

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, )  
Plaintiff, )  
 )  
v. ) \_C No. 2017-\_\_\_\_\_  
 )  
ROBERT J. BENTLEY, )  
Defendant. )

**PLEA AGREEMENT**

Come now the State of Alabama, by and through Supernumerary District Attorney Eleanor I. Brooks appointed by the Attorney General pursuant to Section 12-17-216 of the Code of Alabama as Special Assistant Attorney General, and the Defendant, by and through his attorney, and agree to the following terms, each of which is an essential part of the parties' agreement:

1. No later than April 10, 2017, the Defendant will enter a plea of guilty, stating under oath sufficient facts to support his guilty pleas, to each of two complaints:
  - A. Complaint 1 – Failing to File a Major Contribution Report - Ala. Code Section 17-5-8.1(c), a Class A misdemeanor
  - B. Complaint 2 – Knowingly Converting Campaign Contributions to Personal Use - Ala. Code Section 36-25-6, a Class A misdemeanor
2. Sentencing will occur immediately after the acceptance of the guilty pleas; the pre-sentence report will be waived; the duration of the sentences and the determination of probation will be at the discretion of the Court; as part of his sentences the Defendant will do the following:
  - A. Pay the following within 1 week of sentencing:
    - (1) \$100 (\$50 per complaint) assessment to the Alabama Crime Victims

Compensation Commission;

(2) Full court costs for both complaints;

(3) Fines of \$5000 in Complaint 1 and of \$2000 in Complaint 2;

B. Reimburse the campaign fund \$8912.40 within 1 week of sentencing;

C. Surrender all campaign funds (approximately \$36,912.40) to the State of Alabama within 1 week of sentencing;

D. Render at least 100 hours of community service in his capacity as a licensed physician to the people of the State of Alabama within the terms of his sentence.

3. The Defendant will resign from his position as Governor of the State of Alabama by letter no later than 1 hour before pleading guilty and provide the State of Alabama with a copy of that resignation letter before pleading guilty.
4. The Defendant will not seek or serve in any public office.
5. The Defendant will waive any retirement or other benefits to which he would otherwise be entitled, including but not limited to benefits under Ala. Code §§ 36-13-11 and 36-33-2.
6. The Defendant will waive any and all objections to venue and his right to appeal any issue.
7. By signing this document, the Defendant represents that he is an adult; is competent to enter into this agreement and plead guilty; is satisfied with the work of his attorney; has been advised of his rights by his attorney; and that he intelligently, knowingly, and voluntarily agrees with the terms of the Plea Agreement.
8. The parties agree that this plea agreement resolves all potential state criminal charges against this Defendant based on pending investigations, including the

referrals from the Alabama Ethics Commission and the matters referenced in the  
Pre-Hearing Submission of Special Counsel to the House Judiciary Committee  
dated April 7, 2017.

Agreed this 10th day of April, 2017.



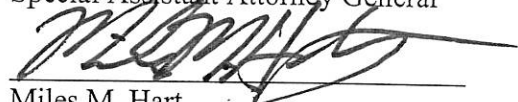
Robert J. Bentley  
Defendant



William C. Athanas  
Attorney for Defendant



Eleanor I. Brooks  
Special Assistant Attorney General



Miles M. Hart  
Deputy Attorney General  
Chief, Special Prosecutions Division

W A R R A N T

STATE OF ALABAMA

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

DISTRICT COURT

AGENCY NUMBER: S

WARRANT NUMBER: WR 2017 000258.00  
OTHER CASE NBR:

TO ANY LAWFUL OFFICER OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO ARREST ROBERT JULIAN BENTLEY AND BRING HIM/HER BEFORE THE DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY TO ANSWER THE STATE OF ALABAMA ON A CHARGE(S) OF:

FAILURE TO FILE CAMP CLASS: B TYPE: M COUNTS: 001  
AND HAVE YOU THEN AND THERE THIS WRIT WITH YOUR RETURN THEREON.

