

THEFT, MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

State of Maryland,

City of Baltimore, to wit:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY

**THE STATE OF MARYLAND
-VS-
CEJUS WATSON**

defendant:

Date of Offense: On/about 9/29/2022

Location : 601 East Fayette Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jurors of the State of Maryland for the body of the City of Baltimore, do on their oath present that, on/about 9/29/2022, in the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, the Defendant, Cejus Watson, did commit Theft and Misconduct In Office in violation of the Criminal Law and Common Law of Maryland, against the peace, government, and dignity of the State.

Background

1. Cejus Watson (hereinafter “Watson”), the Defendant, is a police officer for the city of Baltimore, and was so on 9/29/22.
2. On 9/29/22, Watson was assigned to work from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at police headquarters at 601 East Fayette Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202.
3. Watson “punched in” to the city time-keeping system (called “Workday”) at 6:56 a.m. and was present at his assigned post at approximately the same time.

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4. Watson left his post and went to his home in Owings Mills, Baltimore County, Maryland, arriving at 12:43 p.m. He then left and went to a tattoo parlor on Reisterstown Road, in Baltimore County, Maryland, arriving at 1:03 p.m. At approximately 1:18 p.m. he entered the tattoo shop carrying controlled dangerous substances (hereinafter “CDS”), sold them, and left the shop at 1:34 p.m.

5. After the sale of the CDS was complete, Watson returned to his home in Owings Mills, Baltimore County, arriving at 2:16 p.m. and prior to the end of his shift at 3:30 p.m.

6. At 3:31 p.m. Watson logged out in the Workday time-keeping system. Watson had been absent from his post for 2 hours and 19 minutes.

7. Officer Watson was under surveillance by both Baltimore City and Baltimore County police officers.

8. Watson did not notify any supervisor of his departure from his post, nor was he authorized or pre-approved to leave his post or work-from-home.

9. At no time did Watson attempt to correct the false information in the Workday time-keeping system, and was subsequently paid for the hours not worked.

10. The time not worked and loss to his employer, the City of Baltimore, was valued more than \$100 but less than \$1500.

Charges

11. The Grand Jurors, having received evidence supporting paragraphs 1-10 herein, reaffirming and incorporating said paragraphs, do allege and charge:

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(Count 1)

The Grand Jury for Baltimore City, State of Maryland, January 2023 term, having been duly sworn, do on their oaths present and allege that the above named Defendant, on the above cited date and at the above cited location, did steal U. S. currency in the form of wages from the Baltimore City Police Department, City of Baltimore government, for services not performed, having a value of greater than \$100 but less than \$1500, against the peace, government and dignity of the State.

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(Count 2)

The Grand Jury further alleges that the above named Defendant, on the above cited date and at the above cited location, a sworn police officer for the Baltimore City Police Department, did commit malfeasance, in violation of the common law, against the peace, government and dignity of the State.

Misconduct in Office, Common Law, 9x-0042



The State's Attorney for the City of Baltimore