

Attorney General Jeff Landry Announces Public Corruption Arrests in Baton Rouge
General Landry Pledges to Continue Holding Government Officials Accountable

BATON ROUGE, LA – Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry today announced three arrests made on charges related to violating the public’s trust.

“Our State deserves better than public corruption, bribery, and abuse of government offices,” said Attorney General Jeff Landry. “Today should send a clear message that our office will investigate, apprehend, and prosecute those who defraud our state and its people.”

Curtis Mack – a former Program Manager with DHH’s Office of Behavioral Health – was arrested on charges of public bribery, malfeasance in office, theft, money laundering, and criminal conspiracy. Mack, who supervised federal grants administered through DHH, is accused of generating fraudulent requisitions and facilitating the payments of which he received kickbacks. He is also accused of using unwitting Social Security Representative Payees to funnel grant funds to his business, an independent living facility.

Shonda Burns – the owner of Angel House independent living facility in Baton Rouge – was arrested on charges of public bribery and criminal conspiracy. Burns is accused of receiving rental assistance payments for clients who resided at Mack’s facility, cashing these grant checks, and providing the illicit funds to Mack.

Elaine Borskey – the former Executive Director of Christian Outreach Center in Baton Rouge – was arrested on charges of money laundering and criminal conspiracy. Borskey is accused of receiving rental assistance payments for clients who did not reside at her facility, depositing these grant checks into her personal bank account, and subsequently issuing purported rental payments from Christian Outreach’s account to Mack for the same clients.

In total, the three are accused of defrauding \$92,173. Each was booked in the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison. The FBI assisted Attorney General Jeff Landry’s Office on this matter.

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