YOU WILL RECEIVE UNTO YOUR CUSTODY AND DETAIN HIM/HER UNTIL THE DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, OR UNTIL LEGALLY DISCHARGED.

DATED THIS 10 DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

BOND SET AT: {1} \$300.00 BOND TYPE:  
{2} \_\_\_\_\_  
{3} \_\_\_\_\_

ORIGINAL

*Shirley Grant*  
JUDGE/CLERK/MAGISTRATE OF DISTRICT COURT

CHARGES: FAILURE TO FILE CAMP 017-005-08B

M MISDEMEANOR

NAME: ROBERT JULIAN BENTLEY  
ADDRESS: 1142 S PERRY ST  
ADDRESS:  
CITY: MONTGOMERY

STATE: AL

ALIAS:

ALIAS:

ZIP: 36104 0000  
PHONE: 000 000 0000 EXT: 000

EMPLOYMENT:

DOB: 02/03/1943 RACE: W SEX: M HAIR: GRY  
EYE: BLU HEIGHT: 6'00" WEIGHT: 200  
SID: 000000000 SSN: [REDACTED] DL NUM:

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E X E C U T I O N

EXECUTED THE WITHIN WARRANT BY ARRESTING THE DEFENDANT AND

( ) PLACING DEFENDANT IN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL

( ) RELEASING DEFENDANT ON APPEARANCE BOND

THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_

SHERIFF \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLAINANT: ROBERT STUART  
501 D STUART

MONTGOMERY AL 36130

OPERATOR: SHG

DATE: 04/10/2017

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\* \* \* IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY \* \* \*

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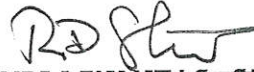
C O M P L A I N T

BEFORE ME THE UNDERSIGNED JUDGE/CLERK/MAGISTRATE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA, PERSONALLY APPEARED ROBERT STUART WHO BEING DULY SWORN DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT HE/SHE HAS PROBABLE CAUSE FOR BELIEVING, AND DOES BELIEVE THAT ROBERT JULIAN BENTLEY DEFENDANT, WHOSE NAME IS OTHERWISE UNKNOWN TO THE COMPLAINANT, DID WITHIN THE ABOVE NAMED COUNTY AND

ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 18, 2016, PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, AND ELECTED STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIAL FAILED TO FILE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR JUDGE OF PROBATE REPORTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPEDITURES MADE

TO-WIT: ROBERT J. BENTLEY FAILED TO REPORT A \$50,000 LOAN MADE TO CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE WITHIN 48 HOURS AS REQUIRED BY LAW

~~IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 17-5-8.1(C) OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA 1975.~~  
IN VIOLATION OF 017-005-08B OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA,  
AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.



COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE

**COPY ORIGINAL**

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS THE 10 DAY OF APRIL, 2017.



JUDGE/CLERK/MAGISTRATE OF DISTRICT COURT

CHARGES: FAILURE TO FILE CAMP 017-005-08B

M MISDEMEANOR

WITNESS FOR THE STATE

ROBERT STUART/501 D STUART/MONTGOMERY/36130

OPERATOR: SHG DATE: 04/10/2017

NOTE: ARE THERE COMPANION CHARGES WITH THIS FELONY/MISDEMEANOR?  YES/  NO  
IF SO, PLEASE SPECIFY COMPANION CHARGES:

AFFIDAVIT

DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY ALABAMA

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the following information on the OFFENSE and the DEFENDANT/OFFENDER

Offense: Electronic Reporting violation 17-5-8.1(c)

Defendant's Name: Robert Julian Bentley Race: W Sex: M DOB: 2-3-43

Defendant's Address: 1142 S. Perry St.; Montg Ht: 6'04" Wt: 200 Eye: Blue Hair: Brn

Date and Time of Offense: Nov. 18, 2014 SS# [REDACTED]

Place of Occurrence: Montgomery Co. AL

Person or Property Attacked: State of Alabama

How Attacked: N/A

Damage Done or Property Attacked: N/A

Value of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Details of Offenses: See Attached Affidavit

Robert J. Bentley did violation AL Code 17-5-8.1(c) by failing to report a contribution in excess of \$20,000 within required periods.

