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Judge Pedro J. Jimenez, Jr.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION - CRIMINAL

State Grand Jury
Number SGJ610-11-12
Superior Court 11-11-00143-5
Docket Number

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INDICTMENT

v.

MICHAEL W. KWASNIK

The Grand Jurors of and for the State of New Jersey, upon their oaths, present that:

COUNT ONE

(Theft by Failure to Make Required Disposition of Property Received - Second Degree)

MICHAEL W. KWASNIK

between on or about September 19, 2006, and on or about December 6, 2006, at the Township of Cherry Hill, in the County of Camden, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, purposely did commit theft by purposely obtaining or retaining property belonging to K.L., the beneficiary of the Estate of H.M.G., whose identities are known to the Grand Jurors, that is, the proceeds from the Estate of H.M.G., having a value of \$75,000 or more, upon agreement or subject to a known legal obligation to make specified payment or other disposition of such property, and did deal with said property as his own and did fail to make the

required payment or disposition, that is, the said MICHAEL W. KWASNIK, an attorney at law in the State of New Jersey, in administering the Estate of H.M.G., purposely did obtain or retain checks, cash and other proceeds in an amount of \$75,000 or more, upon agreement or subject to a known legal obligation to make specified payment or other disposition of such property, and did fail to make the required payment or disposition of said proceeds to the beneficiary of said Estate, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-9, and N.J.S.A. 2C:2-6, and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT TWO

(Misapplication of Entrusted Property - Second Degree)

MICHAEL W. KWASNIK

between on or about September 19, 2006, and on or about December 6, 2006, at the Township of Cherry Hill, in the County of Camden, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, knowingly did apply or dispose of property that is, proceeds from the Estate of H.M.G., whose identity is known to the Grand Jurors, that had been entrusted to him as a fiduciary, in a manner which he knew to be unlawful and that involved substantial risk of loss or detriment to K.L., the beneficiary of said Estate, whose identity is known to the Grand Jurors, and for whose benefit the property was entrusted, and did derive a benefit therefrom of \$75,000 or more, that is, the said MICHAEL W. KWASNIK, in his capacity as an attorney administering the Estate of H.M.G.,

knowingly did apply or dispose of proceeds from the Estate of H.M.G., that had been entrusted to him as a fiduciary, in a manner which he knew to be unlawful and that involved substantial risk of loss or detriment to K.L., the beneficiary of said Estate, whose identity is known to the Grand Jurors, and for whose benefit the property was entrusted, thereby deriving a benefit of \$75,000 or more, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-15 and N.J.S.A. 2C:2-6, and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT THREE

(Theft by Unlawful Taking - Second Degree) MICHAEL W. KWASNIK

between on or about September 19, 2006, and on or about December 6, 2006, at the Township of Cherry Hill, in the County of Camden, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, knowingly did unlawfully take, or exercise unlawful control over, movable property of another with purpose to deprive her thereof, in an amount of \$75,000 or more, that is, the said MICHAEL W. KWASNIK, in his capacity as an attorney administering the Estate of H.M.G., whose identity is known to the Grand Jurors, knowingly did unlawfully take, or exercise unlawful control over the proceeds from the Estate of H.M.G., with the purpose to deprive K.L., the beneficiary of said Estate, whose identity is known to the Grand Jurors, in an amount of \$75,000 or more, contrary to

the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3 and N.J.S.A. 2C:2-6, and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT FOUR

(Financial Facilitation of Criminal Activity - Second Degree)

MICHAEL W. KWASNIK

between on or about September 21, 2006, and on or about December 4, 2006, at the Township of Cherry Hill, in the County of Camden, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did engage in transactions involving property, in an amount of \$75,000 or more, known or which a reasonable person would believe to be derived from criminal activity, knowing that the transactions were designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership or control of the property derived from criminal activity, that is, the said MICHAEL W. KWASNIK, a New Jersey licensed attorney, did engage in transactions involving the Estate of H.M.G., whose identity is known to the Grand Jurors, in an amount of \$75,000 or more, known to be derived from criminal activity, knowing that the transactions were designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership or control of the property which he knew to be derived

from criminal activity, namely, his unlawful use of proceeds of the Estate, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-25b(2)(a), and N.J.S.A. 2C:2-6, and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

Stephen J. Taylor, Director Division of Criminal Justice

A TRUE BILL:

Foreperson

Dated:

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY	·	
v.	ORDER OF VENUE	
ICHAEL KWASNIK	·	

An Indictment having been returned to this Court by the State Grand Jury in the above captioned matter,

IT IS ORDERED on this 449 day of November pursuant to paragraph 8 of the State Grand Jury Act, that the County of Camden be and hereby is designated as the County of venue for the purpose of trial.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall transmit forthwith the Indictment in this matter and a certified copy of this Order to the Criminal Division Manager of the County of Camden for filing.

PEDRO J. JIMENEZ, JR., J.S.C.