

CAPIAS – INSTANTER

CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET NO. 11170

STATE OF TENNESSEE

SEALED PRESENTMENT

TO THE SHERIFF OF COCKE COUNTY --- GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to take the body of:

Leahla Nance

, ALIAS

DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED] SOCIAL SECURITY NO.: [REDACTED]

if to be found in your County, and him/her safely keep, so that you have him/her before the Judge of our
CIRCUIT Court now sitting for the County of COCKE, at the Courthouse, in the town of NEWPORT instanter,
then and there to answer the State on a PRESENTMENT for:

Theft of Property Over \$2,500.00, Forgery Over \$2,500.00,
Official Misconduct
Destruction + Tamper With Government Records

Herein fail not, and have you then and there this Writ.

Witness, KRISTY L. NEASE, Clerk of our said Court, at office, the 4th day of AUGUST, 2025.

COCKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
FILED

AUG 05 2025 SC

at 8:33 (Am / Pm)
Kristy L. Nease, Clerk

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Donna L. Williamson, D.C.

OFFICER'S RETURN

Came to hand 8-5, 20 25

and executed LEAHLA NANCE

This 5 day of August, 20 25.

C. Dixon, Sheriff



ADA

BOND \$ 5,000.00

FOR ASSISTANCE CALL 423-623-8791

PROSECUTOR: [REDACTED]

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 **LEAHLA HANCE** between **August 01, 2024** and **February 25, 2025**, before the finding of this indictment in the State and County aforesaid, did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly exercise control over property, to-wit: unearned salary, the value of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or more but less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), the property of the **Cocke County Government**, without effective consent of the **Cocke County Government**, with intent to deprive the **Cocke County Government** thereof, in violation of T.C.A. 39-14-103, 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 **LEAHLA HANCE** between **August 01, 2024** and **February 25, 2025**, before the finding of this indictment in the State and County aforesaid, did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly forge a writing, to-wit: time cards, with intent to defraud or harm another, to-wit: **Cocke County Government**, in violation of T.C.A. 39-14-114, contrary to the statute and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COCKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
FILED

AUG 05 2025

at 8:30 Am / Pm
Kristy L. Nease, Clerk

COUNT THREE

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 **LEAHLA HANCE** between **August 01, 2024** and **February 25, 2025**, before the finding of this indictment in the State and County aforesaid, being a public servant with the intent to obtain a benefit or to harm another, did unlawfully, feloniously, intentionally or knowingly commit an act relating to the servant's office or employment that constitutes an unauthorized exercise of official power, commit an act under color of office or employment that exceeds the servant's official power, refrains from performing a duty that is imposed by law or that is clearly inherent in the nature of the public servant's office or employment, violates a law relating to the public servant's office or employment or receives any benefit not otherwise authorized by law, while employed as a deputy with the Cocke County Sheriff's Department, in violation of T.C.A. 39-16-402, contrary to the statute, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT FOUR

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 **LEAHLA HANCE** between **August 01, 2024** and **February 25, 2025**, before the finding of this indictment in the State and County aforesaid, did unlawfully, feloniously and intentionally make a false entry in or false alteration of a governmental record, or make, present, or use any record, document or thing with knowledge of its falsity and with intent that it will be taken as a genuine governmental record, or destroy, conceal, remove, or otherwise impair the verity, legibility, or availability of a governmental record, in violation of T.C.A. 39-16-504, contrary to the statute, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

James B. Dunn
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL
By James D. Horton

True Bill

NO.: 11170
PRESENTMENT

LIST OF WITNESSES:

1. Paul Stuart
FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY
2. Charles E. Black
3. Bruce Samu
4. Bruce Black
5. Kelly Blanchard
6. Arnon Jm
7. Jane Smallwood
8. Jay L. White
9. Jay Walker
10. Angela Moore
11. Stephanie Williams
12. Lick G Ball
13. Michl Wiese

STATE OF TENNESSEE
VS.

LEAHLA HANCE

1 Count THEFT OF PROPERTY
OVER \$2,500
1 Count FORGERY OVER \$2,500
1 Count OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
1 Count DESTRUCTION & TAMPER
WITH GOVERNMENT RECORDS

Prosecutor

Witness sworn by me in the presence
of the Grand Jury 8/4/25

Paul Stuart
Foreman of the Grand Jury

Filed 4th day of August, 2025

K E J Clerk

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