

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF JOHNSTON

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
FILED 23 CR 3494-500

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA) 2023 APR -3 A 11: 48 INDICTMENT
v.) JOHNSTON CC C.S. I. FELONY EXTORTION
RONALD LEE JOHNSON JR.,) BY JUV II-IV. WILLFUL FAILURE TO
Defendant) V. DISCHARGE DUTIES
FELONY OBSTRUCTION
OF JUSTICE

I. FELONY EXTORTION

THE JURORS FOR THE STATE UPON THEIR OATH PRESENT that in Johnston County, on or about April 25, 2022, the Defendant named above unlawfully, willfully, and feloniously did threaten and communicate a threat to DeVan Barbour IV, a candidate for political office, with the intent wrongfully to obtain an advantage. Defendant threatened to release a recording in the defendant's possession of defamatory allegations concerning DeVan Barbour IV weeks before a primary election in which DeVan Barbour IV was on the ballot. Defendant threatened to release the recording if DeVan Barbour IV did not pressure Angela McLeod Barbour into recanting her statements that she had an affair with the Defendant. Such a recantation would constitute an advantage to the Defendant. This act was done in violation of N.C.G.S. § 14-118.4.

II. WILLFULLY FAILING TO DISCHARGE DUTIES

THE JURORS FOR THE STATE UPON THEIR OATH PRESENT that in Johnston County, on or about May 31, 2022, the Defendant named above unlawfully and willfully did, as a member of the Johnston County Board of Education, omit, neglect, and refuse to discharge a duty of his office, by recording a closed session of the Johnston County Board of Education meeting, in violation of his Board duties, and did thereby cause injury to the public. This act was done in violation of N.C.G.S. § 14-230.

III. WILLFULLY FAILING TO DISCHARGE DUTIES

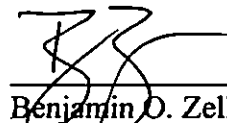
THE JURORS FOR THE STATE UPON THEIR OATH PRESENT that in Johnston County, on or about November 10, 2022, the Defendant named above unlawfully and willfully did, as a member of the Johnston County Board of Education, omit, neglect, and refuse to discharge a duty of his office, by failing to comply with public records requests, in violation of his Board duties, and did thereby cause injury to the public. This act was done in violation of N.C.G.S. § 14-230.

IV. WILLFULLY FAILING TO DISCHARGE DUTIES

THE JURORS FOR THE STATE UPON THEIR OATH PRESENT that in Johnston County, on or about July 1, 2022, the defendant named above unlawfully and willfully did, as a member of the Johnston County Board of Education, omit, neglect, and refuse to discharge a duty of his office by attempting to have two Clayton High School special needs students transferred to another school as an act of personal retaliation, in violation of his Board duties, and did thereby cause injury to the public. This act was done in violation of N.C.G.S. § 14-230.

V. FELONY OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

THE JURORS FOR THE STATE UPON THEIR OATH PRESENT that in Johnston County, on or about January 25, 2023 the defendant named above unlawfully, willfully, and feloniously did obstruct justice by removing evidence related to his criminal activity from Clayton Fitness, Inc. when the defendant became aware that law enforcement was investigating his belongings in the facility. This offense was done with deceit and intent to defraud; in secrecy and with malice; was infamous; and was done in violation of the common law, and against the peace and dignity of the State.



Benjamin O. Zellinger
Special Prosecutor
North Carolina Department of Justice

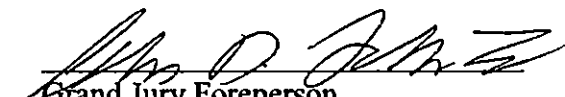
X Inv. Rick Hoffman
Witness, Johnston County District Attorney's Office

The witness marked "X" was sworn by the undersigned Foreperson of the Grand Jury and, after hearing testimony, this bill was found to be:

X A TRUE BILL by twelve or more grand jurors, and I, the undersigned Foreperson of the Grand Jury, attest the concurrence of twelve or more grand jurors in this bill of indictment.

____ NOT A TRUE BILL

4/3/23
Date



Grand Jury Foreperson