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I make this affidavit for the purpose of securing a warrant against the said Robert J. Bentley

I understand that I am instituting a criminal proceeding and cannot drop this case. I further understand that if any of the foregoing facts are untrue, I may, in addition to any other punishment provided by law, be taxed with court costs in this proceeding.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017

RDS  
Complainant

Shirley Mont  
Judge — Clerk — Magistrate

WITNESSES: (name, address, telephone number)

Robert D. Stuart -S/A  
501 Washington Ave  
Montg AL 36130

AFFIDAVIT

DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY ALABAMA

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 Defendant's Address: 1142 S. Perry St.; Montg Ht: 6'0" Wt: 200 Eye: Blue Hair: Brn  
 Date and Time of Offense: Nov. 18, 2016 SS# [REDACTED]  
 Place of Occurrence: Montgomery Co. AL  
 Person or Property Attacked: State of Alabama  
 How Attacked: N/A  
 Damage Done or Property Attacked: N/A  
 Value of Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me  
 this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017

RJBS  
 Complainant

Shirley Grant  
 Judge — Clerk — Magistrate

WITNESSES: (name, address, telephone number)  
Robert D. Stuart -S/A  
501 Washington Ave  
Montg AL 36130

I, Robert D. Stuart, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and state:

**COPY**

Background

- 1) I am a Special Agent with the Special Prosecutions Division of the Alabama Attorney General's Office assigned to investigate matters related to public corruption. The testimony contained in this Affidavit is based on my personal knowledge and the knowledge conveyed to me by other law enforcement officers.
- 2) I have been a Special Agent with the Alabama Attorney General's Office since January 2013. Prior to my being a Special Agent with the Alabama Attorney General's Office I had over 25 years experience in law enforcement and public safety. During this period I have conducted and participated in many criminal investigations. My work has kept me in close contact with other agents investigating white collar and public corruption offenses.
- 3) Because this Affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause, it does not include all the facts that I have learned during this investigation. Where I report statements made by others, those statements are reported in substance and in part.
- 4) I have participated in the investigation of this matter, and I am familiar with the information contained in this Affidavit based on my own personal participation in the investigation, my review of documents, my training and experience, and information that I have received from other law enforcement officers.



- 5) Based on my training and experience, your affiant is aware that it is a violation of ALA. CODE § 17-5-8.1(c) that unless otherwise included in a report made pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 17-5-8, the principal campaign committee or political action committee shall file a report disclosing the receipt of any single contribution of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or more. These reports shall disclose the same information required by Section 17-5-8, and shall be filed within two business days of receipt of the contribution. Beginning with the 2014 election cycle these reports shall be filed electronically.

**Arrest**

- 6) This affidavit is respectfully submitted in support of an arrest warrant for ROBERT JULIAN BENTLEY (BENTLEY), white/male, date of birth: XX/XX/1943, social security number: [REDACTED], who resides at 1142 South Perry Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

**The Investigation**

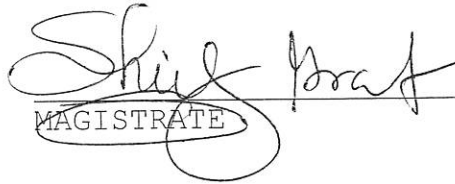
- 7) On or about November 15, 2016, BENTLEY contributed \$50,000 to his campaign fund in the form of a personal loan.
- 8) BENTLEY did not disclose this contribution in any report until January 23, 2017. A copy of this report is attached to this affidavit and marked as "Exhibit A".
- 9) Your affiant does believe there is probable cause that BENTLEY violated ALA. CODE § 17-5-8.1(c) by failing to

report the contribution within the time prescribed by  
ALA. CODE § 17-5-8.1(c).



Robert D. Stuart  
Special Agent  
Alabama Attorney General's Office

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 April day of 2017,  
2017.

