

STATE GRAND JURY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

Case No. 2020-GS-47-17

v.)

KENNETH SHANE STUART,)

Defendant.)

INDICTMENT FOR
CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY,
DISTRIBUTION OF METHAMPHETAMINE
(2 counts), and MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

At a session of the State Grand Jury of South Carolina, convened in Columbia, South Carolina on September 16, 2020, the State Grand Jurors present upon their oath and charge as follows:

**COUNT ONE
CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY
S.C. Code Ann. § 16-17-410**

That KENNETH SHANE STUART, and other persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury, in Chester County, on or about some time in August 2020, did willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously unite, combine, conspire, confederate, agree and have a tacit understanding and agreement between two or more persons, for the purpose of accomplishing an unlawful object or lawful object by unlawful means, including violations of S.C. Code Ann. § 16-13-30, S.C. Code Ann. § 16-11-523(C)(2), and common law misconduct in office, to wit:

While STUART was serving as the County Supervisor of Chester County, South Carolina, he did conspire to facilitate the theft of catalytic converters from vehicles owned by Chester County.

All in violation of Section 16-17-410 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, and such conduct involving public corruption and arising out of or in connection with a crime involving public corruption and such conduct not having been authorized by law.

Against the peace and dignity of this State and contrary to the law in such case made and provided.

**COUNT TWO
DISTRIBUTION OF METHAMPHETAMINE
S.C. Code Ann. § 44-53-375(B)**

That KENNETH SHANE STUART did, in Chester County, on or about September 3rd, 2020, knowingly manufacture, distribute, dispense, deliver, and purchase methamphetamine, a controlled substance under the provisions of § 44-53-110, et seq., Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, such conduct not having been authorized by law.

All in violation of Section 44-53-375 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and such conduct not having been authorized by law; and such conduct involving and arising out of and in connection with a crime involving narcotics, dangerous drugs, or controlled substances, and such crime being of a multi-county nature and having significance in more than one county of this State.

**COUNT THREE
DISTRIBUTION OF METHAMPHETAMINE
S.C. Code Ann. § 44-53-375(B)**

That KENNETH SHANE STUART did, in Chester County, on or about September 15, 2020, knowingly manufacture, distribute, dispense, deliver, and purchase methamphetamine, a controlled substance under the provisions of § 44-53-110, et seq., Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, such conduct not having been authorized by law.

All in violation of Section 44-53-375 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and such conduct not having been authorized by law; and such conduct involving and arising out of and in connection with a crime involving narcotics, dangerous drugs, or controlled substances, and such crime being of a multi-county nature and having significance in more than one county of this State.

**COUNT FOUR
MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE
Common Law**

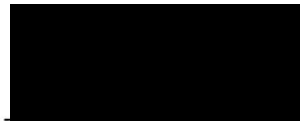
That KENNETH SHANE STUART, in Chester County, from on or about August 1, 2019, until on or about September ~~14~~¹⁵, 2020, and while the elected County Supervisor for Chester County, a public official, knowingly committed acts and omissions constituting official misconduct; to wit:

While County Supervisor, STUART spent time during the official workday and used an official government vehicle or vehicles to facilitate methamphetamine trafficking. Therefore, STUART did, by malfeasance, misfeasance, and nonfeasance, commit acts and omissions in breach of his duty of good faith, honesty, and accountability to the public.

All in violation of the Common Law of South Carolina, and such conduct involving public corruption and arising out of or in connection with a crime involving public corruption; and such conduct involving and arising out of an in connection with a crime involving narcotics, dangerous drugs, or controlled substances, and such crime being of a multi-county nature and having transpired and having significance in more than one county of this State; and such conduct not having been authorized by law.

Against the peace and dignity of this State and contrary to the law in such case made and provided.

A True Bill



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