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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: AARON ANTHONY NEGLIA, BPR #033816
CONTACT: A. RUSSELL WILLIS
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
615-361-7500

June 9, 2022

SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER SUSPENDED

On June 9, 2022, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Aaron Anthony Neglia from the practice of law until further orders of the Court pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 22.3. Mr. Neglia pled guilty and was convicted in state court of bribery of a public servant and in federal court to conspiracy to violate the travel act.

Pursuant to the Order of the Supreme Court, the matter has been referred to the Board to institute formal proceedings to determine the extent of the final discipline to be imposed upon Mr. Neglia as a result of his conduct constituting a serious crime as defined by Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 2.

Mr. Neglia must comply with the requirements of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Sections 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: AARON ANTHONY NEGLIA, BPR #033816
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Shelby County)

No. M2022-00751-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2022-3248-9-AW-22.3

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 22.3, upon a Notice of Submission filed by Disciplinary Counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility consisting of the *Indictment* and a certified copy of the *Order on Change of Plea* filed in *United States of America v. Aaron Neglia*, Docket No. 21-20265, District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, and certified copies of the *Order on Guilty Plea* and the *Judgment* of conviction filed in *State v. Neglia*, Docket No. 21-01741, Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee, demonstrating Aaron Anthony Neglia, a Tennessee attorney, pled guilty and was convicted of serious crimes, i.e., two (2) felony counts of bribery of a public servant and conspiracy to violate the travel act.

IT IS THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

1. Aaron Anthony Neglia is suspended from the practice of law on this date pending further orders of this Court, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 22.3;
2. This matter shall be referred to the Board of Professional Responsibility for the institution of a formal proceeding in which the sole issue to be determined shall be the extent of the final discipline;
3. Aaron Anthony Neglia shall fully comply with the provisions of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, concerning disbarred or suspended attorneys; and
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	21-20265-JPM
AARON NEGLIA,)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER ON CHANGE OF PLEA

This cause came to be heard in court on March 11, 2022, the Assistant United States Attorneys for this district, David Pritchard appearing for the Government, and Defendant Aaron Neglia, also appearing and with counsel, Larry Laurenzi and Charles Silvestri Higgins.

With leave of the Court, the defendant withdrew the not guilty plea heretofore entered and entered a written plea of guilty as to Count 1 of the Indictment.

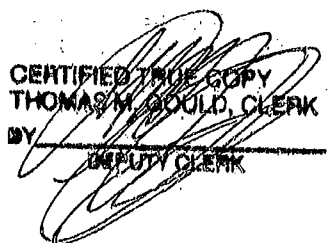
Plea colloquy was held and the Court accepted the guilty plea.

SENTENCING in this case is set for WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022 at 9:30 A.M. in Courtroom 7 of the Federal Building before Judge Jon Phipps McCalla.

Defendant is released to remain on bond under current bond conditions.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this the 11th day of March, 2022.

s/Jon P. McCalla
JON P. MCCALLA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
THOMAS M. GOULD, CLERK
BY 
DEPUTY CLERK

Notice of Submission
Exhibit A

COUNT 1

(Conspiracy to Violate the Travel Act)

9. Paragraphs 1 through 8 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.
10. Beginning at a time unknown, but at least in or around February 2017 through in or about October 2020, in the Western District of Tennessee, and elsewhere, the defendants,

**GLEND A ADAMS
and
AARON NEGLIA**

did knowingly and intentionally conspire with each other and with others unknown to the Grand Jury to use a facility in interstate and foreign commerce, that being a cellular phone, with intent to promote, manage, establish, carry on and facilitate the promotion, management, establishment and carrying on, of one or more unlawful activities, to wit, Bribery of a Public Servant, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-16-102, and thereafter to perform acts to promote, manage, establish, carry on and facilitate the promotion, management, establishment and carrying on, of such unlawful activity, contrary to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1952(a)(3).

