



## COMPTROLLER'S INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

### 13th Judicial District Attorney General's Office

*July 23, 2026*

**Jason E. Mumpower**  
*Comptroller of the Treasury*



**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATIONS**



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13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney General's Office  
Honorable Bryant C. Dunaway  
1289 South Walnut Ave  
Cookeville, TN 38501

General Dunaway:

The Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury conducted an investigation of selected records of the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney General's Office, and the results are presented herein.

Copies of this report are being forwarded to Governor Bill Lee, the State Attorney General, the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference, who was appointed as *pro tem* in this matter, certain state legislators, and various other interested parties. A copy of the report is available for public inspection in our Office and may be viewed at <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. E. Mumpower", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jason E. Mumpower  
Comptroller of the Treasury

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# INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

## 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney General's Office

The Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury investigated allegations of malfeasance related to an assistant district attorney general of the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. The investigation was limited to selected records for the period January 1, 2021, through January 31, 2025. The District Attorney General of the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District recused himself, and the results of the investigation were communicated with the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference, who was appointed as *pro tem* in this matter pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-7-106.

### BACKGROUND



As provided in the Tennessee Constitution, District Attorneys General (DAG) serve as attorneys for the state within their respective judicial districts. They are elected to serve eight-year terms by the voters in their districts and have the sole authority and responsibility for the prosecution of criminal offenses that occur within their districts. The District Attorney General of the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District serves seven counties: Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, and White. The main office for the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney is in Putnam County, with satellite offices in Overton and Cumberland Counties.

Assistant District Attorneys (ADAs) serve under and at the pleasure of the DAG in each judicial district and assist in the prosecution of criminal cases. There are currently five employees assigned to the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Overton County office: three ADAs, a Victim Services Coordinator, and a Criminal Secretary. Jessie Mayberry was hired by the DAG of the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District in March 2016 as an ADA through a grant to work in Putnam County. In 2019, she was transferred to an ADA position funded by the State of Tennessee. By 2021, she was assigned to the Overton County office as her official workstation.

Mayberry was placed on paid Administrative Leave on July 7, 2025. On June 1, 2026, Mayberry resigned, effective June 18, 2026.

## RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

### 1. FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JESSIE MAYBERRY IMPROPERLY CLAIMED MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT TOTALING AT LEAST \$6,021.01 FOR WHICH SHE WAS NOT DUE

From January 2021 through January 2025, Former ADA Mayberry submitted monthly claims for mileage reimbursement for her daily commute from her home in Cookeville to her official workstation in Overton County (Livingston), totaling at least \$6,021.01. Mayberry was initially hired to work in the main office in Putnam County. After she was reassigned to the Overton County office in 2021, Mayberry claimed mileage reimbursement for her commute from the end of 2021 through the first half of 2022. Mayberry did not submit mileage reimbursement claims during the second half of 2022 through 2023; however, she began submitting mileage reimbursement claims again in 2024 (Refer to Exhibit 1).

Exhibit 1

| 11000<br>30210<br>131 |                   | FUND<br>ALLOTMENT CODE<br>COST CENTER | STATE OF TENNESSEE<br>TYPE OR PREPARE IN INK<br>THIS CLAIM MUST BE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRAVEL REGULATIONS | CLAIM FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES<br>FOR PERIOD FROM 10/1/2024 TO 10/31/2024 |                            | DEPT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S GENERAL CONF<br>DIVISION: 13th Judicial District |                 |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               |        |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| DATE                  | DEPARTURE<br>CITY | COUNTY                                | ARRIVAL<br>CITY                                                                                                   | COUNTY                                                               | MILES<br>MILEAGE<br>AMOUNT | TRANSPORTATION<br>AIR/RAIL<br>OTHER                                        | TAXI OR<br>LOAN | LODGING | SUBSISTENCE<br>BREAK-<br>FAST | LUNCHEON | DINNER OR<br>FOR BEER | OTHER EXPENSES<br>FURNISHING, ATTACHE<br>CASES, POSTAGE, ETC. | TOTAL  |
| 10/01/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/02/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/03/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/04/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/07/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/08/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/09/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/10/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/11/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/12/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/13/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/14/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/15/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/16/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/17/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/18/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/19/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/20/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/21/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/22/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/23/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/24/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/25/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/26/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/27/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/28/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/29/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/30/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
| 10/31/24              | Cookeville        |                                       | 114 Livingston (Round Trip)                                                                                       |                                                                      | 1354                       | 44                                                                         | 29.48           |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 29.48  |
|                       |                   |                                       |                                                                                                                   |                                                                      |                            |                                                                            | 0.00            |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               |        |
|                       |                   |                                       |                                                                                                                   |                                                                      |                            |                                                                            | 0.00            |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               |        |
| TOTALS:               |                   |                                       |                                                                                                                   |                                                                      | 792                        |                                                                            | 530.64          |         |                               |          |                       |                                                               | 530.64 |

TYPE OR PRINT COMPLETE HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Jessie Pratt Mayberry

DIVISION # [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

Cookeville, TN 38506

CHECK HERE IF NON-STATE EMPLOYEE ☐

ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION: \_\_\_\_\_

I CERTIFY THAT THIS CLAIM IS TRUE AND CORRECT

SIGNATURE: Jessie Mayberry DATE: 10/31/24

OFFICIAL STATION: [REDACTED] DATE: 11/4/24

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mayberry's mileage reimbursement claim for October 2024, which includes improper and questionable mileage claims for her commute*

The Policy and Procedure Manual (policy manual) for the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office (office) requires employees to complete and submit the Automated Travel Form to an Administrative Assistant for mileage reimbursement claims monthly. The Administrative Assistant was then responsible for entering mileage reimbursement claims into Edison, the State of Tennessee's system that manages administrative business functions across the state

government, including payroll, leave, benefits, and mileage reimbursement claims. The policy manual also states that the office abides by the Department of Finance & Administration (F&A) Policy 8 – Comprehensive Travel Regulations. Policy 8, section 11, states in pertinent part, "...Travel between the employee's home (place of residence) and official workstation is considered commuting and is not reimbursable."