  
MAGISTRATE

Address:  
Alabama Attorney General  
501 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130  
(334) 353-0421

# EXHIBIT A

THIS AREA FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

This document was filed electronically on 01/23/2017 at 04:29PM with the Elections Division, Office of the Alabama Secretary of State.

MAJOR CONTRIBUTION



## Fair Campaign Practices Act State of Alabama

### Candidate & Elected Official Campaign Finance Report SUMMARY FORM 1

Please Print in Ink or Type.

Full Name of Candidate ROBERT BENTLEY		Political Party / Ballot REPUBLICAN	
Office Sought (include district or circuit number, if applicable) GOVERNOR			
Address 11 RIDGELAND			
City TUSCALOOSA	State AL	ZIP Code 35406	Telephone Number (334) 242-7100

Amended Major Contributor

Date of this Report: 11/15/2016

#### Summary of activity since last filed report

1	Beginning balance (ending balance from previous filing)	1	\$346,905.90
2	Total Cash Contributions (total from Form 2)	2	\$0.00
3	Total In-Kind Contributions (total from Form 3)	3	\$0.00
4	Total Receipts from Other Sources (total from Form 4)	4	\$50,000.00
5	Ending balance (add lines 1, 2, 3 and 4)	5	\$396,905.90

As required by the Alabama Fair Campaign Practices Act, I hereby swear or affirm to the best of my knowledge and belief that the attached report(s) and the information contained herein are true and correct and that this information is a full and complete statement of all contributions, expenditures, and other required information during the applicable period of time.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ of the year \_\_\_\_\_. My commission expires the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ of the year \_\_\_\_\_.

Electronically Signed by ROBERT BENTLEY, CANDIDATE

01/23/2017

Signature of Notary Public

Signature of Candidate or Elected Official

Date

Print Notary's Name

FORM REVISED 4.5.2013

#### Where to file this form ...

- **Candidates for State Office:** File this report electronically with the Office of the Secretary of State:

<http://www.alabamavotes.gov>

#### Do you have questions or need assistance? Contact the Elections Division:

Call us: 334-242-7210

Visit our office:

Write to us:

800-274-8683

Elections Division

Elections Division

Email us: [alavoter@vote.alabama.gov](mailto:alavoter@vote.alabama.gov)

600 Dexter Avenue, Room E-210

P.O. Box 5616

Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5616

- **Candidates for County or Municipal Office:** File this report with the Judge of Probate of the county in which the office is sought. The address for each county's Judge of Probate is available on the web site of the Secretary of State:

<http://alabamavotes.gov>

ALABAMA FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT - CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT FOR CANDIDATE/ELECTED OFFICIAL



**FORM 4: Receipts from Other Sources loans, interest, and other sources of income**

NAME OF CANDIDATE OR ELECTED OFFICIAL: **ROBERT BENTLEY**

When total contributions from a single source exceed \$100.00, the FCPA requires all contributions from that source to be itemized  
DO NOT LIST cash or in-kind contributions on this form. Use Forms 2 and 3 for those listings.

SOURCE OF RECEIPT (INCLUDE FULL NAME)	ADDRESS (ADDRESS SHOULD INCLUDE STREET OR P.O. BOX, CITY, STATE, AND ZIP)	FORM OF RECEIPT			COMPLETE THIS BLOCK IF RECEIPT IS A LOAN  GUARANTORS [FCPA REQUIRES FULL NAME AND COMPLETE ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL(S) ENDORSING OR GUARANTEEING A LOAN]	RECEIPT SOURCE (CHECK ONE)					DATE RECEIVED	AMOUNT OF RECEIPT
		Form Interest	Form Loan	Form Other		Lending Institution	Source PAC	Source Individual	Source Business	Source Other		
ROBERT J. BENTLEY	11 RIDGELAND TUSCALOOSA, AL 35406		X				X				11/15/2016	\$50000.00
FORM REVISED ON 11.22.2012	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>											<b>\$50000.00</b>

WARRANT

STATE OF ALABAMA MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISTRICT COURT  
AGENCY NUMBER: S WARRANT NUMBER: WR 2017 000257.00  
OTHER CASE NBR:

