

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Jamaad Cesar Batts

Case No.: FEC 20-488

TO: Jamaad Cesar Batts
829 Randolph St.
Crescent City, FL 32112

Tracy Eckhardt
109 N Prospect St.
Crescent City, FL 32112

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **May 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **412 Knott Building, Pat Thomas Committee Room, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.**

Failure to appear in accordance with this notice will constitute a waiver of your right to participate in the hearing. Continuances will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, which governs your participation as follows:

If you are the Respondent, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission. However, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless you request to be heard or the Commission requests that your case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, your case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are the Complainant, you may attend the hearing, but you will *not* be permitted to address the Commission. In addition, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless the Respondent requests to be heard or the Commission requests that the case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, the case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are an Appellant, and you have requested a hearing, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission.

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See further instructions on the reverse side.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
April 26, 2024

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If this is a **probable cause hearing**, the Commission will decide if there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent committed a violation of Florida's election laws. Respondent should be prepared to explain how the staff in its recommendation incorrectly applied the law to the facts of the case. *Respondent may not testify, call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence at the probable cause hearing.* The Commission will only decide whether Respondent should be *charged* with a violation and, before the Commission determines whether a violation has occurred or a fine should be imposed, Respondent will have an opportunity for another hearing at which evidence may be introduced.

If this is an **informal hearing**, it will be conducted pursuant Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes; Chapter 28 and Commission Rule 2B-1.004, Florida Administrative Code. At the hearing, the Commission will decide whether the Respondent committed the violation(s) charged in the Order of Probable Cause. The Respondent will be permitted to testify. However, the Respondent may not call witnesses to testify.

Respondent may argue why the established facts in the Staff Recommendation do not support the violations charged in the Order of Probable Cause. At Respondent's request, the Commission may determine whether Respondent's actions in the case were willful. The Respondent may also address the appropriateness of the recommended fine. If Respondent claims that his limited resources make him unable to pay the statutory fine, *he must provide the Commission with written proof of his financial resources* at the hearing. A financial affidavit form is available from the Commission Clerk.

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,

Case No.: FEC 20-488

v.

Jamaad M. Cesar-Batts,
Respondent.

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ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 7, 2024, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On December 21, 2023, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff’s Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff’s Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violations:

Count 1:

On July 22, 2020, Jamaad M. Cesar-Batts violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, when he certified that the campaign’s 2020 M1 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

Count 2:

On September 2, 2020, Jamaad M. Cesar-Batts violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, when he certified that the campaign’s 2020 M2 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

Count 3:

On or about August 13, 2020, Jamaad M. Cesar-Batts violated Section 106.143(1)(a), Florida Statutes, when he paid for and displayed political advertisements, in the form of yard signs, that contained express advocacy but did not include proper disclaimers.

The Commission finds that there is **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

The Commission finds that the public interest would not be served by proceeding further regarding Count 1, the alleged violation of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, as to the 2020 M1 Report, because of the nature of the errors involved.

Therefore, it is **ORDERED** that Count 1, the alleged violation of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, as to the 2020 M1 reporting period, is **DISMISSED** pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(j), Florida Statutes.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on February 7, 2024.



Tim Vaccaro, J.D., Executive Director
For Chad Mizelle, Chairman
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Mattie T. Clay, Assistant General Counsel
Jamaad M. Cesar-Batts, Respondent
Tracy Eckhardt, Complainant

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING

As the Respondent, you may elect to resolve this case in several ways. First, you may elect to resolve this case by consent order where you and Commission staff agree to resolve the violation(s) and agree to the amount of the fine. The consent order is then presented to the Commission for its

approval. To discuss a consent order, contact the FEC attorney identified in the Order of Probable Cause.

Second, you may request an informal hearing held before the Commission, if you do not dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have thirty (30) days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to make written or oral arguments to the Commission concerning the legal issues related to the violation(s) and the potential fine. At the request of Respondent, the Commission will consider and determine willfulness at an informal hearing. Otherwise, live witness testimony is unnecessary.

Third, you may request a formal hearing held before an administrative law judge in the Division of Administrative Hearings (“DOAH”), if you dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have thirty (30) days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to present evidence relevant to the violation(s) listed in this order, to cross-examine opposing witnesses, to impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence presented against you.

If you do not elect to resolve the case by consent order or request a formal hearing at the DOAH or an informal hearing before the Commission within thirty (30) days of the date this Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission, the case will be sent to the Commission for a formal or informal hearing, depending on whether the facts are in dispute. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order.

To request a hearing, please send a written request to the Commission Clerk, Donna Ann Malphurs. The address of the Commission Clerk is 107 West Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050. The telephone number is (850) 922-4539. The Clerk will provide you with a copy of Chapter 28-106, *Florida Administrative Code*, and other applicable rules upon request. No mediation is available.

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NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION (PCD))

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
January 19, 2024

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the sworn complaints in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Sections 106.07(5) and 106.143(1)(a), Florida Statutes**, and **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on April 4, 2023, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On October 22, 2020, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received two sworn complaints from Tracy Eckhardt (“Complainant”) alleging that Jamaad M. Cesar-Batts (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent was a candidate for Crescent City Commission, Group 3, in the 2020 election. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1; ROI Exhibit 3, page 1)¹ Respondent’s Statement of Candidate form (“DS-DE 84”) was filed on July 8, 2020. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1) Respondent was defeated. (ROI, page 1, ¶1; Attachment A, page 1)

3. By letter dated September 8, 2021, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provisions:

Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2020 candidate for Crescent City Commission, Group 3, may have certified the 2020 M1 and 2020 M2 campaign treasurer reports were true, correct, and complete when they were not, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2020 candidate for Crescent City Commission, Group 3, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information during the 2020 M1 and 2020 M2 reporting periods, required by Chapter 106, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.143(1)(a), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2020 candidate for Crescent City Commission, Group 3, paid for and distributed a political advertisement in the form of a newspaper

¹ The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as “ROI.”

publication that contained express advocacy but did not include a proper disclaimer as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.143(1)(a), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2020 candidate for Crescent City Commission, Group 3, paid for and distributed a political advertisement in the form of yard signs that contained express advocacy but did not include a proper disclaimer as alleged in the complaint.

4. On July 8, 2020, Respondent filed his Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form (“DS-DE 9”) appointing himself as treasurer for his campaign. (ROI Exhibit 1, page 1)

5. Respondent acknowledged on July 8, 2020, that he was provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)

Alleged Violation: Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes

6. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida’s election laws by certifying that the campaign’s 2020 M1 and 2020 M2 Reports were true, correct, and complete when they were not by incorrectly reporting two contributors’ names and four contributors’ addresses.

7. Under Section 106.07, Florida Statutes, a campaign treasurer’s report is required to contain all contributions received and all expenditures made during the reporting period. The report must list the full name, address, and occupation of each contributor as well as the amount and date of each contribution.

8. The campaign’s 2020 M1 Report was filed on July 22, 2020, and covered the period from July 1, 2020, to July 31, 2020. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 1) Respondent reflected four in-kind contributions, two of which originated from Respondent, and no expenditures. (ROI Exhibit 4, pages 2-3)

9. Respondent’s bank records show one opening deposit totaling \$50.00 during the relevant reporting period, which was not reported. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 2; ROI Exhibit 10, pages 1 & 7)

10. Respondent acknowledged that he misspelled one contributor’s name by reporting “Gerard” instead of “Gerald” and acknowledged that two contributors’ addresses were incorrect. (ROI Exhibit 6, pages 1-2; ROI Exhibit 11, page 3)

11. As of December 8, 2023, Respondent has not corrected the 2020 M1 Report. (Attachment B, page 1)

12. Respondent certified that the campaign’s 2020 M1 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

13. The campaign's 2020 M2 Report was filed on September 2, 2020, and covered the period from August 1, 2020, to August 31, 2020. (ROI Exhibit 5, page 1) Respondent reflected two in-kind contributions, one of which originated from Respondent, two additional contributions, and no expenditures. (ROI Exhibit 5, pages 2-3)

14. Respondent's bank records show two bank fees totaling \$9.95 during the relevant reporting period, which were not reported. (ROI Exhibit 5, page 3; ROI Exhibit 10, page 2)

15. Respondent acknowledged that he incorrectly reported one contributor's name as "Thomas Ricks" instead of "Rich Brooks" and acknowledged that two contributors' addresses were incorrect. (ROI Exhibit 6, page 1; ROI Exhibit 11, page 3)

16. As of December 8, 2023, Respondent has not corrected the 2020 M2 Report. (Attachment B, page 1)

17. Respondent certified that the campaign's 2020 M2 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

Alleged Violation: Sections 106.07(5) and 106.143(1)(a), Florida Statutes

18. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida's election laws by failing to include a proper disclaimer on a political advertisement, namely, a newspaper publication featuring a milk giveaway. Complainant further alleged that Respondent failed to report this advertisement as an expenditure or in-kind contribution.

19. Candidates are required to prominently mark their paid political advertisements with the exact political disclaimer language as set forth under Section 106.143(1)(a), Florida Statutes, i.e., "Political advertisement paid for and approved by (name of candidate), (party affiliation), for (office sought)" or "Paid by (name of candidate), (party affiliation), for (office sought)."

20. The unreported advertisement at issue is a picture in a local newspaper with Respondent standing in front of a milk truck. The advertisement states, "ELECT BATTIS Jamaad C. Batts for City Commissioner Crescent City Commissioner Group 3" and features a disclaimer stating, "Paid for and approved by Jamaad C. Batts, Nonpartisan, for Crescent City Commissioner Group 3." (ROI Exhibit 8, page 1) The newspaper advertisement, which is dated August 13, 2020, is not reflected in Respondent's campaign treasurer's reports. (ROI Exhibit 4, pages 2-3; ROI Exhibit 5, pages 2-3; ROI Exhibit 12, pages 2-3, 5-6, 8-9 & 11-12; Attachment B, page 1)

21. Respondent denied that the advertisement was his, stated that the milk giveaway was sponsored by a church, and asserted that a friend provided the advertisement to him in-kind. (ROI Exhibit 11, pages 1 & 3) Respondent provided pictures of political advertisements that he paid for and approved, which did not match the milk advertisement. (ROI Exhibit 6, pages 4-7)

22. It appears that Respondent did not pay for the newspaper advertisement; therefore, he was not responsible for the disclaimer language on the advertisement. However, because Respondent acknowledged that the advertisement was provided to him, Respondent was required

to report the advertisement in the campaign's 2020 M2 Report as an in-kind contribution but failed to do so. As previously established, Respondent certified that the campaign's 2020 M2 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

Alleged Violation: Section 106.143(1)(a), Florida Statutes

23. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida's election laws by failing to include a proper political disclaimer on his campaign yard signs.

24. The yard signs at issue state, "ELECT Jamaad C. Batts FOR City Commissioner." No disclaimer language is visible on the signs. (ROI Exhibit 8, pages 2-3)

25. Respondent provided a photograph of the yard sign with a handwritten disclaimer stating, "Advertisement Paid by Jamaad C. Batts for City Commissioner Group 3." (ROI Exhibit 6, page 5; ROI Exhibit 8, pages 2-3) Respondent provided additional pictures of political advertisements he paid for and approved, but all advertisements contained an incorrect political disclaimer. (ROI Exhibit 6, pages 4-7)

26. It is uncertain whether the handwritten disclaimer was added to the yard signs before or after the complaint. Even if the disclaimer was included prior to the complaint, the disclaimer language is incorrect. Therefore, Respondent paid for and displayed political advertisements that did not include a proper disclaimer.

Alleged Violation: Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes

27. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida's election laws by falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, in one or more campaign treasurer's reports.

28. Respondent stated that his campaign was put together quickly. Respondent stated that he did not have access to Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, or the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. Respondent had prior elections experience running for a special election. (ROI Exhibit 11, pages 1 & 3)

29. Insufficient evidence exists showing that Respondent deliberately failed to include required information in his campaign treasurer's reports.

30. "Probable Cause" is defined as reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. *Schmitt v. State*, 590 So. 2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reasonable man to reach the conclusion that an offense has been committed. *Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles v. Favino*, 667 So. 2d 305, 309 (Fla. 1st DCA 1995).

31. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was 2020 candidate for Crescent City Commission, Group 3. Respondent certified that the campaign's 2020 M1 and 2020 M2

Reports were true, correct, and complete when they were not. Respondent paid for and displayed a political advertisement that did not include a proper disclaimer. It does not appear that Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in the campaign's reports.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes**, and find **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating the following:

Count 1:

On July 22, 2020, Jamaad M. Cesar-Batts violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, when he certified that the campaign's 2020 M1 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

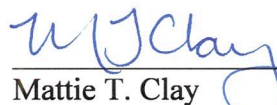
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Count 3:

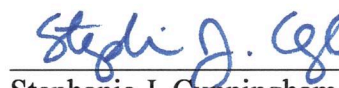
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Respectfully submitted on December 21, 2023.



