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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - CRIMINAL

State Grand Jury
Number SGJ714-18-19
Superior Court
Docket Number 18-04-00062-S

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
v.)
ERIC RICHARDSON)

ORDER OF VENUE

An Indictment having been returned to this Court by the State Grand Jury in the above captioned matter,

IT IS ORDERED on this 15th day of April, 2018, pursuant to paragraph 8 of the State Grand Jury Act, that the County of Camden be and hereby is designated as the County of venue for the purpose of trial.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall transmit forthwith the Indictment in this matter and a certified copy of this Order to the Criminal Division Manager of the County of Camden for filing.



Peter E. Warshaw, J.S.C.

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INDICTMENT

ERIC RICHARDSON)

The Grand Jurors of and for the State of New Jersey, upon their oaths, present that:

COUNT ONE

(Official Misconduct - Second Degree)

ERIC RICHARDSON

between on or about November 22, 2016 and on or about May 8, 2017, at the Township of Gloucester, in the County of Camden, at the City of Atlantic City, in the County of Atlantic, at the Township of Commercial, in the County of Cumberland, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did commit the offense of official misconduct, in that the said ERIC RICHARDSON, acting with the purpose to obtain a benefit for himself or to injure or to deprive another of a benefit, did commit an act relating to his office, but

constituting an unauthorized exercise of his official functions, knowing that such an act was unauthorized or that he was committing it in an unauthorized manner, and the said ERIC RICHARDSON, then and there being a public servant, to wit: a New Jersey State Police Trooper I, having thereby the official functions and duties, among others: (1) to properly report the race and gender of stopped drivers to New Jersey State Police Dispatch; (2) to only stop vehicles based on at least reasonable, articulable suspicion that a motor vehicle statute or criminal statute has been violated; (3) to record all traffic stops, criminal enforcement stops, motorist aids, motor vehicle accidents and pedestrian contacts in their entirety; (4) to refrain from knowingly entering or causing to be entered in any Division of State Police books or records, any inaccurate, false, improper or misleading information or matter; (5) to refrain from knowingly, under any circumstances, making or causing to be made any false or misleading official statement or intentionally misrepresenting any facts; (6) to use law enforcement databases only for authorized purposes by criminal justice agencies in the lawful performance of their duties or within the scope of their employment; (7) to perform his duties in a legal and proper manner; (8) to display good faith, honesty and integrity; or (9) to be impervious to corrupting influences, did knowingly make false statements to New Jersey State Police to disguise and conceal the nature of traffic

stops where he solicited female drivers, did threaten to take an action as a public official in his capacity as a New Jersey State Police Trooper or cause a public official to take official action, to wit: to arrest a person whose identity is known to the grand jurors, with purpose to unlawfully restrict the said person's freedom of action to engage in or refrain from engaging in conduct, or did use a law enforcement database for an authorized purpose and did utilize said information obtained from that database for a purpose outside his duties, with the purpose to secure a benefit to himself or another, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:30-2, and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of same.

COUNT TWO

(Criminal Coercion)

ERIC RICHARDSON

on or about December 23, 2016, at the Township of Gloucester, in the County of Camden, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did commit the offense of Criminal Coercion, in that the said ERIC RICHARDSON, knowingly did threaten to take an action as a public official in his capacity as a New Jersey State Police Trooper or cause a public official to take official action, to wit: to arrest a person whose identity is known to the grand jurors, with purpose to unlawfully restrict the said person's freedom of action to engage in or refrain from engaging in conduct, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:13-5(a)(4), and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of same.

COUNT THREE

(Tampering With Public Records or Information - Third Degree)

ERIC RICHARDSON

between on or about December 23, 2016 and on or about January 3, 2017, at the City of Gloucester, in the County of Camden, at the City of Atlantic City, in the County of Atlantic, elsewhere and within the jurisdiction of this Court, with purpose to defraud or injure, did make, present, offer for filing or use any record, document or thing knowing it to be false, and with the purpose that it be taken as a genuine part of information or records belonging to, received or kept by, the government for information or record, or required by law to be kept by others for information of the government, that is, the said ERIC RICHARDSON did, knowing the same to be false, make, present, offer for filing or use, information recorded by New Jersey State Police as part of an official record kept by the State Police, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:28-7(a)(2), and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of same.

COUNT FOUR

(Falsifying Records - Fourth Degree)

ERIC RICHARDSON

between on or about December 23, 2016 and on or about January 3, 2017, at the City of Gloucester, in the County of Camden, at the City of Atlantic City, in the County of Atlantic, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, with purpose to deceive or injure another or to conceal a wrongdoing, did utter a writing or record knowing it to contain a false statement or information, to wit: did provide false information to New Jersey State Police on one or more occasions about the driver of a stopped motor vehicle or the nature of a traffic stop, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-4(a), and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of same.

COUNT FIVE

(Wrongful Access/Disclosure of Information - Second Degree)

ERIC RICHARDSON

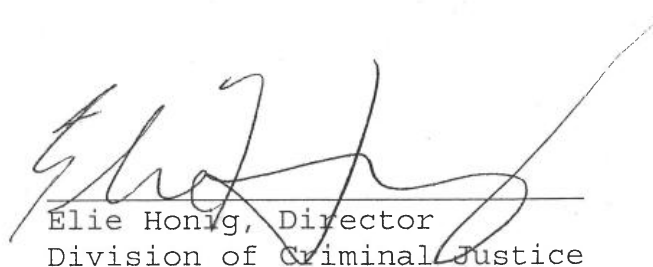
on or about May 8, 2017, at the at the Township of Commercial, in the County of Cumberland, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did purposely or knowingly, and without authorization or in excess of authorization, access a database, to wit: the CJIS database, which stores motor vehicle information, arrest detail or criminal history of individuals, that is required to be used for authorized purposes by criminal justice agencies in the lawful performance of their duties or within the scope of their employment only for law enforcement purposes and may not be disseminated to a non-law enforcement individual or entity, and knowingly disclosed data from said database, which data is confidential and protected from unauthorized disclosure pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:4A-60, in excess of his authorization as a New Jersey State Trooper, and did knowingly disclose said data to an individual, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-31(b), and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of same.

COUNT SIX

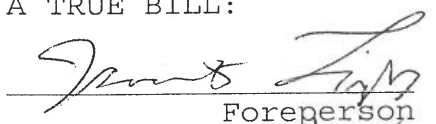
(Obtaining Personal Information From a Motor Vehicle Record - Fourth Degree)

ERIC RICHARDSON

on or about May 8, 2017, at the Township of Commercial, in the County of Cumberland, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did knowingly obtain personal information of a person whose identity is known to the grand jurors from a New Jersey motor vehicle record for a use not permitted by law, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:2-3.5, and against the peace of this State, the Government and dignity of same.


Elie Honig, Director
Division of Criminal Justice

A TRUE BILL:


Foreperson

Dated: 4/19/18