TO ANY LAWFUL OFFICER OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO ARREST ROBERT JULIAN BENTLEY AND BRING HIM/HER BEFORE THE DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY TO ANSWER THE STATE OF ALABAMA ON A CHARGE(S) OF: FAILURE/DISCLOSE ECO CLASS: C TYPE: M COUNTS: 001 AND HAVE YOU THEN AND THERE THIS WRIT WITH YOUR RETURN THEREON.  
YOU WILL RECEIVE UNTO YOUR CUSTODY AND DETAIN HIM/HER UNTIL THE DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, OR UNTIL LEGALLY DISCHARGED.

DATED THIS 10 DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

BOND SET AT: (1) \$300.00 BOND TYPE:  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_

ORIGINAL

*Shirley Grant*  
JUDGE/CLERK/MAGISTRATE OF DISTRICT COURT

CHARGES: FAILURE/DISCLOSE ECO 036-025-027 M MISDEMEANOR

NAME: ROBERT JULIAN BENTLEY ALIAS:  
ADDRESS: 1142 S PERRY ST ALIAS:  
ADDRESS:  
CITY: MONTGOMERY STATE: AL ZIP: 36104 0000  
PHONE: 000 000 0000 EXT: 000

EMPLOYMENT:  
DOB: 02/03/1943 RACE: W SEX: M HAIR: GRY  
EYE: BLU HEIGHT: 6'00" WEIGHT: 200  
SID: 000000000 SSN: [REDACTED] DL NUM:

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EXECUTION

EXECUTED THE WITHIN WARRANT BY ARRESTING THE DEFENDANT AND  
( ) PLACING DEFENDANT IN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL  
( ) RELEASING DEFENDANT ON APPEARANCE BOND

THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_

SHERIFF \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLAINANT: JAMES K MURRAY  
501 WASHINGTON AVE  
MONTGOMERY AL 36104

OPERATOR: SHG DATE: 04/10/2017

ALABAMA JUDICIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

\* \* \* IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY \* \* \*

AGENCY NUMBER: S

WARRANT NUMBER: WR 2017 000257.00  
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C O M P L A I N T

BEFORE ME THE UNDERSIGNED JUDGE/CLERK/MAGISTRATE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA, PERSONALLY APPEARED JAMES K MURRAY WHO BEING DULY SWORN DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT HE/SHE HAS PROBABLE CAUSE FOR BELIEVING, AND DOES BELIEVE THAT ROBERT JULIAN BENTLEY DEFENDANT, WHOSE NAME IS OTHERWISE UNKNOWN TO THE COMPLAINANT, DID WITHIN THE ABOVE NAMED COUNTY AND

ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 3, 2016, ROBERT J BENTLEY KNOWINGLY CONVERTED TO HIS PERSONAL USE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS, TO-WIT: HE AUTHORIZED PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8912.00 FROM HIS CAMPAIGN FUND TO PAY NON-CAMPAIGN RELATED DEBTS THAT WERE PERSONAL IN NATURE IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 36-25-27(A)(2) OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA 1975. IN VIOLATION OF 036-025-027 OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

*James K. Murray*  
COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE

ORIGINAL  
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SWORN TO, AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS THE 10 DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

*Shirley Grant*  
JUDGE/CLERK/MAGISTRATE OF DISTRICT COURT

CHARGES: FAILURE/DISCLOSE ECO 036-025-027 M MISDEMEANOR

WITNESS FOR THE STATE

JAMES K MURRAY/501 WASHINGTON AVE/MONTGOMERY/36104

OPERATOR: SHG DATE: 04/10/2017

NOTE: ARE THERE COMPANION CHARGES WITH THIS FELONY/MISDEMEANOR?    YES/    NO  
IF SO, PLEASE SPECIFY COMPANION CHARGES: \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT

DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY ALABAMA

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the following information on the OFFENSE and the DEFENDANT/OFFENDER

Offense: USE of CONTRIBUTIONS (36-25-6) (36-25-21)

