

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA

CLERK NO: 2024CF000399AX  
DIVISION: 1

vs

SCOTT LAWRIE HOPES

RACE/SEX: W/M DOB: 09/22/1960

**SECOND AMENDED INFORMATION FOR:**

- 1) GRAND THEFT THIRD DEGREE (\$5,000 < \$10,000) 812.014(1) & (2)(c)2, THIRD DEGREE FELONY
- 2) GRAND THEFT THIRD DEGREE (\$750 < \$5,000) 812.014(1) & (2)(c)1, THIRD DEGREE FELONY
- 3) GRAND THEFT THIRD DEGREE (\$750 < \$5,000) 812.014(1) & (2)(c)1, THIRD DEGREE FELONY
- 4) PETIT THEFT (\$100 < \$750) 812.014(1) & (2)(e), FIRST DEGREE MISDEMEANOR
- 5) FRAUDULENT USE OF PUBLIC RECORD 817.569(2), THIRD DEGREE FELONY
- 6) FRAUDULENT USE OF PUBLIC RECORD 817.569(2), THIRD DEGREE FELONY
- 7) FRAUDULENT USE OF PUBLIC RECORD 817.569(2), THIRD DEGREE FELONY

In the Name and by Authority of the State of Florida:

Ed Brodsky, State Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, by and through his undersigned Assistant State Attorney, prosecuting for the State of Florida in the Circuit Court in and for the County of Manatee, Florida, under oath information makes that:

**COUNT 1: SCOTT LAWRIE HOPES**, on, about, or between September 24, 2022 and October 07, 2022, in MANATEE County, Florida, did knowingly and unlawfully obtain or use or endeavor to obtain or use, certain property of another, to-wit: MONEY, the property of MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, the value of said property being five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or more, but less than ten thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), and in so doing intended to either permanently or temporarily deprive the said MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT of a right to the property or a benefit therefrom, or to appropriate the property to his/her own use or to the use of any person not entitled thereto, contrary to Section 812.014(1) and (2)(c)2, Florida Statutes, in such case made, and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

**COUNT 2: SCOTT LAWRIE HOPES**, on, about, or between November 05, 2022 and November 18, 2022, in MANATEE County, Florida, did knowingly and unlawfully obtain or use or endeavor to obtain or use, certain property of another, to-wit: MONEY, the property of MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, the value of said property being seven-hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) or more, but less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), and in so doing intended to either permanently or temporarily deprive the said MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT of a right to the property or a benefit therefrom, or to appropriate the property to his/her own use or to the use of any person not entitled thereto, contrary to Section 812.014(1) and (2)(c)1, Florida Statutes, in such case made, and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

**COUNT 3: SCOTT LAWRIE HOPES**, on, about, or between April 01, 2021 and April 09, 2021, in MANATEE County, Florida, did knowingly and unlawfully obtain or use or endeavor to obtain or use, certain property of another, to-wit: MONEY, the property of MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, the value of said property being seven-hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) or more, but less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), and in so doing intended to either permanently or temporarily deprive the said MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT of a right to the property or a benefit therefrom, or to appropriate the property to his/her own use or to the use of any person not entitled thereto, contrary to Section 812.014(1) and (2)(c)1, Florida Statutes, in such case made, and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

**COUNT 4: SCOTT LAWRIE HOPES**, on, about, or between May 21, 2022 and June 03, 2022, in MANATEE County, Florida, did knowingly and unlawfully obtain or use or endeavor to obtain or use, certain property of another, to-wit: MONEY, the property of MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, the value of said property being one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or more, but less than seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00), and in so doing intended to either permanently or temporarily deprive the said MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT of a right to the property or a benefit therefrom, or to appropriate the property to his/her own use or to the use of any person not entitled thereto, contrary to Section 812.014(1) and (2)(e), Florida Statutes, in such case made, and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

**COUNT 5: SCOTT LAWRIE HOPES**, on or about **October 07, 2022** in **MANATEE County, Florida**, did knowingly and unlawfully use a public record, to wit: **MANATEE COUNTY TIMEKEEPING SYSTEM**, or knowingly and unlawfully provide false information that becomes part of a public record, to wit: **PAYROLL CODE and/or HOURS WORKED**, to facilitate the commission of a felony, to wit: a **THEFT**, contrary to Section 817.569(2), Florida Statutes, in such case made, and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

**COUNT 6: SCOTT LAWRIE HOPES**, on or about **November 18, 2022** in **MANATEE County, Florida**, did knowingly and unlawfully use a public record, to wit: **MANATEE COUNTY TIMEKEEPING SYSTEM**, or knowingly and unlawfully provide false information that becomes part of a public record, to wit: **PAYROLL CODE and/or HOURS WORKED**, to facilitate the commission of a felony, to wit: a **THEFT**, contrary to Section 817.569(2), Florida Statutes, in such case made, and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

**COUNT 7: SCOTT LAWRIE HOPES**, on or about **April 09, 2021** in **MANATEE County, Florida**, did knowingly and unlawfully use a public record, to wit: **MANATEE COUNTY TIMEKEEPING SYSTEM**, or knowingly and unlawfully provide false information that becomes part of a public record, to wit: **PAYROLL CODE and/or HOURS WORKED**, to facilitate the commission of a felony, to wit: a **THEFT**, contrary to Section 817.569(2), Florida Statutes, in such case made, and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

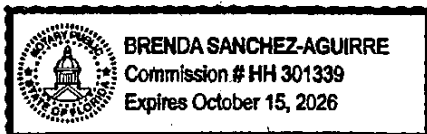
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF MANATEE

Personally appeared before me, Ed Brodsky, the undersigned State Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, in and for Manatee County, or his duly designated Assistant State Attorney, who being duly sworn, says the allegations in the foregoing information are based upon facts that have been sworn to as true, and which, if true, would constitute the offense therein charged, and that this information is filed in good faith in instituting this prosecution and that testimony was received under oath from a material witness or witnesses.

ED BRODSKY, STATE ATTORNEY  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025 by JUSTIN FOSTER who is personally known to me to be an Assistant State Attorney for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit and who did take an oath.



*Brenda Sanchez-Aguirre*  
Signature of Notary Public, State of Florida

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