Mayberry told investigators that she was given permission from the DAG to claim mileage for her commute. The DAG confirmed that the policy does not allow employees to claim mileage for commuting to their official workstation and could not recall if he had given Mayberry an exception to the F&A travel policy when she was reassigned to the Overton County office.

## 2. FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JESSIE MAYBERRY RECEIVED QUESTIONABLE MILEAGE TOTALING \$3,613.72

From May 2024 through January 2025, Mayberry submitted mileage reimbursement claims and received at least \$3,613.72 for which there is no evidence she traveled. Mayberry claimed to travel to her official workstation three to four times per week; however, coworkers reported that Mayberry rarely came into the Overton County office, only traveling to Livingston for General Sessions court, held every Thursday. Mayberry told investigators that she drove into Livingston almost every day for various court appearances or to talk to sheriffs and deputies in the area as needed. Investigators met with local law enforcement in Livingston, and all officers denied this claim. They stated their contact with Mayberry was primarily by phone, with in-person interactions limited to court appearances or occasional meetings at the district attorney's office. Local law enforcement further stated to investigators that Mayberry had never accompanied them to a crime scene or visited their departments to meet with patrol staff. Mayberry could not provide a calendar or any supporting documentation for the days she submitted mileage reimbursement claims. Based on the lack of supporting documentation along with multiple statements from employees who work from the Overton County office and from members of law enforcement agencies regarding Mayberry's attendance, investigators question at least \$3,613.72 in mileage reimbursements received by Mayberry.

| Summary of Questionable Mileage |                     |                      |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Travel Claim                    | Total Mileage Claim | Questionable Mileage |
| May 2024                        | \$ 553.42           | \$ 353.76            |
| June 2024                       | 288.10              | 176.88               |
| July 2024                       | 812.04              | 589.60               |
| August 2024                     | 619.08              | 471.68               |
| September 2024                  | 560.12              | 442.20               |
| October 2024                    | 530.64              | 412.72               |
| November 2024                   | 501.16              | 412.72               |
| December 2024                   | 442.20              | 353.76               |
| January 2025                    | 585.20              | 400.40               |
| Total Compensation              | <u>\$4,891.96</u>   | <u>\$3,613.72</u>    |

On July 21, 2026, Jessie Mayberry entered a plea of No Contest by way of Criminal Information to a Class A Misdemeanor Theft in Overton County Circuit Court. Mayberry waived venue and agreed to enter the plea in DeKalb County. Mayberry was granted judicial diversion relief pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 40-35-313 and was placed on unsupervised probation for a period of eleven months and twenty-nine days. Mayberry was also ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine as well as restitution to the State of TN in the amount of \$1,000.

[13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney General's Office Investigation Exhibit](#)

## INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCIES

Our investigation revealed deficiencies in internal control and compliance, some of which contributed to Mayberry's ability to receive improper and questionable mileage reimbursements without prompt detection. These deficiencies included:

**Deficiency 1: Mayberry violated the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District's Computer/Equipment Use Policy by using her work-issued laptop and work email for gambling-related purposes**

Mayberry used her work-issued laptop and work email for online gambling-related purposes. She participated in contests hosted by gambling sites, which resulted in money being deposited into her gambling accounts using her work email and work-issued laptop, sometimes during work hours. Mayberry participated in five contests in October 2024 and 17 contests in December 2024 through her work email, winning money for her personal gambling account. Mayberry used her work email to create a MatchPay account, allowing her to withdraw money from online gambling sites.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District's Computer/Equipment Use and Policies section of the Policy and Procedure Manual states the following:

Employees may not use the internet for the following purposes:

1. Any illegal activity.
2. Any non-TNDAGC business related activity.
3. Any activity intended to help the employee profit financially or personally, be it through a personal business or otherwise.

This policy also states that employees are prohibited from subscribing to nonbusiness-related email groups or news groups of any kind using email accounts assigned by the District Attorney General's Office.

Use of company resources for personal purposes exposes the organization to security and compliance risks. Such activity can increase vulnerability to malware, phishing or data leakage, and can compromise the confidentiality and integrity of organizational information.

**Deficiency 2: The 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney General's Office failed to provide adequate oversight of mileage reimbursement claims**

The office failed to provide sufficient oversight of mileage reimbursement claims submitted by ADAs. The mileage reimbursement claims submitted by the ADAs were sent to the DAG for review and approval, after which they were processed for payment. The DAG signed each claim for mileage reimbursement as approved, although claims submitted by Mayberry violated the office's travel policy. Failure to exercise proper oversight increases the risk of misuse or misappropriation of state funds.

Department officials indicated that they have corrected or intend to correct these deficiencies.

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