Defendant's Name: ROBERT J. BENTLEY Race: W Sex: M DOB: 2/3/43

Defendant's Address: 1142 S. Perry St, Montgomery AL 36104 Ht: 6'0" Wt: 200 Eye: BLU Hair: BRO

Date and Time of Offense: 1/3/16 SS# [REDACTED]

Place of Occurrence: Montgomery, AL

Person or Property Attacked: STATE OF ALABAMA

How Attacked: N/A

Damage Done or Property Attacked: N/A

Value of Property: N/A

Details of Offenses: See attached Affidavit

ROBERT J. BENTLEY DID VIOLATE AL CODE 36-25-6 - ON JAN. 3 2016 HE AUTHORIZED THE PAYMENT OF \$8,912.40 FROM HIS CAMPAIGN FUND TO A LAW FIRM FOR AN ILLEGITIMATE PURPOSE (PERSONAL USE)

**COPY**

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 I understand that I am instituting a criminal proceeding and cannot drop this case. I further understand that if any of the foregoing facts are untrue, I may, in addition to any other punishment provided by law, be taxed with court costs in this proceeding.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
 this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of APRIL, 2017

James K. Murray  
 Complainant

Sheryl Grant  
 Judge  Clerk  Magistrate

WITNESSES: (name, address, telephone number)

501 WASHINGTON AVE  
MONTGOMERY, AL  
ST JAMES K. MURRAY

I, James K. Murray, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and state:

**Background**

- 1) I am a Special Investigator with the Special Prosecutions Division of the Alabama Attorney General's Office assigned to investigate matters related to public corruption. The testimony contained in this Affidavit is based on my personal knowledge and the knowledge conveyed to me by other law enforcement officers.
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- 4) I have participated in the investigation of this matter, and I am familiar with the information contained in this Affidavit based on my own personal participation in the investigation, my review of documents, my training and experience, and information that I have received from other law enforcement officers.



- 5) Based on my training and experience, your affiant is aware that it is a violation of ALA. CODE § 36-25-6 for contributions to an office holder, a candidate, or to a public official's inaugural or transitional fund to be converted to personal use.

**Arrest**

- 6) This affidavit is respectfully submitted in support of an arrest warrant for ROBERT JULIAN BENTLEY (BENTLEY), white/male, date of birth: XX/XX/1943, social security number: [REDACTED], who resides at 1142 South Perry Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

**The Investigation**

- 7) On or about January 3, 2016, BENTLEY authorized the payment of \$8,912.40 from his campaign fund to Copeland, Franco, Screws & Gill, PA. A copy of this check is attached to this affidavit and marked as "Exhibit A".
- 8) This payment compensated that law firm for its representation of Rebekah Caldwell Mason concerning her service as BENTLEY's "Senior Political Advisor" while receiving compensation from the Alabama Council for Excellent Government (ACEGOV) and while she was not a state employee.
- 9) Your affiant does believe there is probable cause that BENTLEY violated ALA. CODE § 36-25-6 by converting political contributions to personal use.

James K. Murray  
James K. Murray  
Special Investigator  
Alabama Attorney General's Office

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup> April day of 2017,  
2017.

Shirley Grant  
MAGISTRATE

Address:  
Alabama Attorney General  
501 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130  
(334) 353-0421

# EXHIBIT A

Posting Date: 2016-01-06, Debit/Credit: D, Amt: 8,912.40, Posting Acct: [REDACTED] - side 1

BENTLEY FOR GOVERNOR INC  
1142 S Perry St  
Montgomery, AL 36104

1036  
61-17620

Jan 3, 2016 CHECK NUMBER

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Copeland, Franco, Screws + Hill, P.A. \$ 8912 <sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Eight thousand nine hundred twelve and <sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub> DOLLARS

REGIONS  
Legal fees

Robert Bentley

[REDACTED]

Posting Date: 2016-01-06, Debit/Credit: D, Amt: 8,912.40, Posting Acct: [REDACTED]

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FOR DEPOSIT ONLY  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
COPELAND, FRANCO, SCREWS & HILL, P.A.  
[REDACTED]