Mattie T. Clay
Assistant General Counsel

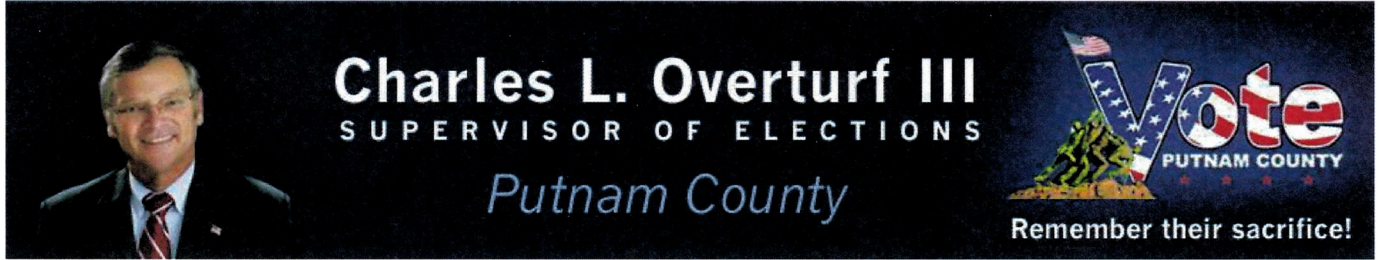
I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 21st day of December 2023.



Stephanie J. Cunningham
General Counsel

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2020 General Election

Election Date: 11/3/2020

(Website last updated at: 11/13/2020 4:26:35 pm)

Registered Voters:	50,693
Ballots Cast:	36,515
Voter Turnout:	72.03%

Precincts Reporting:	35 / 35
Election Day:	Completely Reported
Early Votes:	Completely Reported
Vote By Mail:	Completely Reported

*****OFFICIAL 2020 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS *****

Summary Results ▾

Filter Races

Select a race:	Crescent City Commissioner, Group 3 ▾
Vote Type View:	Graphical ▾

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Choice	Percent	Votes
Cynthia "Cindy" Burton	51.40%	350
Jamaad Cesar-Batts	48.60%	331
		681

Search Results New search										
Type	Date	Candidate	Office	Contributor/Vendor	Amount	Cont Type/Purpose	Type	Occupation	Amend	Report
Cont	7/22/2020	Cesar-Batts, Jamaad -363	City Commissioner-Group 3 Crescent City	Gerard Watson 211 Propsect St Crescent city , Fl 32112	\$100.00	Individual	In Kind			M1
Cont	7/22/2020	Cesar-Batts, Jamaad -363	City Commissioner-Group 3 Crescent City	Jamaad Cesar 829 Randolph St Crescent city , Fl 32112	\$82.00		In Kind	Driver		M1
Cont	7/25/2020	Cesar-Batts, Jamaad -363	City Commissioner-Group 3 Crescent City	Jamaad Cesar 829 Randolph st Crescent city , Fl 32112	\$300.00		In Kind	Driver		M1
Cont	8/27/2020	Cesar-Batts, Jamaad -363	City Commissioner-Group 3 Crescent City	Jamaad Batts 829 Randolph St Crescent City, Fl 32112	\$278.00	Individual	In Kind	Driver		M2
Cont	8/27/2020	Cesar-Batts, Jamaad -363	City Commissioner-Group 3 Crescent City	Robert Delfranco 231 Prospects St Crescent City, Fl 32112	\$100.00	Individual	In Kind	N/A		M2
Cont	8/27/2020	Cesar-Batts, Jamaad -363	City Commissioner-Group 3 Crescent City	Thomas Ricks 152 Ricks Drive Crescent City, Fl 32112	\$100.00	Individual	Check	Painter		M2
Cont	8/27/2020	Cesar-Batts, Jamaad -363	City Commissioner-Group 3 Crescent City	Center Victory Worship 1022 Huntington Rd Crescent City , Fl 32112	\$200.00	Committee	Check	Church		M2
Cont	9/27/2020	Cesar-Batts, Jamaad -363	City Commissioner-Group 3 Crescent City	Jamaad Batts 829 Randolph St Crescent City , Fl 32112	\$41.00	Other	In Kind	Driver		M3
Cont	9/30/2020	Cesar-Batts, Jamaad -363	City Commissioner-Group 3 Crescent City	Jamaad Batts 829 Randolph St Crescent City , Fl 32112	\$95.00		In Kind	Driver		M3
Cont	10/6/2020	Cesar-Batts, Jamaad -363	City Commissioner-Group 3 Crescent City	Robert Defranco Prospect st Crescent City , Fl 32112	\$155.00	Individual	Check	Principal		G1
Cont	10/24/2020	Cesar-Batts, Jamaad -363	City Commissioner-Group 3 Crescent City	Vincent Oliver 833 Randolph St Crescent City , Fl 32112	\$200.00	Individual	In Kind	Clerk		G2
Cont	1/4/2021	Cesar-Batts, Jamaad -363	City Commissioner-Group 3 Crescent City	Daine Sykes Orange Ave Crescent City, Fl 32112	\$80.00	Individual	In Kind	N/A		TRG
Cont	1/6/2021	Cesar-Batts, Jamaad -363	City Commissioner-Group 3 Crescent City	Vincent Oliver 833 Randolph St Crescent city , Fl 32112	\$150.00	Individual	In Kind	CountyOffice		TRG
Exp	1/7/2021	Cesar-Batts, Jamaad -363	City Commissioner-Group 3 Crescent City	Victory Worship Center 1022 Huntington Road Crescent , Fl 32112	\$200.00	Donate toMusic ministry at local church VWC	Monetary			TRG
Exp	1/10/2021	Cesar-Batts, Jamaad -363	City Commissioner-Group 3 Crescent City	Vincent Oliver 833 Randolph St Crescent City , Fl 32112	\$114.00		Monetary			TRG
Exp	1/12/2021	Cesar-Batts, Jamaad -363	City Commissioner-Group 3 Crescent City	Jamaad Batts 829 Randolph Street Crescent City, FL 32112	\$141.00	Repayment of Inkind Loans	Monetary			TRG
Total Contributions					\$1,881.00					
Total Expenditures					\$455.00					

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Case No.: FEC 20-488

Respondent: Jamaad M. Cesar-Batts

Counsel for Respondent: N/A

Complainant: Tracy Eckhardt

Counsel for Complainant: N/A

On October 22, 2020, the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) received a sworn complaint alleging that Respondent violated Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. Commission staff investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, may have certified one or more campaign treasurer's reports as true, correct, and complete when they were not;

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes; and

Sections 106.143(1)(a), Florida Statutes, may have paid for and distributed political advertisements that contained express advocacy but did not include a proper disclaimer.

I. Preliminary Information:

1. Respondent was a 2020 candidate for Crescent City Commission, Group 3; he was defeated in the general election held on November 3, 2020. Respondent was not a first-time candidate.

2. Respondent's filing officer was the City Clerk of the City of Crescent City.¹

3. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) was filed on July 8, 2020. Respondent was appointed as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 9, refer to Exhibit 1.

4. Respondent filed a Statement of Candidate on July 8, 2020, in which Respondent certified he had been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. To review the Statement of Candidate, refer to Exhibit 2.

5. A Qualification Statement was signed by Respondent on August 4, 2020. The Qualification Statement acknowledged that Respondent was an active candidate for the election. To review the qualifying statement signed by Respondent, refer to Exhibit 3.

II. Alleged Violation of Sections 106.07(5) and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:

6. I investigated whether Respondent violated these sections of the election laws by certifying that one or more campaign treasurer's reports were true, correct, and complete when they were not and by falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, in one or more campaign treasurer's reports.

7. Specifically, Complainant alleged that Respondent incorrectly reported the names of two contributors, incorrectly reported the addresses of four contributors, and failed to report the cost of a

¹ Respondent's campaign treasurer's reports are kept on file by the Putnam County Supervisor of Elections.

political advertisement in a local newspaper.

8. Respondent filed the 2020 M1 report on July 22, 2020. By filing the report, Respondent certified it was true, correct, and complete. Although titled “2020 M1,” the specified reporting period was July 1, 2020, through July 31, 2020.² The report included two in-kind contributions on July 22, 2020, both valued at \$100.00, one from Gerard Watson of 211 Prospect Street, Crescent City, FL 32112, and the other from Robert DeFranco of 122 Summit Street, Crescent City, FL 32112. Complainant alleged that Mr. Watson’s name could not be verified and that neither address existed. To review the 2020 M1 report, refer to Exhibit 4.

9. Respondent filed the 2020 M2 report on September 2, 2020. By filing the report, Respondent certified it was true, correct, and complete. Although titled “2020 M2,” the specified reporting period was August 1, 2020, through August 31, 2020. The report included a check contribution in the amount of \$100.00 on August 27, 2020, from Thomas Ricks of 152 Ricks Drive, Crescent City, FL 32112. The report also included an in-kind contribution on August 27, 2020, valued at \$100.00 from Robert DeFranco of 231 Prospects Street, Crescent City, FL 32112. Complainant alleged that Mr. Ricks’ name could not be verified and that neither address existed. To review the 2020 M2 report, refer to Exhibit 5.

10. In response to the complaint, Respondent acknowledged that Mr. Watson’s first name was mis-spelled; it is Gerald, not Gerard. Respondent further acknowledged that Mr. Ricks’ name was reported incorrectly; it should have been Rich Brooks. Respondent provided online contribution confirmation for \$100.00 from Gerald C. Watson³ on July 13, 2020. Respondent also acknowledged that the addresses at issue were reported incorrectly.⁴ He asserted that corrections would be made. However, there is no record of amended reports having been filed. To review the response, refer to Exhibit 6. To review Respondent’s filing history, refer to Exhibit 7.

11. Complainant provided a copy of an advertisement in the August 13, 2020, edition of the *Palatka Daily News*. It advertised a “Milk Giveaway” on August 15, 2020, and displayed a photo of Respondent standing in front of a milk truck. The advertisement also contained the phrase, “ELECT BATTIS Jamaad C. Batts for City Commissioner Crescent City Group 3.” It contained a disclaimer stating, “Paid for and approved by Jamaad C. Batts, Nonpartisan, for Crescent City Commissioner Group 3.” Complainant also attached screenshots of Respondent’s posts on social media promoting the event. Complainant alleged Respondent did not report the cost of this advertisement. To review a copy of the advertisement, refer to Exhibit 8, page 1. To review the social media posts, refer to Exhibit 9.

12. A review of Respondent’s 2020 M1 and 2020 M2 reports, which covered from July 1, 2020, through August 31, 2020, did not include an expenditure or in-kind contribution relative to the newspaper advertisement. To review the 2020 M1 and 2020 M2 reports, refer to Exhibits 4 and 5.

13. In response to the complaint, Respondent stated, “Since the Milk Give-Away was ultimately done by the church and NOT by Mr. Batts, it would be wrong to expense the cost of the ad as a campaign expense.” Respondent explained that he was advised by the Supervisor of Elections not to attend the event, which was sponsored by a church. Respondent stated that he did not attend the event. With his

² The report was filed on July 22, 2020, though it was noted to cover through July 31, 2020.

³ Although reported as being in-kind, the in-kind description for this \$100.00 contribution was listed as “cashapp,” so it appears to have been a “check” type contribution made via an online platform. However, I subpoenaed bank records from Respondent’s designated campaign depository, which was opened on July 3, 2020, upon deposit of \$50.00 in cash, and no record of the \$100.00 online contribution deposit was found. To review the bank records, refer to Exhibit 10.

⁴ Commission staff found through a search on www.usps.com that 122 N. Summit Street, Crescent City, FL 32212 is an actual address, but the other three addresses were not found on that website. Regardless, Respondent acknowledged in his response that none of the four contributor addresses at issue was correctly reported by stating that address corrections would be made.

response, Respondent provided a receipt dated August 5, 2020, related to payment for political advertisements, but the receipt was for customized signs, and the images of the signs ordered do not match the graphic on the newspaper advertisement at issue. The total amount paid is not completely visible on the receipt. Respondent identified the document as a receipt for signs that were printed and posted in yards, used at campaign events, and posted on social media. To review the response and receipt, refer to Exhibit 6.

14. I subpoenaed bank records from the designated campaign depository. The records do not show any expenditures for newspaper advertisements. Respondent's bank records do not show any activity except the initial \$50.00 cash deposit by Respondent, monthly bank fees, and withdrawal of \$40.00 on September 22, 2020. To review the bank records, refer to Exhibit 10.

15. In an interview with Respondent, he stated that the contributors whose names and/or addresses he reported incorrectly were well-known people from his town that "everyone knew" and understood where they were from. Respondent stated that the newspaper advertisement at issue was an in-kind contribution from someone in his community, and he did not pay for it. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 11.

III. Alleged Violation of 106.143(1)(a), Florida Statutes:

16. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by paying for and distributing political advertisements without a proper disclaimer.

17. Complainant attached images of the advertisements at issue. The first is the newspaper article referenced above at paragraph 11, which was printed in the August 13, 2020, edition of the *Palatka Daily News*. It advertised a "Milk Giveaway" on August 15, 2020, and displayed a photo of Respondent standing in front of a milk truck. The advertisement also contained the phrase, "ELECT BATTIS Jamaad C. Batts for City Commissioner Crescent City Group 3." It contained a disclaimer stating, "Paid for and approved by Jamaad C. Batts, Nonpartisan, for Crescent City Commissioner Group 3." To review a copy of the advertisement, refer to Exhibit 8, page 1.

18. A review of Respondent's 2020 M1 and 2020 M2 reports, which covered from July 1, 2020, through August 31, 2020, did not include an expenditure or in-kind contribution relative to the newspaper advertisement. To review the 2020 M1 and 2020 M2 reports, refer to Exhibits 4 and 5.

