

No. 2026-08-7521

(D.A.recommends bond set at \$25,000.00 Surety)

NAME: WANDA HUFF DUKES

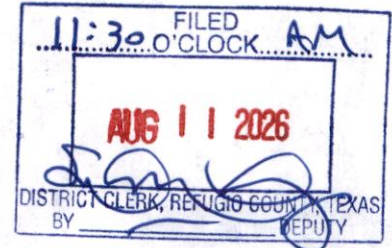
CHARGE: MISAPP FIDUC/FINAN PROP>=\$300K

PENAL CODE: 32.45(c)(7) PENAL CODE

PUNISHMENT RANGE: FIRST DEGREE FELONY

OFFENSE DATE: October 03, 2023- October 29, 2025

WITNESSES: CODY LANKFORD



TRUE BILL OF INDICTMENT

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

THE GRAND JURORS for REFUGIO COUNTY, Texas, duly selected, organized, impaneled and sworn as such at the JULY 2026 TERM of the District Court of the 24th Judicial District, in and for said County, a quorum thereof being present, upon their oaths present in and to said Court that

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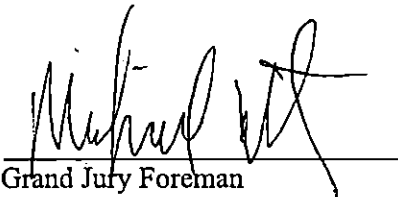
On or about the dates set forth below, and continuing through the 29th day of October, 2025, and before the presentment of this indictment, in Refugio County, Texas, did then and there pursuant to one scheme and continuing course of conduct, intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly misapply property, namely, money, that the Defendant held as a fiduciary, to-wit: as Mayor of the Town of Refugio, Texas, and in that capacity exercising fiduciary control over funds of the Refugio Economic Development Corporation held by the Town of Refugio for the benefit of said Corporation, in a manner that involved substantial risk of loss to the owner of said property, to-wit: the Refugio Economic Development Corporation, said misapplications consisting of the following transactions, which the State aggregates pursuant to Texas Penal Code § 32.45(c):

- (1) on or about October 3, 2023, in the amount of \$161,678.94, paid to Victor Insurance Managers for windstorm insurance;
- (2) on or about May 9, 2024, in the amount of \$54,242.19, paid to Goldman, Hunt & Notz, LLP for audit services;
- (3) on or about October 23, 2023, in the amount of \$10,000.00, paid to the Refugio Police Department for the Christmas in Refugio event;
- (4) on or about October 23, 2023, in the amount of \$10,000.00, paid to the Two Broke Coolers Group;
- (5) on or about February 9, 2024, in the amount of \$10,000.00, paid to the Refugio Police Department for the 4th of July Festival;

- (6) on or about February 9, 2024, in the amount of \$25,000.00, paid to the Refugio County Chamber of Commerce;
- (7) on or about October 31, 2024, in the amount of \$54,815.00, paid to Mercer Construction for water main maintenance;
- (8) on or about October 31, 2024, in the amount of \$164,462.28, paid to Victor Insurance Managers for windstorm insurance;
- (9) on or about January 23, 2025, in the amount of \$64,214.34, paid to Republic Services for garbage services;
- (10) on or about January 23, 2025, in the amount of \$12,000.00, paid to the Community Cemetery Association;
- (11) on or about January 23, 2025, in the amount of \$10,000.00, paid to the Refugio Police Department for the 4th of July Festival;
- (12) on or about January 23, 2025, in the amount of \$18,000.00, paid to the Refugio County Chamber of Commerce;
- (13) on or about April 24, 2025, in the amount of \$64,889.69, paid to Republic Services for garbage services;
- (14) on or about May 15, 2025, in the amount of \$64,405.28, paid to Republic Services for garbage services;
- (15) on or about May 29, 2025, in the amount of \$67,600.00, paid to Goldman, Hunt & Notz, LLP for audit services;
- (16) on or about June 18, 2025, in the amount of \$62,828.00, paid to Republic Services for garbage services;
- (17) on or about July 10, 2025, in the amount of \$62,558.07, paid to Republic Services for garbage services;
- (18) on or about October 29, 2025, in the amount of \$138,593.25, paid to Victor Insurance Managers for windstorm insurance;
- (19) on or about October 29, 2025, in the amount of \$1,769.49, paid to Victor Insurance Managers for a terrorism policy;

and the aggregate value of the property misapplied in the transactions listed above was \$300,000 or more, against the peace and dignity of the State.

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Grand Jury Foreman

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