MANNER AND MEANS

11. It was part of the conspiracy that ADAMS would access MPD Crash Reports from the Watson system, utilizing her access as an ADA.
12. It was further part of the conspiracy that ADAMS would then provide those reports to NEGLIA who would use the Crash Reports to solicit accident victims identified in the Reports and offer them legal representation.
13. It was further part of the conspiracy that in exchange for providing the Reports, NEGLIA would make financial payments to ADAMS.

PURPOSE AND OBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY

14. The purpose and object of the conspiracy was for ADAMS, in exchange for payment from NEGLIA, to use her position as a public servant to provide the Crash Reports to NEGLIA for his ultimate personal gain, benefit, profit, and advantage.

OVERT ACTS

15. In furtherance of the conspiracy, and to accomplish its purposes, at least one of the conspirators committed or caused to be committed one or more of the following overt acts: On or about the following dates ADAMS, using her cellular phone, transmitted one or more screen shots of the designated Crash Reports to NEGLIA via text message:

<u>Date Sent</u>	<u>Crash Report #</u>
4/9/20	WC2009471
6/14/20	WC2014899
6/16/20	WC2015132
6/19/20	WC2015405
6/27/20	WC2016126
9/28/20	WC2025319

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON

DATE: _____

JOSEPH C. MURPHY, JR.
ACTING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

STATE OF TENNESSEE

Shelby County

I, Heidi Kuhn, Clerk of the Criminal Court of the 30th Judicial District at Memphis, do hereby certify that the foregoing 5 pages of writing contain a full, complete, true and perfect copy of **JUDGEMENT, GUILTY PLEA, PROBATION ORDER**

in the case of:

STATE OF TENNESSEE Docket No. **21 01741**

vs. **AARON NEGLIA**

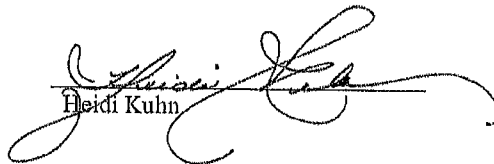
Indictment for **BRIBERY PUBLIC SERVANT**

as the same now appears on file, and of record in my office, and that I am the Custodian of said records and that all entries are presently under my care, custody and control

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Memphis,

SEAL

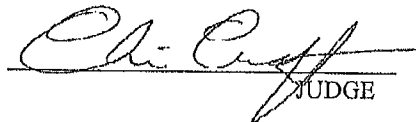
This, the **23** day of **MAY** 20 **22**


Heidi Kuhn

STATE OF TENNESSEE IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TN.
Shelby County Memphis, Tennessee **MAY TERM** 20 **22**

I, Chris Craft, Judge of the 30th Judicial District certify that Heidi Kuhn, who have foregoing certificate, is now, and was at the time of signing the same, Clerk of said Court, and that said Court is a Court of Record, and that his attestation is in due form, and his official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith and credit.

Witness my hand, this **23** day of **MAY** 20 **22**

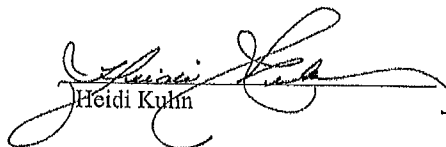

JUDGE

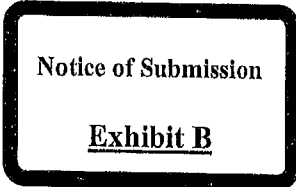
STATE OF TENNESSEE
Shelby County

I, Heidi Kuhn, Clerk of the Criminal Court of the 30th Judicial District at Memphis, certify that the Hon. Chris Craft, whose genuine official signature appears to the above and hereto annexed Certificate is and was at the time of the signing of the same, Judge of the 30th Judicial District which is Court of Record, duly commissioned and qualified, as such, and that said attestation is in due form of law.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office, in the City of Memphis, this **23** day of **MAY** 20 **22**

SEAL


Heidi Kuhn



IN THE CRIMINAL CIRCUIT COURT FOR SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Case Number: 21-01741 Count#: 1
 Judicial District: 30th Judicial Division: Criminal - Div. X

State of Tennessee
vs.