19. In response to the complaint, Respondent stated, "Since the Milk Give-Away was ultimately done by the church and NOT by Mr. Batts, it would be wrong to expense the cost of the ad as a campaign expense." In an interview, Respondent stated that the advertisement was provided to his campaign in-kind by someone in the community and asserted that he did not pay for it. To review the response, refer to Exhibit 6. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 11.

20. Complainant also provided two photos showing what appear to be three identical signs. The signs state, "ELECT Jamaad C. Batts FOR City Commissioner." Two of the photos are from a distance too great to see whether disclaimers were included, and the third is only a partial image of the sign. However, in response to the complaint, Respondent provided a clear, full photo of the sign shown in the photos. It contained a hand-written disclaimer stating, "Advertisement Paid by Jamaad C. Batts for City Commissioner Group 3." To review the sign photos provided with the complaint, refer to Exhibit 8, pages 2-3. To review the sign photo provided with the response, refer to Exhibit 6, page 5.

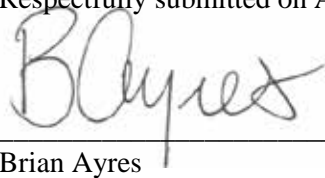
21. On the 2020 M1 report, Respondent disclosed an in-kind contribution from himself valued at \$300.00 for "yard signs" on July 25, 2020. On the 2020 M2 report, Respondent disclosed an in-kind contribution from himself valued at \$278.00 for "yard signs" on August 27, 2020. Respondent did not disclose any other expenditures or in-kind contributions relative to yard signs or advertisements in his subsequent campaign treasurer's reports. To review the 2020 M1 report, refer to Exhibit 4. To review the 2020 M2 report, refer to Exhibit 5. To review the 2020 M3, 2020 G1, 2020 G2, and 2020 TRG reports, refer to composite exhibit 12.

22. With his response, Respondent provided a receipt dated August 5, 2020, related to payment for political advertisements, but the receipt was for customized signs, and the images of the signs ordered do not match the newspaper advertisement or yard signs at issue in the complaint. The total amount paid is not completely visible on the receipt. Respondent identified the document as a receipt for signs that were printed and posted in yards, used at campaign events, and posted on social media. To review the response and receipt, refer to Exhibit 6.

23. I subpoenaed bank records from the designated campaign depository. The records do not show any expenditures for newspaper advertisements or yard signs. Respondent's bank records do not show any activity except the initial \$50.00 cash deposit by Respondent, monthly bank fees, and withdrawal of \$40.00 on September 22, 2020. To review the bank records, refer to Exhibit 10.

24. In an interview with Respondent, he indicated that his campaign was put together quickly, and he stated that he does not possess and has not read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, or the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 11.

Respectfully submitted on April 4, 2023.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B. Ayres", written in dark ink. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Brian Ayres
Investigation Specialist

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Jamaad C. Batts – FEC 20-488

LIST OF EXHIBITS	
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits
Exhibit 1	Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9)
Exhibit 2	Statement of Candidate (DS-DE 84)
Exhibit 3	Qualification Statement
Exhibit 4	2020 M1 CTR
Exhibit 5	2020 M2 CTR
Exhibit 6	Response to Complaint
Exhibit 7	Filing history
Exhibit 8	Complaint Images
Exhibit 9	Social Media Posts
Exhibit 10	Bank Records
Exhibit 11	Phone log
Exhibit 12	2020 M3, 2020 G1, 2020 G2 CTRS and 2020 TRG

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**
(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

RECEIVED
JUL 08 2020
BY: *[Signature]*

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):
 Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change Treasurer/Deputy Depository Office Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)
 Jamaad Cesar Batts

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)
 829 Randolph St
 Crescent City FL, 32112

4. Telephone (904) 352 9516 **5. E-mail address** Jamaadc@yahoo.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)
 City Commission Group 3

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:
 My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a
 Write-in ^{JCB} No Party Affiliation _____ Party candidate.

9. I have appointed the following person to act as my Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer
 Jamaad Cesar Batts

11. Mailing Address 829 Randolph St **12. Telephone** (904) 352-9516

13. City Crescent city **14. County** Putnam **15. State** FL **16. Zip Code** 32112 **17. E-mail address** Jamaadc@yahoo.com

18. I have designated the following bank as my Primary Depository Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank CenterState **20. Address** 500 N Summitt St

21. City Crescent city **22. County** Putnam **23. State** FL **24. Zip Code** 32112

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date 7-5-2020 **26. Signature of Candidate** *[Signature]*

27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Jamaad C. Batts, do hereby accept the appointment
 (Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

7-5-2020 *[Signature]*
 Date Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

OFFICE USE ONLY



I, Jamaad C. Batts,
candidate for the office of City Commission Group 3 ;
have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X


Signature of Candidate

7-2-2020
Date

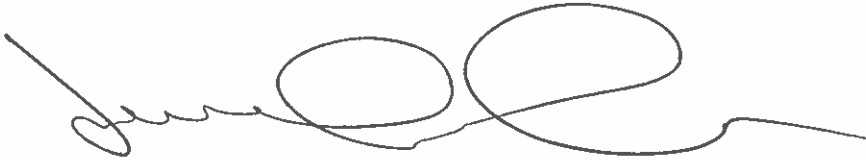
Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).

City of Crescent City Election Qualification Statement

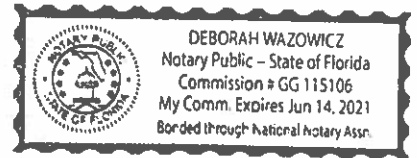
I, Jamaad Cesar-Batts, Delivery Driver, residing at
Print Name of Candidate Occupation of Candidate

829 Randolph St, Putnam County, Florida, for 6 months or greater, am a
Address of Candidate

candidate for Commissioner Group 3 for the City of Crescent City and I am willing to serve if
Print Commissioner Group Number or Mayor

elected. 

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PUTNAM



The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 4th day of August 2020, by
JAMAAD CESAR-BATTS


Signature of Notary

Personally known or produced identification ____.

Type of identification produced _____.

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Jamaad Batts Cesar
 Name
 (2) 829 Randolph Street
 Address (number and street)
Crescent City, FL 32112
 City, State, Zip Code

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ONLINE SUBMISSION
 [1218922]

Submitted on:
 7/22/2020 22:46:42 (eastern)

Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: 363

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

- Candidate Office Sought: City Commissioner- Group 3 Crescent City
- Political Committee (PC)
- Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO) Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded
- Party Executive Committee (PTY) Check here if PTY has disbanded
- Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications) Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 7 / 1 / 2020 To 7 / 31 / 2020 Report Type: M1

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, , 0 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 0 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 582 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, , 0 . 00

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 0 . 00

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$, , 0 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$, , 0 . 00

(11) Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name) _____
 Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X _____
 Signature

(Type name) _____
 Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X _____
 Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Jamaad Batts Cesar (2) I.D. Number 363
 (3) Cover Period 7/1/2020 through 7/31/2020 (4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
(6) Sequence Number		Type	Occupation	Type	Description		Amount
7/22/2020 / /	Defranco, Robert 122 Summit st Crescent city , Fl 32112	I		IK	campaign website		\$100.00
1							
7/22/2020 / /	Watson , Gerard 211 Propsect St Crescent city , Fl 32112	I		IK	cashapp		\$100.00
2							
7/25/2020 / /	Cesar, Jamaad 829 Randolph st Crescent city , Fl 32112	S	driver	IK	yard signs		\$300.00
3							
7/22/2020 / /	Cesar, Jamaad 829 Randolph St Crescent city , Fl 32112	S	driver	IK	t-shirts		\$82.00
4							
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Jamaad Batts Cesar

(2) I.D. Number 363

(3) Cover Period 7/1/2020 through 7/31/2020

(4) Page 1 of 0

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Jamaad Cesar-Batts
 Name
 (2) 829 Randolph Street
 Address (number and street)
Crescent City, FL 32112
 City, State, Zip Code

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ONLINE SUBMISSION
 [1228914]

Submitted on:
 9/2/2020 08:25:32 (eastern)

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(3) ID Number: 363

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

- Candidate Office Sought: City Commissioner- Group 3 Crescent City
- Political Committee (PC)
- Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO) Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded
- Party Executive Committee (PTY) Check here if PTY has disbanded
- Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications) Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 8 / 1 / 2020 To 8 / 31 / 2020 Report Type: M2

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, , 300 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 300 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 378 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, , 0 . 00

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 0 . 00

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$, , 300 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$, , 0 . 00

(11) Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name) _____
 Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X _____
 Signature

(Type name) _____
 Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X _____
 Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Jamaad Cesar-Batts (2) I.D. Number 363
 8/1/2020 through 8/31/2020
 (3) Cover Period / / through / / (4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
(6) Sequence Number		Type	Occupation	Type	Description	Amendment	Amount
8/27/2020 / /	Batts, Jamaad 829 Randolph St Crescent City, Fl 32112	I	driver	IK	yard signs		\$278.00
1							
8/27/2020 / /	Delfranco, Robert 231 Prospects St Crescent City, Fl 32112	I	n/a	IK	campaign website		\$100.00
2							
8/27/2020 / /	Ricks, Thomas 152 Ricks Drive Crescent City, Fl 32112	I	painter	CH			\$100.00
3							
8/27/2020 / /	Victory Worship, Center 1022 Huntington Rd Crescent City , Fl 32112	C	church	CH			\$200.00
4							
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Jamaad Cesar-Batts

(2) I.D. Number 363

(3) Cover Period 8/1/2020 through 8/31/2020

(4) Page 1 of 0

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
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To Whom It May Concern.

Case Number : Fec20-488

This letter is in response to the complaint filed by Tracy Eckhardt who is the lesbian partner of the candidate's opposition, Cynthia "Cindy" Burton.

In regard to violations 106.19 and 106.055

1. Cost of Milk Ad – see #2 below. Since the Milk Give-Away was ultimately done by the church and NOT by Mr. Batts, it would be wrong to expense the cost of the ad as a campaign expense.
2. The cost of the milk is irrelevant as the candidate was contacted by the Supervisor of Elections, Charles Overturf, and told that several members of his opposition candidate (Cynthia "Cindy" Burton) team and her lesbian partner, Tracy Eckhardt, had made an accusation that the milk was from a Covid-19 Grant. Although that was a lie that was precipitated by the opposition, it was advised that Mr. Batts should not do the Milk Give-Away as a campaign function. Mr. Overturf advised the candidate to NOT even be at the Milk Give-Away that was sponsored by the church. Jamaad Batts complied with the direction of the Supervisor of Elections. The church proceeded with the Milk Give-Away as planned, with members of the church and other volunteers. Mr. Batts was NOT even there. This was only AFTER the Cindy Burton campaign failed to get the event cancelled by complaining to the bank (whose parking lot was being used), that they should NOT allow the give-away of food during a pandemic (how ridiculous is that!). The bank refused to comply with their demand to cancel the event.
3. Jamaad Batts was not aware that there was a charge for receiving money from the cash app. He will investigate and, of course, file a correction to his monthly report.
4. In regard to fictitious names:
 - a) Jamaad made an error in identification of the supporter's name. He thought that it was Thomas Ricks, but the name should have been Rich Brooks. The candidate recalled seeing a sign with the name (that he THOUGHT was Ricks), but it was actually BROOKS. A photo of the sign is included. The candidate will, of course, file a correction.
 - b) The campaign treasurer misspelled Mr. Watson's first name by mistakenly typing an "R" instead of "L", so the name came out as Gerard instead of Gerald. This "typo" will be corrected.
5. In regard to fictitious addresses:
 - a) See 4.a above. Address correction will be made.
 - b) Address correction will be made.
 - c) Address correction will be made.
 - d) Address correction will be made.

In regard to violations 106.143, 106.071 and 106.1439

Attached please find the receipt with the picture of the campaign signs that were printed. These are the signs that are posted in yards, used in campaign events and posted on social media. The size of the sign was truncated on the social media site and the disclaimer does not fully show. The candidate will, of course, take any corrective action.



Gerald C Watson

Payment from \$GeraldCWatson

\$100.00

For jamaad C. Batts Campaign

Jul 13 at 3:27 PM

 **Received**



Robert DeFranco
Payment from \$FLCBA

\$155.00

Oct 6 at 12:29 PM

✓ Received

SIGNS ON THE CHEAP

[YOUR SHOPPING CART](#) | [CHECK ORDER STATUS](#) | [MY ACCOUNT](#) | [LOG OUT](#)

[CHAT NOW](#) | [NEED HELP? 1-866-661-9239](#)

[Design Your Sign](#) | [Yard Signs](#) | [Political Signs](#) | [Parking Signs](#) | [Street Signs](#) | [Stakes & Frames](#) | [Pricing](#)

Order Number: 77648732
Placed: 8/5/2020
Payment: Complete
Status: Shipped
Estimated Delivery: 8/12/2020 (view shipping details below)

Billing Information	Shipping Information	Other Information
		Email: Jamaadc@yahoo.com Telephone: 904-352-9516 Shipping Method: Ground

Ordered Items: Qty. Price Item Total

	Customized Sign Custom Sign ID: 875095106 18" x 24"; Corrugated Plastic Single-Sided 3 Colors View Proof	25	\$8.67	\$216.75
	Customized Sign Custom Sign ID: 875095107 24" x 36"; Corrugated Plastic	6	\$33.91	\$203.46



BATTS

★
 ★ **Elect** ★

Jamaad C. Batts
 For CITY COMMISSIONER
 GROUP 3

Trusted Leadership for Crescent City

A New Voice

Paid By : Jamaad C.Batts for City Commissioner Group 3

8/8/2020 8:35 AM US Order Processed: Ready for UPS

Proof

Tracking Number: 1Z44E6R80320220921

ELECT

Jamaad C.

