

PRESENTMENT

CASE NO. 27985(A) 27985(B)

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

JOHN LIGE LEE (A)
MARK ALLEN DEHART (B)

THEFT OF PROPERTY - \$60,000 - \$250,000 (A&B)
THEFT OF PROPERTY - \$60,000 - \$250,000- CONSPIRACY (A&B)
THEFT OF PROPERTY - \$60,000 - \$250,000 (A)
COMPUTER OFFENSES - \$10,000-\$60,000 (A&B)
THEFT OF PROPERTY - \$10,000-\$60,000 (A)
THEFT OF PROPERTY - \$10,000-\$60,000 (B)

[REDACTED]

CLERK: Summon named witnesses
for the State of Tennessee.

Steven R. Finney
District Attorney General

Filed this 10 day of Sept, 2026.

Johnny Blankenship
Clerk

Witnesses sworn by me in the presence
of the Grand Jury

Sept 10, 2026.

Richard K. Kiser
Foreperson of the Grand Jury

Bond: \$25,000.00 - each Defendant

[Signature]
Criminal Court Judge

A TRUE BILL

Melissa B. Emmert
John Kuhl
Greg Blankenship
[Signature]
Michelle Moore
[Signature]

Richard K. Kiser
Foreperson of the Grand Jury
Jim Smidgen
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John R. Rouse
John Hollowell
Pamela J. Smith
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27985(14)
PRESENTMENT NUMBER 27985(15)
STATE OF TENNESSEE, COUNTY OF CARTER
CRIMINAL COURT FOR CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

CHARGE: THEFT OF PROPERTY - \$60,000 - \$250,000

The Grand Jurors for the State of Tennessee, upon their oaths, present that **JOHN LIGE LEE AND MARK ALLEN DEHART** between July 1, 2019 and April 30, 2023 in the State and County aforesaid, did commit the offense of theft of property by knowingly obtaining or exercising control over property, to wit; \$115,500 in unremitted college revenues valued in the amount of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) or more, but less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) the property of TCAT - Elizabethton, without the owner's effective consent and with the intent to deprive the owner thereof; a class B Felony, in violation of Section 39-14-103 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT TWO

CHARGE: THEFT OF PROPERTY - \$60,000 - \$250,000- CONSPIRACY

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present that **JOHN LIGE LEE AND MARK ALLEN DEHART** between July 1, 2019 and April 30, 2023 in the State and County aforesaid, did conspire to commit the offense of theft of property by knowingly obtaining or exercising control over property, to wit; \$115,500 in unremitted college revenues valued in the amount of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) or more, but less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) the property of TCAT - Elizabethton, without the owner's effective consent and with the intent to deprive the owner thereof and in furtherance of the conspiracy, at least one defendant committed one or more of the followings overt acts:

1. From July 2019 to April 2023, **JOHN LIGE LEE AND MARK ALLEN DEHART** operated a business, D&L Education Solutions, that diverted Special Industry Program contracts from TCAT - Elizabethton for their personal benefit.
2. From July 2019 to April 2023, **JOHN LIGE LEE AND MARK ALLEN DEHART** used TCAT facilities, equipment, and employees to divert revenue without remitting compensation.

Said conspiracy being a class C Felony, in violation of Section 39-14-103 and 39-12-103 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT THREE

CHARGE: THEFT OF PROPERTY - \$60,000 - \$250,000

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present that **JOHN LIGE LEE** between October 1, 2018 and January 31, 2023 in the State and County aforesaid, did commit the offense of theft of property by knowingly obtaining or exercising control over property, to wit; \$82,726 in wages, payroll taxes, retirement contributions and other unearned salary valued in the amount of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) or more, but less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) the property of TCAT - Elizabethton, without the owner's effective consent and with the intent to deprive the owner thereof; a class B Felony, in violation of Section 39-14-103 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT FOUR

CHARGE: COMPUTER OFFENSES - \$10,000 - \$60,000

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present that **JOHN LIGE LEE AND MARK ALLEN DEHART** between July 1, 2022 and July 31, 2023 in the State and County aforesaid, did commit the offense of computer crimes by knowingly, directly, or indirectly accessing, causing to be accessed, or attempting to access computer software, computer programs, data, computer systems, computer networks, or any part thereof belonging to TCAT - Elizabethton for the purpose of obtaining money, property, or services for oneself or another, to wit; \$20,750 in NC3 Precision Measurement Certification fees valued in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or more, but less than sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises; a class C Felony, in violation of Section 39-14-602 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT FIVE

CHARGE: THEFT OF PROPERTY - \$10,000 - \$60,000

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present that **JOHN LIGE LEE** between July 1, 2017 and October 31, 2022 in the State and County aforesaid, did commit the offense of theft of property by knowingly obtaining or exercising control over property, to wit; \$19,413 in fraudulent travel reimbursement claims valued in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or more, but less than sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) the property of TCAT - Elizabethton, without the owner's effective consent and with the intent to deprive the owner thereof; a class C Felony, in violation of Section 39-14-103 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT SIX

CHARGE: THEFT OF PROPERTY - \$10,000 - \$60,000

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present that **MARK ALLEN DEHART** between June 1, 2022 and January 31, 2023 in the State and County aforesaid, did commit the offense of theft of property by knowingly obtaining or exercising control over property, to wit; \$15,514 in wages, payroll taxes, retirement contributions and other unearned salary valued in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or more, but less than sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) the property of TCAT - Elizabethton, without the owner's effective consent and with the intent to deprive the owner thereof; a class C Felony, in violation of Section 39-14-103 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.


DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL *pro tem*