Defendant: AARON ANTHONY NEGLIA Alias: _____ Date of Birth: ██████████ Sex: Male
 Race: Caucasian SSN: ██████████

CONTINUATION OF JUDGMENT Original Amended Corrected

Court Ordered Fees and Fines:	Costs to be Paid by
\$ _____ Court Costs	<input checked="" 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	
\$ _____ Sex Offender Tax	
\$ _____ Other: _____	

Restitution: Victim Name _____
 Address _____

 Total Amount \$ _____ Per Month \$ _____

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's supervised probation will be concurrent with any supervision imposed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of TN, Case No. 21-202265. Should the Defendant's federal supervision obligation be less than the 8 year sentence imposed in this case, the Defendant's supervised probation in this case shall become unsupervised probation upon release from federal supervision.

*Count 2 nolle Pros.
 BCO*

HONORABLE BILL ACREE
 Judge's Name

WB Acree
 Judge's Signature

3/30/22
 Date of Entry of Judgment

Myra C. [Signature]
 Counsel for State/Signature (optional)

Lawrence G. [Signature]
 Defendant/Defendant's Counsel/Signature (optional)

I _____, clerk, hereby certify that, before entry by the court, a copy of this judgment was made available to the party or parties who did not provide a signature above.

IN THE CRIMINAL COURTS OF TENNESSEE
FOR THE 30TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT MEMPHIS
DIVISION X

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS. NO: (S) _____

CHARGE(S) Bribery of a Public Servant TCA 39-16-102

AARON ANTHONY NEGLIA
DEFENDANT

Violation of Computer Act TCA 39-14-602

ORDER ON GUILTY PLEA

This cause came on for hearing before the Honorable BILL ACREE, Judge of Division X of the Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee, on petition of the above named defendant for waiver of trial by Jury, waiver of his or her right to have a Jury determine his or her guilt, to submit himself or herself to the trial Judge to determine his or her guilt: and fix his or her punishment, and request for acceptance of plea of guilty, said petition being attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, upon statements made in open Court by the defendant herein, his or her Attorney of record, the Assistant District Attorney General representing the State of Tennessee; and from questioning by the Court of the defendant and his or her counsel in open Court, and

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT after careful consideration that the defendant herein has been fully advised and understands his or her rights to a trial by Jury and to have a Jury indictment against him or her, and the defendant does not elect to have a Jury determine his or her guilt or innocence under a plea of Not Guilty, nor fix his or her fine in excess of **FIFTY (\$50.00) DOLLARS**; and has waived the formal reading of the indictment, and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that the defendant intelligently and understandingly waives his or her right to a trial and his or her right to have a Jury determine his or her guilt and fix his or her fine in excess of **FIFTY (\$50.00) DOLLARS** of his or her own free will and choice and without any threats or pressure of any kind or promises, other than the recommendation of the State as to punishment; and reasonably submits himself or herself to the trial Judge to determine his or her guilt and fix his or her punishment; and waives his or her right to a **Motion for New Trial and/or Appeal**.

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT, from the testimony of the defendant, from which the Court finds as a matter of fact and law that the defendant has been rendered that standard of representation by his Attorney as commanded by Baxter v Rose, 523 SW2d 930 (Tenn. 1975);

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the petition filed herein be, and the same is hereby **GRANTED**.

Entered this 30 day of March, 2022.


HON. BILL ACREE, Judge

DIV.

Filed 3.30.22
Heidi Kuhn, Clerk

By:  _____ D.C.