Batts

FOR

City Commissioner

Advertisement paid by: Jamaad C. Batts for City Commission seat 3

PROMO APPLIED: Open For Your Business - Up to 55% Off Custom Signs + Get a 12x18 For \$0.84. Ships Next Day!

SIGNS ON THE CHEAP

[YOUR SHOPPING CART](#) | [CHECK ORDER STATUS](#) | [MY ACCOUNT](#) | [LOGOUT](#)

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Placed: 8/5/2020

Payment: Complete

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Estimated Delivery: 8/12/2020 (view shipping details below)

Billing Information	Shipping Information	Other Information	
		Email: Jamaadc@yahoo.com Telephone: 904-352-9516 Shipping Method: Ground	
Ordered Items:	Qty.	Price	Item Total





**JAMAAD C. BATTS FOR
CRESCENT CITY
COMMISSIONER GROUP 3**

VOTE



**Elect
Jamaad C. Batts**

For CITY COMMISSIONER
GROUP 3

Trusted Leadership for Crescent City

Paid By: Jamaad C. Batts for City of
Crescent Commissioners Group 3

**2020
ELECTION**

**★ VOTING DAY
NOVEMBER 3RD**

904 -352 9516

**NEW LEADER.
NEW VISION. NEW
DIRECTION.**



Candidate: Jamaad Cesar-Batts

Office: City Commissioner- Group 3 Crescent City

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Available reports...

M1 8/10/2020
M2 9/10/2020
M3 10/9/2020
G1 10/23/2020
G2 10/30/2020
TRG 1/27/2021

The following financial reports are available:

Report View Transactions	Monetary Contributions	In-Kind Contributions	Expenditures and Distributions
M1 (7/1/2020 - 7/31/2020)	\$0.00	\$582.00	\$0.00
M2 (8/1/2020 - 8/31/2020)	\$300.00	\$378.00	\$0.00
M3 (9/1/2020 - 9/30/2020)	\$0.00	\$136.00	\$0.00
G1 (10/1/2020 - 10/16/2020)	\$155.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
G2 (10/17/2020 - 10/29/2020)	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
TRG (10/30/2020 - 1/27/2021)	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$455.00

Candidate qualifying forms and miscellaneous documents

Charles L. Overturf III, Supervisor of Elections, Putnam County

Address & Qualifying Office: 2509 Crill Ave, Suite 900, Palatka, FL 32177

P: (386) 329 - 0224 | F: (386) 329 - 0455 | H: M-F 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Email: electionsoffice@putnam-fl.com (mailto:electionsoffice@putnam-fl.com)

meeting

Road work

Palatka

■ The following roads are closed to through traffic for road work/construction. Ford, Dodge, Emmett, Kirkland.

State projects

■ Flagging operations will be in place for the southbound lanes of U.S. 17 from just north of Hoot Owl Road to just north of the Dunns Creek Bridge Monday, Aug. 17 through Friday, Aug. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., weather and

transportation began a widening project in May 2019 on State Road 20 from County Road 315 to S.W. 56th Avenue, Interlachen. Estimated completion date is summer 2021. Commonwealth Avenue closure, road closure at both State Road 20 and E. Boylston Street/ Atlantic Avenue for drainage work through mid-August.

MILK GIVEAWAY

300 Gallons First Come First Serve

We are so excited to serve and give back to our community & surrounding areas during these difficult times.

AUGUST 15th • 8:00am - 12:00pm

CenterState Bank

500 Summit St., Crescent City, FL 32112

A Special Thank You to **VICTORY WOODBINE CENTER**

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Jamard C. Battis for City Commissioner Crescent City Group 3

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Not for and approved by Jamard C. Battis, Municipal Clerk, Crescent City Commissioner Group 3

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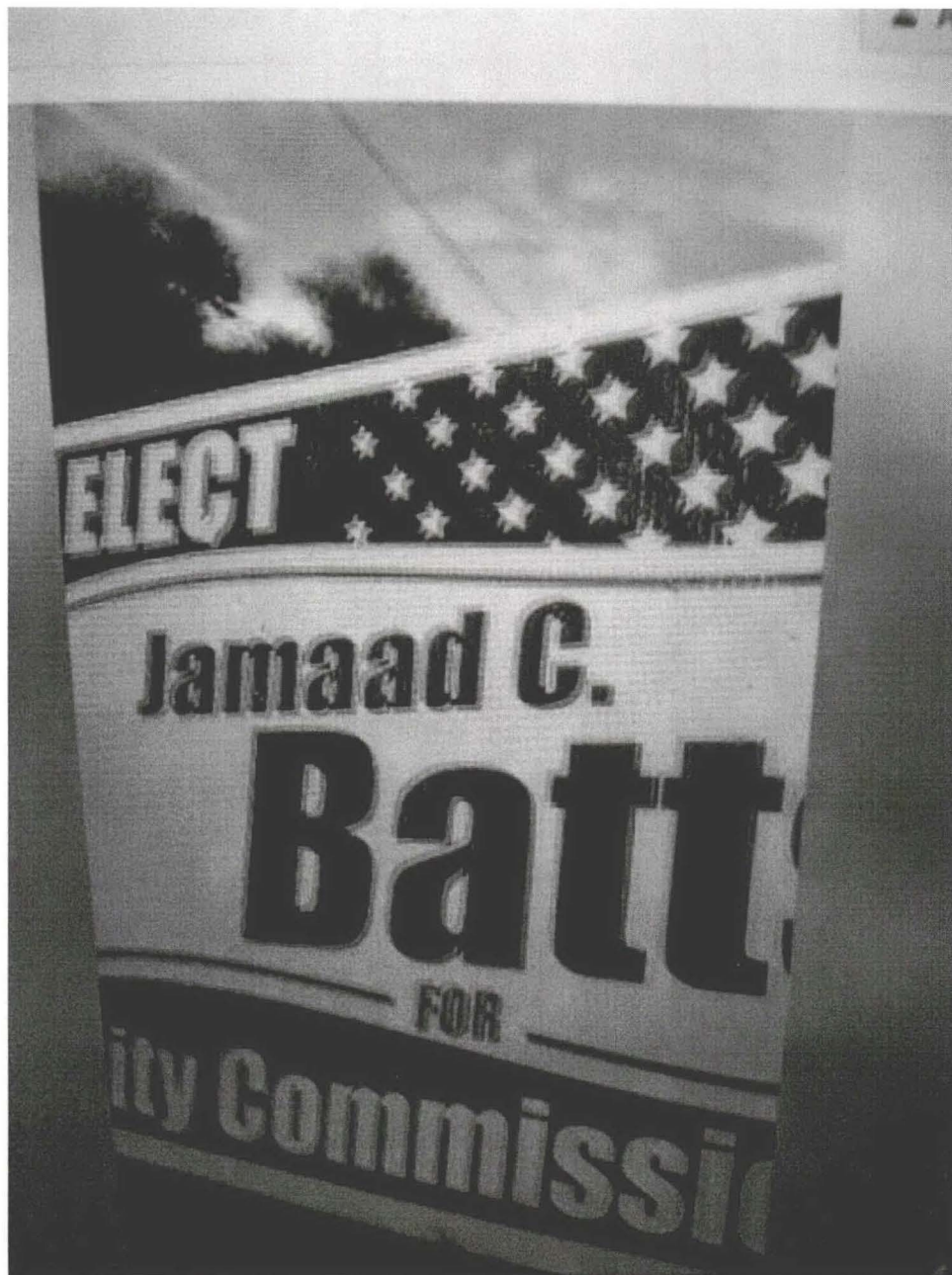
I'm proud to be a part of Putnam County! I've lived here and owned a business for over 41 years. We've so much to be thankful for; the beautiful river & a giving community that supports each other. We're truly living in "God's Country" here in Putnam County!

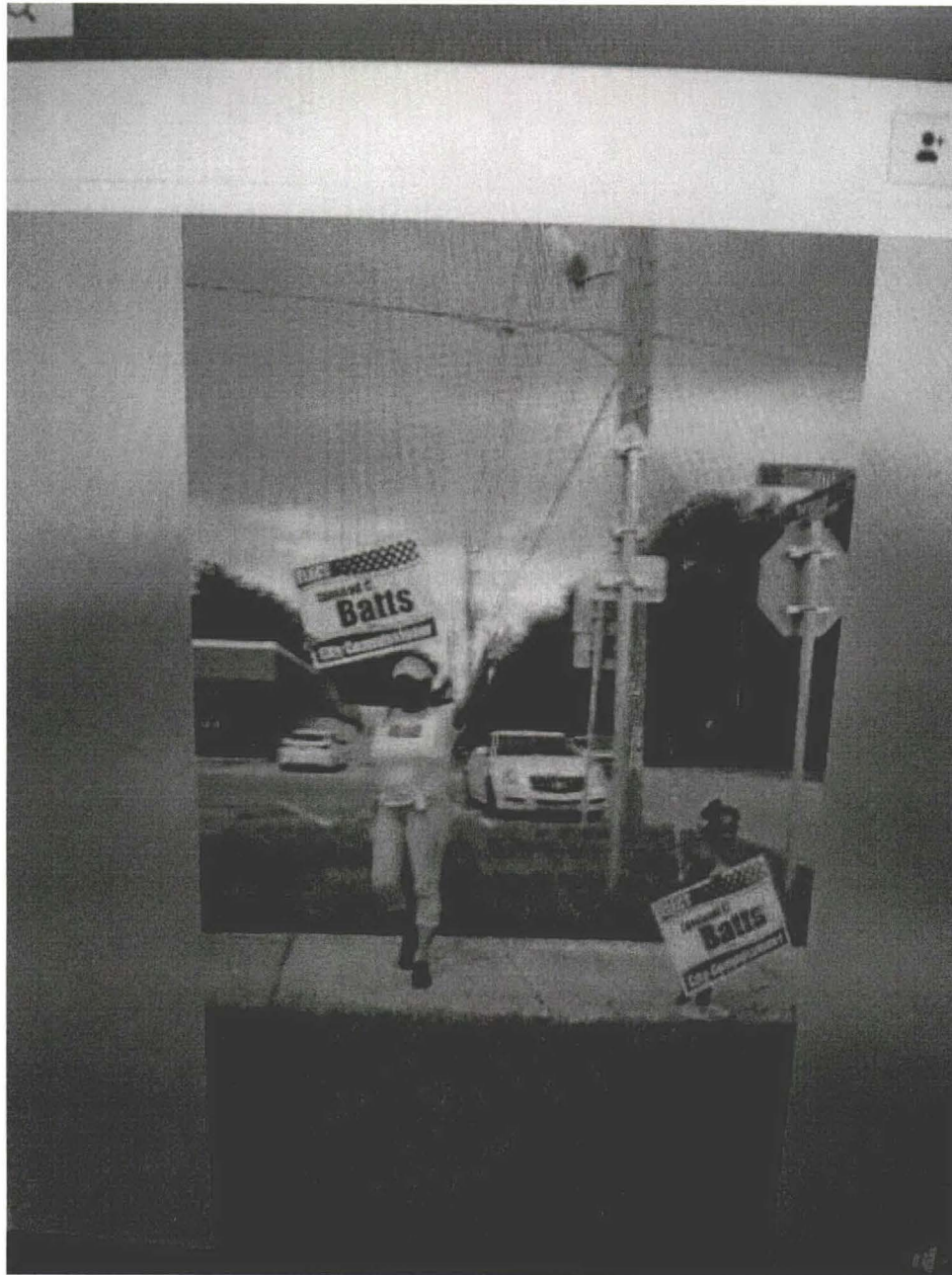
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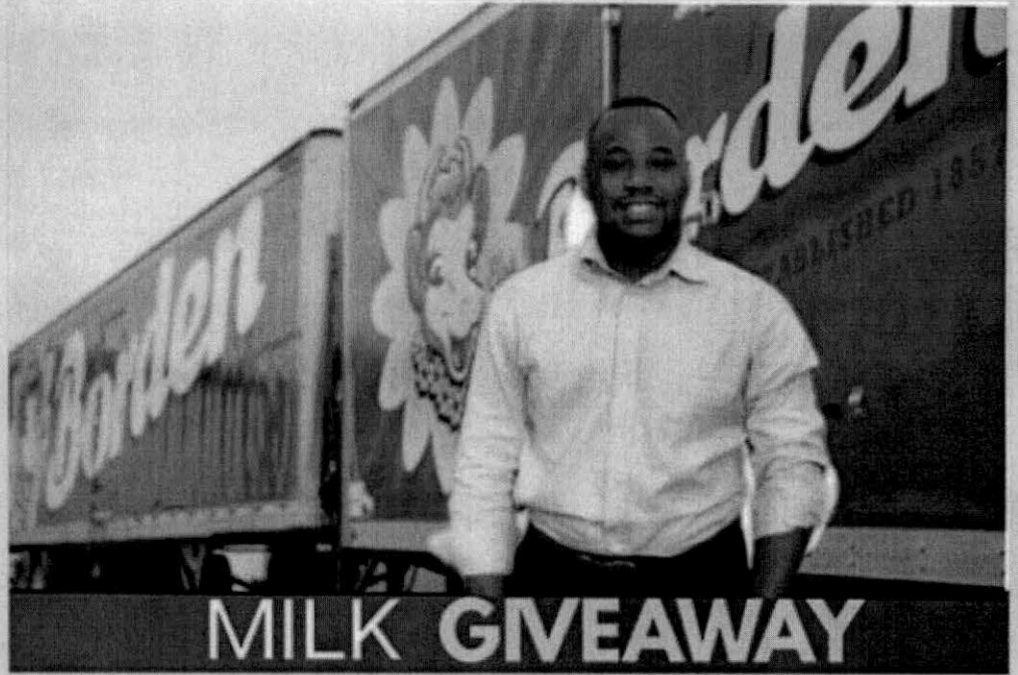
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Mayor Brett Peterson

August 6 · 🌐

Milk give-away August 15 at Center State Bank parking lot. Great program!



