for the State: Jackson W. Carter
Judicial District: District 13 Judicial Division: II Counsel for the Defendant: Brett Knight
Co-Counsel for the Defendant:
[ ] Retained [ ] Pub Def Appt [ ] Private Atty Appt
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State of Tennessee

vs.
Defendant: DAVID ALLEN AKERS Alias: Date of Birth: Sex: M
Race: White SSN: Driver License #: Issuing State: Tennessee
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Indicted Offense Name: COMPUTER OFFENSE - \$60,000 - <\$250,000 - ATTEMPT
Indicted Offense TCA §: 39-14-602
Amended Offense Name:
Amended Offense TCA §:
Offense Date: 04-06-2024 - 03-24-2025 County of Offense: Overton
Conviction Offense Name:
Conviction Offense TCA §:
Conviction: Class (circle one) 1st A B C D E [ ] Felony [ ] Misdemeanor
Sentence Imposed Date:

Offender Status (Check One)
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Judge's Name: Wesley Thomas Bray Judge's Signature: Wesley Thomas Bray Date: 06-04-2026

**IN THE CRIMINAL/CIRCUIT COURT FOR OVERTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

Case Number: 2025-CR-81 Count #: 3

Judicial District: District 13 Judicial Division: II

**State of Tennessee**

**vs.**

**Defendant:** DAVID ALLEN AKERS Alias: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Sex: M  
 Race: White SSN: [REDACTED]

**CONTINUATION OF JUDGMENT**  Original  Amended  Corrected

**Sentenced To:**  TDOC  County Jail  Workhouse  
**Sentence Length:** \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_ Days \_\_\_\_\_ Hours  Life  Life w/out Parole  Death  
 Mandatory Minimum Sentence Length: \_\_\_\_\_ §§ 39-17-417, 39-13-513, 39-13-514  
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**Alternative Sentence:**  Sup Prob  Unsup Prob  Comm Corr  Prob Sup By Comm. Corr (CHECK ONE BOX)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_ Days Effective: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Period of incarceration to be served prior to release on probation or Community Corrections: \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_ Days \_\_\_\_\_ Hours  
 WAS DRUG/RECOVERY COURT ORDERED AS A CONDITION OF THE ALTERNATIVE SENTENCE?  Yes  No

Court Ordered Fees and Fines:	Costs to be Paid by
\$ _____ Court Costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> State
\$ _____ Fine Assessed	
\$ _____ Traumatic Brain Injury Fund (68-55-301 et seq.)	
\$ _____ Drug Testing Fund (TN Drug Control Act)	
\$ _____ CICF	
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\$ _____ Other: _____	

**Restitution:** Victim Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount Per Month (if applicable) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Payment Period \_\_\_\_\_

Unpaid Community Service:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Days \_\_\_\_\_ Weeks \_\_\_\_\_ Months

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**Special Conditions:**

Wesley Thomas Bray

Judge's Name

*Wesley Thomas Bray*

Judge's Signature

06-04-2026

Date of Entry of Judgment

*Jackson W. Carter*

Counsel for State/Signature (optional)

Defendant/Defendant's Counsel/Signature (optional)