THE CRIMINAL COURTS OF TENNESSEE
FOR THE 30TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT MEMPHIS
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STATE OF TENNESSEE
VS. NO: (S) _____

CHARGE(S) Bribery of a Public Servant TCA 39-16-102

AARON ANTHONY NEGLIA
DEFENDANT

Violation of Computer Act TCA 39-14-602

**PETITION FOR WAIVER OF TRIAL BY JURY AND REQUEST FOR
ACCEPTANCE OF PLEA OF GUILTY**

My true name is AARON ANTHONY NEGLIA and my Attorney LAWRENCE LAURENZI was retained by me. I have received and read a copy of the indictment, discussed it with my Attorney, and understand the nature of the charges against me. I have told my Attorney the facts and circumstances concerning the accusation against me. My Attorney has informed me as to the nature and cause of the charges against me in the indictment and, if applicable that a different or additional punishment may result by reason of any prior convictions or other factors which may be established in the present action, after the entry of the plea, and the offense to which I seek to plead guilty by the Petition if accepted by the Court:

CONVICTION	SENTENCE	FINE	LOCATION	Range And %
Bribery of a Public Servant	8 years	\$0.00	Supervised Probation*	Range I (30%)
* Sentence is suspended to supervised probation. The Defendant's supervision in this case will be concurrent with any supervision imposed in the U.S. District Court, Case No. 21-202265. Should the Defendant's federal supervision obligation be less than the 8 year sentence imposed in this case, the Defendant's supervised probation in this case shall become unsupervised probation upon release from federal supervision.				

SENTENCE DEFERRED DATE (if applicable) _____

It has been fully explained to me, and I understand that I may, if I so choose, plead **NOT GUILTY** to any offense charged against me, and that if I choose to plead **NOT GUILTY**, the Constitution guarantees, and this Court will provide me the right to a speedy and public trial by Jury, the right to confront and cross-examine all witnesses against me, the right to use the subpoena process of the Court to compel the production of any evidence, including the attendance of any witness in my favor, the right to have a Jury impose any fine in excess of **FIFTY(\$50.00) Dollars**, the right to have the assistance of counsel in my defense in all stages of the proceedings, and the right not to be compelled to incriminate myself. I understand that upon pleading guilty, the Court or the State may ask me questions about the offense to which I have plead, and if I answer these questions under oath, on the record, and in the presence of my counsel, my answers may later be used against me in a prosecution for perjury or false statement, and, further, that upon the sentencing hearing, evidence of any prior convictions may be presented to the Judge or Jury for their consideration in determining punishment. It has been explained to me and I understand that this conviction(s) may be used in a subsequent proceeding to enhance the punishment for subsequent offenses. I understand that if I plead guilty, I waive my right to a Jury trial and all the above rights.

In the exercise of my own free will and choice, and without any threats or pressure of any kind, or promises of gain or favor from any source whatsoever, and being fully aware of the action I am taking, I do hereby in open Court request the Court to accept my pleas of guilty to the charges, set forth in my attached negotiated plea agreement.

Furthermore, having been advised of my constitutional rights, I freely and voluntarily waive my right to a trial by Jury and right not to be compelled to incriminate myself. I hereby submit my case to the Trial Judge for decision, both as to guilt and punishment, said Petition being concurred in by the District Attorney General. I fully understand my right to have my case reviewed by an Appellate Court, but hereby waive my right to a Motion For New Trial and Appeal.

AARON ANTHONY NEGLIA, Defendant

DATE: _____

Filed 3.30.22
Heidi Kuhn, CLERK

By: _____, D.C.