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✓ Date & Time

August 15, 2020
8:00am - 12:00pm

Location

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Jamaad C. Batts Campaign

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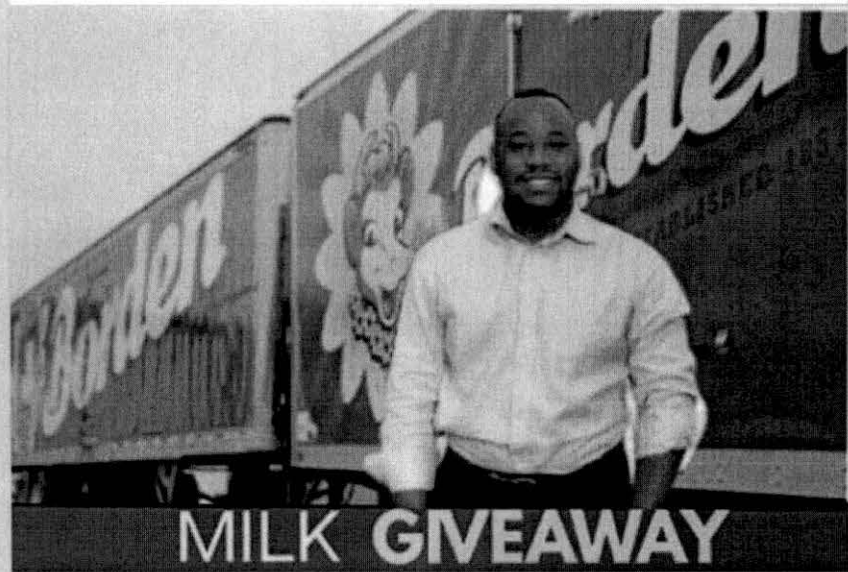
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August 6 · 🌐

👍👍👍 We Are so excited to partner with our very own Minister Batts in this awesome Community giveaway See You There !!!



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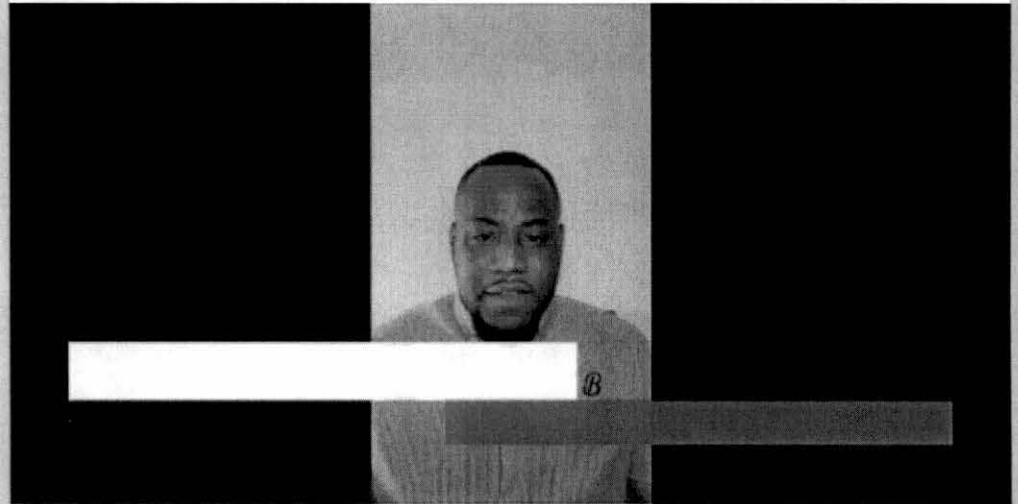


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Margie Mewshaw Nelson and 6 others

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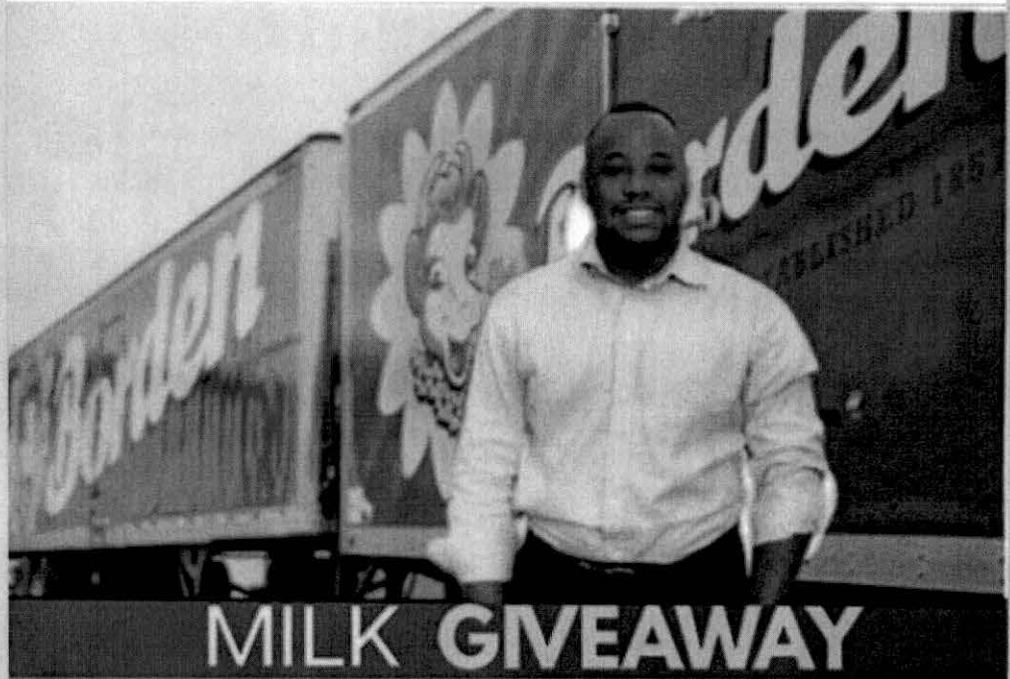
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JAMAAD CESAR CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT
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 CRESCENT CITY FL 32112-1913

Statement Date 08/02/2020

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SMALL BUSINESS CHECKING	ACCOUNT NO.
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Summary of Activity Since Your Last Statement

	Balance Forward From 07/03/202000
1	Deposits/Credits	50.00 +
0	Withdrawals/Debits00 -
	Ending Balance As Of 08/02/2020	50.00
	Service Charge00

DEPOSITS AND OTHER CREDITS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
7/03	Deposit	50.00

DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY

DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE
7/03	50.00				



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SMALL BUSINESS CHECKING	ACCOUNT NO.
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Summary of Activity Since Your Last Statement

Balance Forward From 08/01/2020	50.00
0 Deposits/Credits00 +
2 Withdrawals/Debits	9.95 -
Ending Balance As Of 08/31/2020	40.05
Service Charge	9.95

MISCELLANEOUS DEBITS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
8/31	Maintenance Fee	7.95
8/31	TRADITIONAL PAPER STATEMENT FEE	2.00

DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY

DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE
8/31	40.05				



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SMALL BUSINESS CHECKING	ACCOUNT NO.
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Summary of Activity Since Your Last Statement

	Balance Forward From 09/01/2020	40.05
0	Deposits/Credits00 +
3	Withdrawals/Debits	49.95 -
	Ending Balance As Of 09/30/2020	9.90-
	Service Charge	9.95

MISCELLANEOUS DEBITS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
9/22	Teller Check	40.00
9/30	Maintenance Fee	7.95
9/30	TRADITIONAL PAPER STATEMENT FEE	2.00

DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY

DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE
9/22	.05	9/30	9.90 -		



CHECKING WITHDRAWAL

CenterState

DATE 09/22/20
NAME JAMARA CEAR
MEMO
SIGNATURE [Signature] FOWAY 00/100 Dollars
ACCOUNT NUMBER \$ 40.00

09/22/2020 \$40.00

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Summary of Activity Since Your Last Statement

	Balance Forward From 10/01/2020	9.90-
0	Deposits/Credits00 +
2	Withdrawals/Debits	9.95 -
	Ending Balance As Of 10/30/2020	19.85-
	Service Charge	9.95

MISCELLANEOUS DEBITS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10/30	Maintenance Fee	7.95
10/30	TRADITIONAL PAPER STATEMENT FEE	2.00

DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY

DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE
10/30	19.85 -				



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Statement Date 11/03/2020

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SMALL BUSINESS CHECKING	ACCOUNT NO.
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Summary of Activity Since Your Last Statement

Balance Forward From	10/31/2020	19.85-
2 Deposits/Credits		19.85 +
0 Withdrawals/Debits		.00 -
Ending Balance As Of	11/03/2020	.00
Service Charge		.00

DEPOSITS AND OTHER CREDITS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
11/03	Refund Maintenance Fee	15.90
11/03	Refund Elec Stmt Debit	3.95

DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY

DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE
11/03	.00				

DEPOSIT TICKET

Name Jamaad Baker-Cavan CASH 50.00

Account No _____

DATE 7/3/20

DEPOSITS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL

SIGN HERE IF CASH RECEIVED FROM DEPOSIT

CenterState
CRESCENT CITY, MISSOURI

DEPOSIT

CHECKS OR TOTAL FROM OTHER SIDE _____

SUB TOTAL _____

LESS CASH _____

NET DEPOSIT \$ 50.00

7/3/2020 0 \$50.00

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7/3/2020 0 \$50.00

CASH IN TICKET

HARLAND CLARKE 7006641 CSBKCI1

CenterState CRESCENT CITY TELLER NO. 4305

\$ 50.00

CASH IN 7/03/2020 14:35:17

BR# 43TLR# 4305 82


COMMERCIAL DDA DEPOSIT

GL Debits - 7/3/2020

070320 21430005 21430001461967>063114030<CSB

GL Debits - 7/3/2020

CHECKING WITHDRAWAL

 **Center State**

DATE *9/22/20*

NAME *Jamaad Cesar*

MEMO

SIGNATURE *[Signature]* *FOURTY* — *00/100* Dollars

AMOUNT
40.00

9/22/2020 - 0 - \$40.00

9/22/2020 - 0 - \$40.00

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
PHONE LOG
Case No.: FEC 20-488**

Respondent: Jamaad Cesar-batts

Complainant: Tracy Eckhart

1. **Date and time:** September 15, 2021 @ 10:55am
Name: Charles Overturf III – Supervisor of Elections, Putnam County
Phone #: 386-329-0224
Summary: Mr. Overturf called in response to the affidavit sent to his office. Online CTRS are available on his website, however qualifying documents and check images of Respondent’s campaign are not. I sent an affidavit to the Supervisor for a request of records and standard question of his office’s interaction with Respondent. Mr. Overturf left a brief voicemail asking for me to call back.
Entered by: Brian Ayres
2. **Date and time:** September 16, 2021 @ 12:56 pm
Name: Jamaad Cesar-Butts - Respondent
Phone #: 904-352-9516
Summary: Respondent called and left a voicemail asking to go over questions about the complaint he received.
Entered by: Brian Ayres
3. **Date and time:** September 17, 2021@ 10:35am
Name: Charles Overturf III
Phone #: 386-329-0224
Summary: I called Mr. Overturf back to go over the questions he had regarding the affidavit. I left a voicemail detailing my contact information.
Entered by: Brian Ayres
4. **Date and time:** September 17, 2021 @10:45 am
Name: Jamaad Cesar-Butts - Respondent
Phone #: 904-352-9516
Summary: I called R to discuss the complaint and investigation. Respondent stated that this was a small campaign that got “nasty” with his opponent. He stated he thought he provided all material to show this issue was worked out. I discussed the focus of the case and how the advertisement was not reported in his CTR. Respondent stated the advertisement in the church paper was an in-kind contribution from a friend and he did not pay for the ad. Respondent stated the misspelled names and addresses were from people in the community that “everyone knew” and understand where they are from. Respondent stated he did not have access to the candidate and treasurer’s handbook or chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Respondent was in a special election previously when his cousin passed away. This campaign was put together quickly.
Entered by: Brian Ayres
5. **Date and time:** September 17, 2021 @ 11:15 am

Name: Charles Overturf – Supervisor of Elections

Phone #:

Summary: I called Mr. Overturf back to discuss the affidavit sent to his office. Mr. Overturf explained that for this election Crescent City's Clerk would have the information I was requesting and that they have been going through a staff transition recently. I thanked Mr. Overturf and notified him that I will reach out to Crescent City directly to see who I can address the new affidavit to.

Entered by: Brian Ayres

6. **Date and time:** September 17, 2021 @11:31 AM

Name: Mayor Michelle Meyers, Crescent City

Phone #: 386-698-2525

Summary: I called the operator of Crescent city and asked to speak to the city clerk. I was sent to the Mayor's office line. I left a detailed message asking who I may be able to send the affidavit to to get qualifying information from regarding the Respondent's 2020 election for city commissioner.

Entered by: Brian Ayres

7. **Date and time:** September 23, 2021 @ 11:15 am

Name: Charles Rudd – City Manager, Crescent City

Phone #: 386-698-2525 ext 246

Summary: I called Mr. Rudd after receiving a voicemail from Mayor Meyers explaining he is acting city manager. Crescent city has gone through staff turnover and I reached out for information regarding how to send an affidavit and where to send an affidavit for records regarding R's campaign.

Entered by: Brian Ayres

8. **Date and time:** September 23, 2021 @ 11:20 am

Name: Mayor Michele Meyers – Crescent city

Phone #: 386-559-4563

Summary: I called to thank Mayor Meyers for her assistance and information. She provided me with Mr. Rudd's (City Manager) email so I may reach out and send an affidavit to.

Entered by: Brian Ayres

9. **Date and time:** September 23, 2021 @ 11:45 am

Name: Charles Rudd – City manager

Phone #: 386-698-2525 ext 246

Summary: Mr. Rudd confirmed that I can send an affidavit addressed to him to Crescent City Hall or by email.

Entered by: Brian Ayres

10. **Date and time:** January 26, 2022 @ 1:00pm

Name: Southstate Bank - Teller

Phone #: 326-698-1982

Summary: I called to confirm how to send a subpoena for bank records to Southstate Bank (FKA Centerstate Bank). The customer service representative took my information and stated her branch manager will call me back to provide the information.

Entered by: Brian Ayres

RESPONDENT INTERVIEW MEMO – Call details at #[LOG NUMBER]

Type and ask your case specific question(s) first, then ask the remaining questions.

- Did you pay for the advertisement issued on the Palatka Daily News paper on August 13, 2020? If so, why did you not report the expense, if not why did you not report the in-kind contribution for the advertisement. **This was an in-kind contribution from someone in his community. He did not go to the event. He did not pay for the advertisement.**
- According to the complaint the names an/or addresses used in your M1 and M2 CTR do not exist. Have you amended the reports? **These are people from his community that most understand where they are from. He has since worked with the Election officer to amend these reports.**
- Have you ever run for public office? If so, please name each office you ran for and state what year each election occurred. **Ran in a special election previously.**
- Have you ever been appointed to act as a campaign treasurer for a candidate? If so, please name each such candidate, the office each ran for, and state what year each election occurred. **Only has acted as his own treasurer.**
- Have you ever held the office of chairperson, treasurer, or other similar position for a political committee or electioneering communications organization? If so, please name each committee, state the office you held for each, and state when you held each office.
- Have you ever prepared or signed a campaign treasurer's report? If so, please state the name of the candidate or committee whose report you prepared or signed.
- What action have you taken to determine your responsibilities under Florida's election laws? **None specified – it was a hastily put together campaign/**
- Do you possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it? **No**
- Do you possess a copy of the [*Candidate and Campaign Treasurer OR Political Committee OR Electioneering Communications Organization*] *Handbook*? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it? **No**
- Did you receive any other materials from your filing officer? If so, please describe them.
- Do you have anything else to add for the Commission's consideration regarding the charges specified in the letter of legal sufficiency in this case?

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Jamaad Cesar-Batts
 Name
 (2) 829 Randolph Street
 Address (number and street)
Crescent City, FL 32112
 City, State, Zip Code

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ONLINE SUBMISSION
 [1233743]

Submitted on:
 10/8/2020 17:42:21 (eastern)

Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: 363

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

- Candidate Office Sought: City Commissioner- Group 3 Crescent City
- Political Committee (PC)
- Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO) Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded
- Party Executive Committee (PTY) Check here if PTY has disbanded
- Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications) Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 9 / 1 / 2020 To 9 / 30 / 2020 Report Type: M3

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, , 0 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 0 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 136 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, , 0 . 00

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 0 . 00

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$, , 300 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$, , 0 . 00

(11) Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name) _____
 Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X _____
 Signature

(Type name) _____
 Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X _____
 Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Jamaad Cesar-Batts (2) I.D. Number 363

(3) Cover Period 9/1/2020 through 9/30/2020 (4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
(6) Sequence Number							
9/27/2020 / /	Batts, Jamaad 829 Randolph St Crescent City , Fl 32112	O	driver	IK	campaign handouts (staples)		\$41.00
1							
9/30/2020 / /	Batts, Jamaad 829 Randolph St Crescent City , Fl 32112	S	driver	IK	campaign handouts (staples)		\$95.00
2							
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Jamaad Cesar-Batts

(2) I.D. Number 363

(3) Cover Period 9/1/2020 through 9/30/2020

(4) Page 1 of 0

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
(6) Sequence Number					
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(1) Jamaad Cesar-Batts
 Name
 (2) 829 Randolph Street
 Address (number and street)
Crescent City, FL 32112
 City, State, Zip Code

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 [1236166]
 Submitted on:
 10/23/2020 20:47:58 (eastern)

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(3) ID Number: 363

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

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(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 10 / 1 / 2020 To 10 / 16 / 2020 Report Type: G1

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, , 155 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 155 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 0 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, , 0 . 00

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 0 . 00

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$, , 455 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$, , 0 . 00

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X _____
 Signature

(Type name) _____
 Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X _____
 Signature

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(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor		(9) Contribution	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Jamaad Cesar-Batts

(2) I.D. Number 363

(3) Cover Period 10/1/2020 through 10/16/2020

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(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Jamaad Cesar-Batts
 Name
 (2) 829 Randolph Street
 Address (number and street)
Crescent City, FL 32112
 City, State, Zip Code

OFFICE USE ONLY
ONLINE SUBMISSION
 [1236348]

Submitted on:
 10/25/2020 20:51:29 (eastern)

Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: 363

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

- Candidate Office Sought: City Commissioner- Group 3 Crescent City
- Political Committee (PC)
- Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO) Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded
- Party Executive Committee (PTY) Check here if PTY has disbanded
- Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications) Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 10 / 17 / 2020 To 10 / 29 / 2020 Report Type: G2

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, , 0 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 0 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 200 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, , 0 . 00

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 0 . 00

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$, , 455 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$, , 0 . 00

(11) Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name) _____
 Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X _____
 Signature

(Type name) _____
 Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X _____
 Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Jamaad Cesar-Batts (2) I.D. Number 363

10/17/2020 through 10/29/2020

(3) Cover Period / / through / / (4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
10/24/2020 / /	Oliver , Vincent 833 Randolph St Crescent City , Fl 32112	I	clerk	IK	meat (for election day)		\$200.00
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Jamaad Cesar-Batts
 Name
 (2) 829 Randolph Street
 Address (number and street)
Crescent City, FL 32112
 City, State, Zip Code

OFFICE USE ONLY
ONLINE SUBMISSION
 [1241845]

Submitted on:
 1/20/2021 13:51:22 (eastern)

Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: 363

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

- Candidate Office Sought: City Commissioner- Group 3 Crescent City
- Political Committee (PC)
- Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO) Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded
- Party Executive Committee (PTY) Check here if PTY has disbanded
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(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 10 / 30 / 2020 To 1 / 27 / 2021 Report Type: TRG

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, , 0 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 0 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 230 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, , 455 . 00

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 455 . 00

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 0 . 00

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 Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

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 Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

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 (3) Cover Period 10/30/2020 through 1/27/2021 (4) Page 1 of 1

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1/4/2021 / /	Sykes, Daine Orange Ave Crescent City, FL 32112	I	n/a	IK	chips, water, pizza, soda		\$80.00
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

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1/7/2021 / /	Victory Worship Center , 1022 Huntington Road Crescent , Fl 32112	donate tomusic ministry at local church vwc	MO		\$200.00
1					
1/10/2021 / /	Oliver , Vincent 833 Randolph St Crescent City , Fl 32112		MO		\$114.00
2					
1/12/2021 / /	Batts, Jamaad 829 Randolph Street Crescent City, FL 32112	repayment of inkind loans	MO		\$141.00
3					
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September 8, 2021

Jamaad M. Cesar-Batts
829 Randolph Street
Crescent City, FL 32112

RE: Case No.: FEC 20-488; Respondent: Jamaad M. Cesar-Batts

Dear Mr. Cesar-Batts:

On October 22, 2020, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violations:

Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2020 candidate for Crescent City Commission, Group 3, may have certified the 2020 M1 and 2020 M2 campaign treasurer reports were true, correct, and complete when they were not, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2020 candidate for Crescent City Commission, Group 3, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information during the 2020 M1 and 2020 M2 reporting periods, required by Chapter 106, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.143(1)(a), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2020 candidate for Crescent City Commission, Group 3, paid for and distributed a political advertisement in the form of a newspaper publication that contained express advocacy but did not include a proper disclaimer as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.143(1)(a), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2020 candidate for Crescent City Commission, Group 3, paid for and distributed a political advertisement in the form of yard signs that contained express advocacy but did not include a proper disclaimer as alleged in the complaint.

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to you at the above address. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will prepare and present a written Staff Recommendation (SR) to the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to charge you, the Respondent, with violating Chapters 104 or 106, Florida

Jamaad M. Cesar-Batts
September 8, 2021
Page 2
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Statutes. You will have an opportunity to respond to both the ROI and the SR. The Commission will then hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violations occurred and, if so, the amount of the fine to be imposed upon you. Notice will be mailed to you and the Complainant at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(i)3., Florida Statutes, the Commission may enter into a consent agreement with a Respondent to settle a complaint prior to a finding of probable cause. If you are interested in entering negotiations directed towards reaching a consent agreement to resolve this matter, please contact the Commission and request to speak with the attorney assigned to this case.

Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you notify us of a new address.

Pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, complaints, investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, are confidential until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause, unless the Respondent files a written waiver of confidentiality with the Commission. The confidentiality provision does not apply to the Complainant or the Respondent.

Should you retain counsel, your attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Commission before any member of the commission staff can discuss this case with him or her.

For additional information, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Commission's website.

If you have additional questions, please contact **Brian Ayres**, the investigator assigned to this case, by phone at (850) 922-4539 or by email at Brian.Ayres@myfloridalegal.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Vaccaro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

TV/mw



Case Number :Fec20-488
jamaad cesar to: Fec

11/06/2020 06:02 PM

History: This message has been forwarded.



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Jamaad C. Batts Campaign.docx

Sent from my iPhone

To Whom It May Concern.

Case Number : Fec20-488

This letter is in response to the complaint filed by Tracy Eckhardt who is the lesbian partner of the candidate's opposition, Cynthia "Cindy" Burton.

In regard to violations 106.19 and 106.055

1. Cost of Milk Ad – see #2 below. Since the Milk Give-Away was ultimately done by the church and NOT by Mr. Batts, it would be wrong to expense the cost of the ad as a campaign expense.
2. The cost of the milk is irrelevant as the candidate was contacted by the Supervisor of Elections, Charles Overturf, and told that several members of his opposition candidate (Cynthia "Cindy" Burton) team and her lesbian partner, Tracy Eckhardt, had made an accusation that the milk was from a Covid-19 Grant. Although that was a lie that was precipitated by the opposition, it was advised that Mr. Batts should not do the Milk Give-Away as a campaign function. Mr. Overturf advised the candidate to NOT even be at the Milk Give-Away that was sponsored by the church. Jamaad Batts complied with the direction of the Supervisor of Elections. The church proceeded with the Milk Give-Away as planned, with members of the church and other volunteers. Mr. Batts was NOT even there. This was only AFTER the Cindy Burton campaign failed to get the event cancelled by complaining to the bank (whose parking lot was being used), that they should NOT allow the give-away of food during a pandemic (how ridiculous is that!). The bank refused to comply with their demand to cancel the event.
3. Jamaad Batts was not aware that there was a charge for receiving money from the cash app. He will investigate and, of course, file a correction to his monthly report.
4. In regard to fictitious names:
 - a) Jamaad made an error in identification of the supporter's name. He thought that it was Thomas Ricks, but the name should have been Rich Brooks. The candidate recalled seeing a sign with the name (that he THOUGHT was Ricks), but it was actually BROOKS. A photo of the sign is included. The candidate will, of course, file a correction.
 - b) The campaign treasurer misspelled Mr. Watson's first name by mistakenly typing an "R" instead of "L", so the name came out as Gerard instead of Gerald. This "typo" will be corrected.
5. In regard to fictitious addresses:
 - a) See 4.a above. Address correction will be made.
 - b) Address correction will be made.
 - c) Address correction will be made.
 - d) Address correction will be made.

In regard to violations 106.143, 106.071 and 106.1439

Attached please find the receipt with the picture of the campaign signs that were printed. These are the signs that are posted in yards, used in campaign events and posted on social media. The size of the sign was truncated on the social media site and the disclaimer does not fully show. The candidate will, of course, take any corrective action.

ELECT

Jamaad C.

Batts

FOR

City Commissioner

Advertisement paid by: Jamaad C. Batts for City Commission seat 3

PROMO APPLIED: Open For Your Business - Up to 55% Off Custom Signs + Get a 12x18 For \$0.84. Ships Next Day!