APPROVED:

Lawrence J. Laurenzi
LAWRENCE LAURENZI, Attorney for Defendant

Bryant C. Dunaway
BRYANT C. DUNAWAY
District Attorney General, Pro Tempore

State of Tennessee
BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE
 Field Services Division
PROBATION ORDER

STATE OF TENNESSEE

In the CRIMINAL COURT OF

VS

SHELBY COUNTY, TN

AARON NEGLIA

No. 21 01741

THIS CAUSE COMING ON TO BE HEARD before the undersigned Judge, and the above defendant named, having on the ____ day of _____, 20____, BEEN CONVICTED of the OFFENSE OF BRIBERY OF PUBLIC SERVANT and on said date having been sentenced to serve a term of _____ years in the _____, IT APPEARING, however, to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant is not likely again to engage in a criminal course of conduct and that the ends of justice and the welfare of society do not require that the Defendant shall presently suffer the penalty imposed by law by incarceration. IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED and adjudged that imposition of sentence is hereby suspended and the said Defendant is hereby placed on Probation for a period of _____ years, under the supervision of the Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole and its supervisors, such supervision being subject to the provision of the laws of this State.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the aforesaid Defendant shall comply with the following general and specific conditions of Probation:

1. I will obey the laws of the United States, or any State in which I may be, as well as any municipal ordinances.
2. I will report all arrests, including traffic violations immediately, regardless of the outcome, to my Probation Officer.
3. I will not receive, own, possess, ship or transport any firearms, ammunition or illegal weapon.
4. I will work at a lawful occupation and support my dependants, if any, to the best of my ability.
5. I will inform my Probation Officer before changing my residence or employment. I will get the permission of my Probation Officer before leaving the county of my residence or the State.
6. I will allow my Probation Officer to visit my home, employment site, or elsewhere, will carry out all instructions he or she gives; will report to my Probation Officer as instructed; will comply with mandates of the Administrative Case Review Committee, if the use of that process is approved by the Court; will comply with a referral to Resource Center Programs, if available, by attending; and will submit to electronic monitoring and community service, if required.
7. I agree to a search, without a warrant, of my person, vehicle, property, or place of residence by any Probation/Parole officer or law enforcement officer, at any time.
8. I will not use intoxicants (beer, whiskey, wine, etc.) of any kind to excess, or use or have in my possession narcotic drugs or marijuana. I will not enter an establishment whose prime purpose is to sell alcoholic beverages (bars, taverns, clubs, etc.). I will submit to random drug screens as directed.
9. I agree to pay all required fees to the Supervision and Criminal Injuries fund unless waived by appropriate authorities. Additionally, if so ordered by the court, I will pay all imposed fines and court costs.
10. I will observe any special conditions imposed by the Court as listed below:
To be supervised by Federal Probation. At the end of Federal supervision, state probation is completed.
11. I will provide a biological specimen for the purpose of DNA analysis, such specimen to be collected and forwarded by the approved agency to TBI, pursuant to TCA 40-35-321.
12. If convicted of an offense under TCA 39-13-703, I will abide by the Board of Probation and Parole Sex Offender Directives, pursuant to TCA 39-13-706.
13. If convicted of an offense or an attempt to commit an offense under TCA 39-13-502, 39-13-503, 39-13-504, or 39-13-522, such offense being committed on or after July 1, 1996, I shall be sentenced to and agree to abide by the provisions of Community Supervision for Life, pursuant to TCA 39-13-524.
14. I will not engage in any assaultive, abusive, threatening or intimidating behavior. Nor will I participate in any criminal street gang related activities as defined by TCA 40-35-121. I will not behave in a manner that poses a threat to others or me.

I have read or have had read to me, the conditions of my Probation. I fully understand them and agree to comply with them. I hereby waive all extradition rights and process and agree to return to Tennessee if at any time during my probation the Trial Judge directs me to do so.

Witness Signature 	Probationer Signature 	Date <u>30 MARCH 2022</u>	
Probationer Address	DOB	SS#	Sex
City	State	Zip Code	Telephone

Violation of any of the terms of Probation may be sufficient cause for revocation of Probation
 The expiration date of this probationary sentence is the _____ day of _____, 20____,
 DONE AND ORDERED IN OPEN COURT, this, the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Filed 3.30.22
 RDA-1664

Signature of the Trial Judge