SIGNS ON THE CHEAP

[YOUR SHOPPING CART](#) | [CHECK ORDER STATUS](#) | [MY ACCOUNT](#) | [LOGOUT](#)

[CHAT NOW](#) | [NEED HELP? 1-866-661-9239](#)

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[Parking Signs](#)

[Street Signs](#)

[Stakes & Frames](#)

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Order Number: [77648732](#)

Placed: 8/5/2020

Payment: Complete

Status: Shipped

Estimated Delivery: 8/12/2020 (view shipping details below)

Billing Information	Shipping Information	Other Information	
		Email: Jamaadc@yahoo.com Telephone: 904-352-9516 Shipping Method: Ground	
Ordered Items:	Qty.	Price	Item Total

BATTS

Customized Sign



VOTE

Elect

Jamaad C. Batts

For CITY COMMISSIONER
GROUP 3

Trusted Leadership for Crescent City

Paid By: Jamaad C. Batts for City of
Crescent Commissioners Group 3

**2020
ELECTION**

 **VOTING DAY
NOVEMBER 3RD**



**JAMAAD C. BATTS FOR
CRESCENT CITY
COMMISSIONER GROUP 3**

VOTE



Elect

Jamaad C. Batts

For CITY COMMISSIONER
GROUP 3

Trusted Leadership for Crescent City

Paid By: Jamaad C. Batts for City of
Crescent Commissioners Group 3

**2020
ELECTION**

**★ VOTING DAY
NOVEMBER 3RD**

904 -352 9516

**NEW LEADER.
NEW VISION. NEW
DIRECTION.**



Order Number: **77648732**

Placed: 8/5/2020

Payment: Complete

Status: Shipped

Estimated Delivery: 8/12/2020 (view shipping details below)

Billing Information	Shipping Information	Other Information
[Redacted Billing and Shipping Information]		Email: Jamaadc@yahoo.com Telephone: 904-352-9516 Shipping Method: Ground

Ordered Items:	Qty.	Price	Item Total
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Customized Sign
 Custom Sign ID: 875095106
 18" x 24"; Corrugated Plastic
 Single-Sided 3 Colors

25

\$8.67

\$216.75

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Customized Sign
 Custom Sign ID: 875095107
 24" x 36"; Corrugated Plastic

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\$33.91

\$203.46

\$20.21
 (\$31.11)
 \$63.48
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 \$252.58

8/8/2020 Proof

8:35 AM US

Order Processed: Ready for UPS

Tracking Number: 1Z44E6R80320220921



Gerald C Watson

Payment from \$GeraldCWatson

\$100.00

For jamaad C. Batts Campaign

Jul 13 at 3:27 PM

 **Received**



Robert DeFranco
Payment from \$FLCBA

\$155.00

Oct 6 at 12:29 PM

 **Received**

COMPLAINT

The Commission's records and proceedings in a case are confidential until the Commission rules on probable cause. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the person against whom it is brought.

1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

Name: Tracy Eckhardt Work Phone: (____) _____
Address: 109 N Prospect St. Home Phone: (321) 277-1423
City: Crescent City County: Putnam State: FL Zip Code: 32112

2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:

If you intend to name more than one individual or entity, please file multiple complaints. A person can be an individual, political committee, political party, electioneering communication organization, club, corporation, partnership, company, association, or other type of organization.

Name of individual or entity: Jamaad M. Cesar-Batts
Address: 829 Randolph St. Phone: (904) 352-9516
City: Crescent City County: Putnam State: FL Zip Code: 32112

If individual is a candidate, list the office or position sought: City Commissioner, Gr. 3

Have you filed this complaint with the State Attorney's Office? (check one) Yes No

Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.271(2), F.S.? (check one) Yes No

Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.2715, F.S.? (check one) Yes No

3. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):

Please attach a **concise** narrative statement in which you list the provisions of the Florida Election Code that you believe the person named above may have violated. The Commission has jurisdiction only to investigate provisions of Chapter 104 and Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Please include the following items as part of your attached statement:

- The facts and actions that you believe support the violations you allege;
- The names/telephone numbers of persons whom you believe may be witnesses to the facts;
- A copy or picture of any political advertisement(s) you mention in your statement;
- A copy of each document you mention in your statement;
- An explanation of why you believe information you reference from websites is relevant; and
- Any other evidence supporting your allegations.

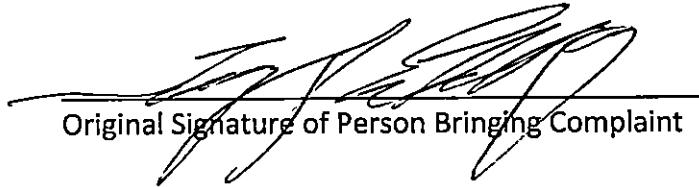
SEE REVERSE SIDE OF DOCUMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any person who files a complaint while knowing that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes.

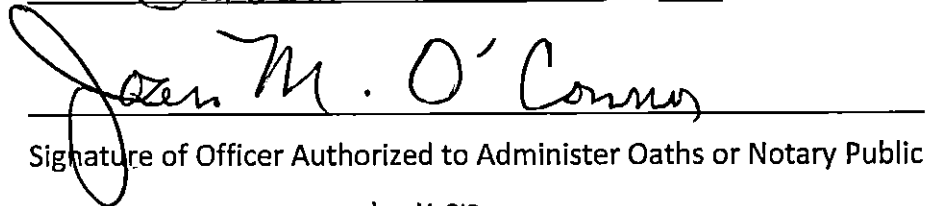
4. **OATH:**

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Putnam

I swear or affirm that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of
October, 20 20


Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oaths or Notary Public



Joan M. O'Connor
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF FLORIDA
Comm# GG048425
Expires 11/16/2020

(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally Known X Or Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____

5. **IMPROPERLY COMPLETED COMPLAINT FORMS MAY BE RETURNED:**

- You **MUST** submit this completed complaint form in order to file a complaint.
- You **MUST** complete **ALL FOUR** of the above sections of this form. **DO NOT** leave any blanks.
- You **MUST** submit the **ORIGINAL** complaint form. Copied/faxed/emailed forms are returned.
- Each complaint can only be filed against **ONE PERSON** or **ENTITY**. If you wish to file against multiple parties, you **MUST** submit a complaint form for each party you wish to file against.
- **DO NOT** submit multiple complaint forms with one set of attachments applying to multiple complaints. You **MUST** attach copies of attachments to each complaint to which they apply.
- **MAKE SURE** the alleged violation(s) of **Chapters 104 or 106** occurred within the last **2 years**.
- **MAKE SURE** your complaint is **sworn** and there is **no defect** to the **notarization** in Section 4.

Violated Florida Election Code 106.19, 106.055

Jamaad C. Batts failed to report expenses, correct names and correct addresses on Treasurer's Report to the Supervisor of Elections Office.

1. He advertised a "Milk Giveaway" on August 13th in the Palatka Daily News. **The cost of this advertisement was not reported.** (Picture attached.)
2. He advertised a "Milk Giveaway" on four known social media outlets and the Palatka Daily News. **He failed to report the cost of the milk, whether it was purchased or contributed "in-kind".**
3. He reported receiving a cash app in the amount of \$100.00 on 7/22/20 but **did not report the fee as an expenditure that it cost for receiving this money.** (report attached)
4. Fictitious names reported on Treasurer's Report:
 - a. 8/27/20 – contribution from Thomas Ricks, Crescent City, FL, **name cannot be verified**
 - b. 7/22/20 – in kind contribution from Gerard Watson, Crescent City FL, **name cannot be verified**
5. Fictitious addresses reported on Treasurer's Report:
 - a. 8/27/20, 152 Ricks Drive, Crescent City, FL, **location does not exist**
 - b. 7/22/20, 122 Summit St., Crescent City, FL, **location does not exist**
 - c. 7/22/20, 211 Prospect St, Crescent City, FL, **location does not exist**
 - d. 8/27/20, 231 Prospect St., Crescent City, FL, **location does not exist**
(Treasurer's Report Attached)

I reported these mistakes to Charles Overture, Supervisor of Elections at his office on September 4, 2020, and again on September 30, 2020. He replied that it was "troubling information" but he couldn't do anything about it.

meeting

State projects

Road work

Palatka

The following roads are closed to through traffic for road work/construction: Hotel, Dodge, Emmett, Kirkland,

Flagging operations will be in place for the southbound lanes of U.S. 17 from just north of Hoot Owl Road to just north of the Dunns Creek Bridge Monday, Aug. 17 through Friday, Aug. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., weather and

transportation began a widening project in May 2019 on State Road 20 from County Road 315 to SW 56th Avenue, Interlachen. Estimated completion date is summer 2021. Commonwealth Avenue closure, road closure at both State Road 20 and E. Boylston Street/ Atlantic Avenue for drainage work through mid-August.



We are so excited to serve and give back to our community & surrounding areas during these difficult times.

A Special Thank You to



AUGUST 15th • 8:00am - 12:00pm

CenterState Bank

500 Summit St., Crescent City, FL 32112

ELECT BATTS

Jamaad C. Batts for City Commissioner Crescent City Group 3
Trusted leadership for Crescent City.

Paid for and approved by Jamaad C. Batts, Nonpartisan, Crescent City Commissioner Group 3

Putnam



I'm proud to be a part of Putnam County! I've lived here and owned a business for over 41 years. We've so much to be thankful for; the beautiful river & a giving community that supports each other. We're truly living in "God's Country" here is Putnam County!

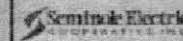
- Denise Bramlitt



People are talking! People are reading "What I love about Putnam" to see what their neighbors are saying. It's time for you to talk, too. E-mail your picture and comments to positivelyputnamfl@palatkadailynews.com WE ARE POSITIVELY PUTNAM FL!



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Christina Peterson Congratulations to the CCHS 2020 graduates!

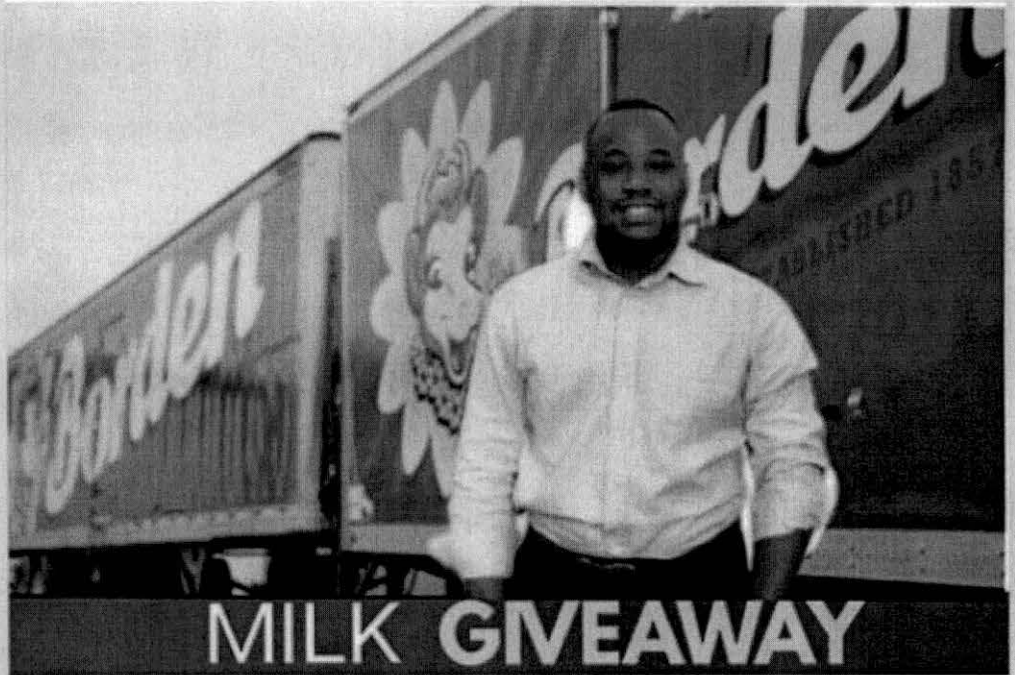
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Mayor Brett Peterson

August 6 · 🌐

Milk give-away August 15 at Center State Bank parking lot. Great program!



✓ **Mission**

We are so excited to serve and give back to our community & Surrounding Areas during these difficult times

✓ **Date & Time**

August 15, 2020
8:00am - 12:00pm

Location

✓ CenterState Bank
500 Summit St,
Crescent City, FL 32112



Jamaad C. Batts Campaign

👍 6

5 Shares



Victory Worship Center
@victoryworship

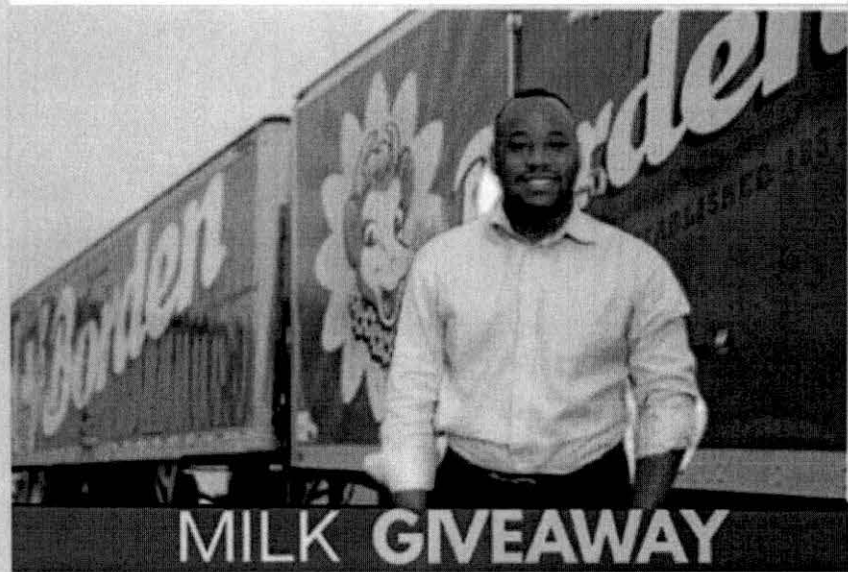
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Victory Worship Center
August 6 · 🌐

👤👤👤 We Are so excited to partner with our very own Minister Batts in this awesome Community giveaway See You There !!!



✓ **Mission**
We are so excited to serve and give back to our community & Surrounding Areas during these difficult times



✓ **Date & Time**
August 15, 2020
8:00am - 12:00pm

Location
✓ CenterState Bank
500 Summit St,
Crescent City, FL 32112



Jamaad C. Batts Campaign

Send

(305) 696-2721

- Typically replies with Send Message
- Religious Organizational Charismatic Church
- Suggest Edits

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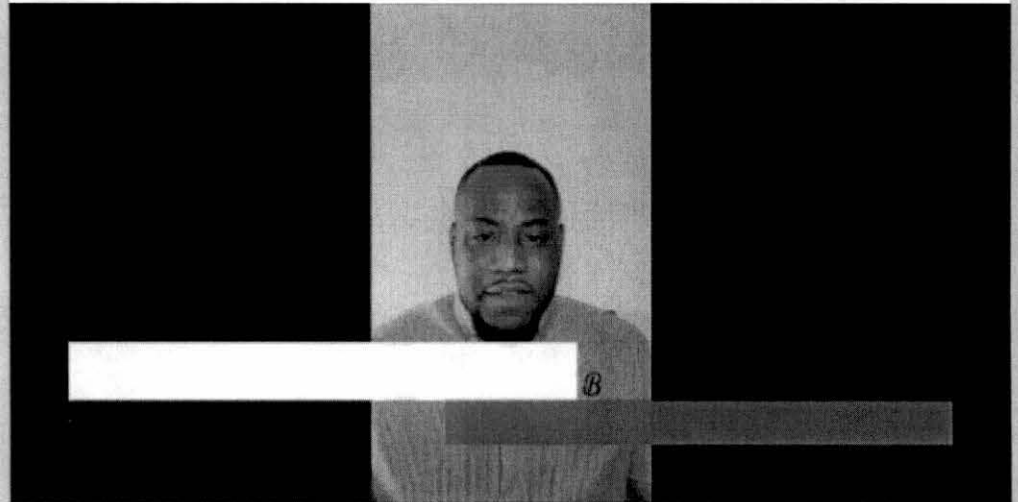
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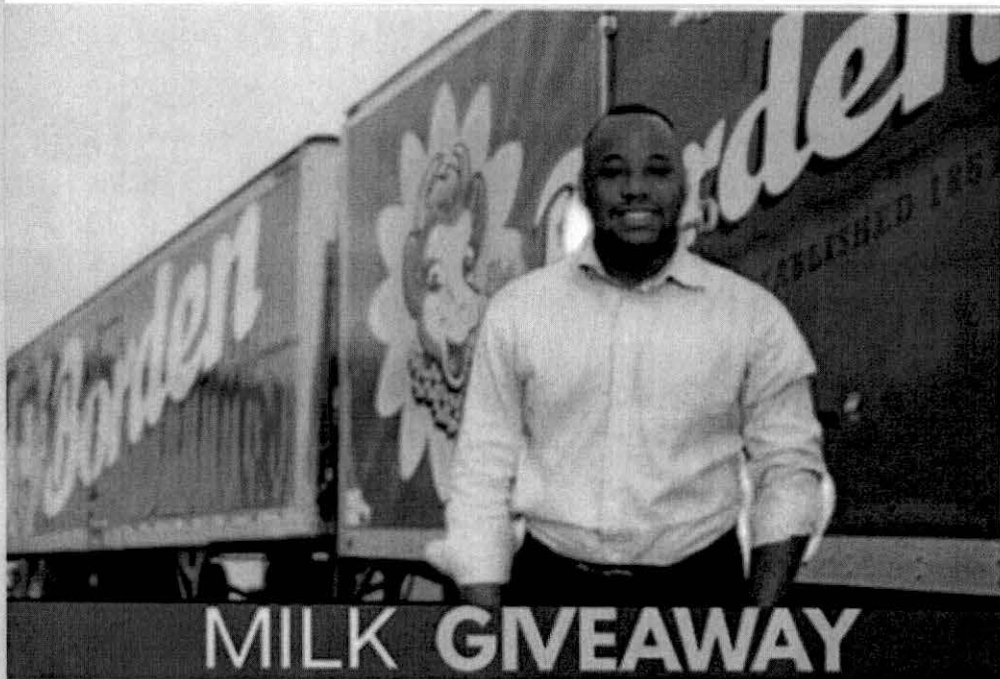
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Office: City Commissioner- Group 3 Crescent City

Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Contributions

Seq# Date	Contributor	Entity	Occupation Amend	Cont. Type	Amount
#1 8/27/2020	Thomas Ricks 152 Ricks Drive Crescent City, Fl 32112	Individual	Painter	Check	\$100.00
#2 8/27/2020	Center Victory Worship 1022 Huntington Rd Crescent City , Fl 32112	Committee	Church	Check	\$200.00
Total Contributions					\$300.00

Campaign Treasurer's Report – In-Kind Contributions

Seq# Date	Contributor	Entity	Occupation Amend	In-Kind Description	Amount
#1 7/22/2020	Robert Defranco 122 Summit st Crescent city , Fl 32112	Individual		Campaign Website	\$100.00
#2 7/22/2020	Gerard Watson 211 Propsect St Crescent city , Fl 32112	Individual		Cashapp	\$100.00
#3 7/25/2020	Jamaad Cesar 829 Randolph st Crescent city , Fl 32112	Candidate to Themselves	Driver	Yard Signs	\$300.00

#4	Jamaad Cesar	Candidate	Driver	T-Shirts	
7/22/2020	829 Randolph St Crescent city , Fl 32112	to Themselves			\$82.00
#5	Jamaad Batts	Individual	Driver	Yard Signs	
8/27/2020	829 Randolph St Crescent City, Fl 32112				\$278.00
#6	Robert Delfranco	Individual	N/A	Campaign Website	
8/27/2020	231 Prospects St Crescent City, Fl 32112				\$100.00
Total In-Kind Contributions					\$960.00

Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Expenditures				
Seq#	Vendor	Purpose	Exp. Type	Amount
Date			Amend	
Total Expenditures				\$0.00

Campaign Treasurer's Report – Fund Transfers				
Seq#	Institution	Transfer Type	Nature of Account	Amount
Date			Amend	

Campaign Treasurer's Report – Distributions				
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* Petty cash expenditures are realized when the funds are withdrawn for petty cash. Therefore, the referenced item is not included in the total.

106.19 Violations by candidates, persons connected with campaigns, and political committees.—

(1) Any candidate; campaign manager, campaign treasurer, or deputy treasurer of any candidate; committee chair, vice chair, campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer, or other officer of any political committee; agent or person acting on behalf of any candidate or political committee; or other person who knowingly and willfully:

- (a) Accepts a contribution in excess of the limits prescribed by s. 106.08;
- (b) Fails to report any contribution required to be reported by this chapter;
- (c) Falsely reports or deliberately fails to include any information required by this chapter; or
- (d) Makes or authorizes any expenditure in violation of s. 106.11(4) or any other expenditure prohibited by this chapter;

is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(2) Any candidate, campaign treasurer, or deputy treasurer; any chair, vice chair, or other officer of any political committee; any agent or person acting on behalf of any candidate or political committee; or any other person who violates paragraph (1)(a), paragraph (1)(b), or paragraph (1)(d) shall be subject to a civil penalty equal to three times the amount involved in the illegal act. Such penalty may be in addition to the penalties provided by subsection (1) and shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund of this state.

(3) A political committee sponsoring a constitutional amendment proposed by initiative which submits a petition form gathered by a paid petition circulator which does not provide the name and address of the paid petition circulator on the form is subject to the civil penalties prescribed in s. 106.265.

(4) Except as otherwise expressly stated, the failure by a candidate to comply with the requirements of this chapter has no effect upon whether the candidate has qualified for the office the candidate is seeking.

History.—s. 19, ch. 73-128; s. 57, ch. 77-175; s. 62, ch. 79-400; s. 12, ch. 91-107; s. 649, ch. 95-147; ss. 24, 45, ch. 97-13; s. 8, ch. 2002-197; s. 11, ch. 2006-300; s. 69, ch. 2011-40; s. 35, ch. 2013-37.

of the 1st business day following the deposit.

History.—s. 5, ch. 73-128; s. 1, ch. 76-88; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 43, ch. 77-175; s. 7, ch. 89-256; s. 29, ch. 90-315; s. 8, ch. 2013-37.

106.055 Valuation of in-kind contributions.—Any person who makes an in-kind contribution shall, at the time of making such contribution, place a value on such contribution, which valuation shall be the fair market value of such contribution. Travel conveyed upon private aircraft shall be valued at the actual cost of per person commercial air travel for the same or a substantially similar route.

History.—s. 44, ch. 77-175; s. 43, ch. 2007-30.

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COMPLAINT

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The Commission's records and proceedings in a case are confidential until the Commission rules on probable cause. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the person against whom it is brought.

1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

Name: Tracy Eckhardt Work Phone: (____) _____
Address: 109 N Prospect St. Home Phone: (321) 277-1423
City: Crescent City County: Putnam State: FL Zip Code: 32112

2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:

If you intend to name more than one individual or entity, please file multiple complaints. A person can be an individual, political committee, political party, electioneering communication organization, club, corporation, partnership, company, association, or other type of organization.

Name of individual or entity: Jamaad M. Cesar-Batts
Address: 829 Randolph St. Phone: (904) 352-9516
City: Crescent City County: Putnam State: FL Zip Code: 32112

If individual is a candidate, list the office or position sought: City Commissioner, Gr. 3

Have you filed this complaint with the State Attorney's Office? (check one) Yes No
Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.271(2), F.S.? (check one) Yes No
Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.2715, F.S.? (check one) Yes No

3. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):

Please attach a concise narrative statement in which you list the provisions of the Florida Election Code that you believe the person named above may have violated. The Commission has jurisdiction only to investigate provisions of Chapter 104 and Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Please include the following items as part of your attached statement:

- The facts and actions that you believe support the violations you allege;
- The names/telephone numbers of persons whom you believe may be witnesses to the facts;
- A copy or picture of any political advertisement(s) you mention in your statement;
- A copy of each document you mention in your statement;
- An explanation of why you believe information you reference from websites is relevant; and
- Any other evidence supporting your allegations.

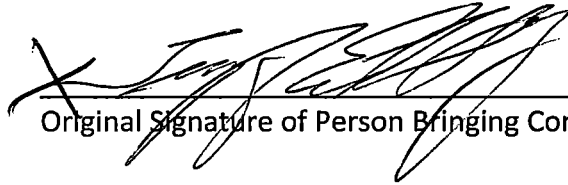
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Any person who files a complaint while knowing that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes.

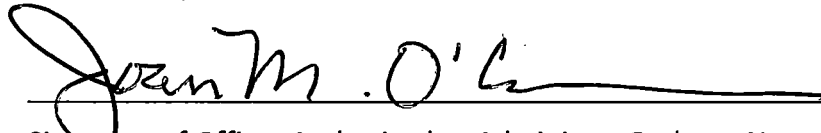
4. OATH:

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Putnam

I swear or affirm that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of
October, 20 20


Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oaths or Notary Public



Joan M. O'Connor
NOTARY PUBLIC
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Comm# GG048425
Expires 11/16/2020

(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally Known Or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced _____

5. IMPROPERLY COMPLETED COMPLAINT FORMS MAY BE RETURNED:

- You **MUST** submit this completed complaint form in order to file a complaint.
- You **MUST** complete **ALL FOUR** of the above sections of this form. **DO NOT** leave any blanks.
- You **MUST** submit the **ORIGINAL** complaint form. Copied/faxed/emailed forms are returned.
- Each complaint can only be filed against **ONE PERSON** or **ENTITY**. If you wish to file against multiple parties, you **MUST** submit a complaint form for each party you wish to file against.
- **DO NOT** submit multiple complaint forms with one set of attachments applying to multiple complaints. You **MUST** attach **copies** of attachments to each complaint to which they apply.
- **MAKE SURE** the alleged violation(s) of **Chapters 104 or 106** occurred within the last **2 years**.
- **MAKE SURE** your complaint is **sworn** and there is **no defect** to the **notarization** in Section 4.

Violation of Florida Election Code 106.143, 106.071, 106.1439

Jamaad M. Cesar-Batts has violated the above codes by using **campaign signs without disclaimer as required**. There have been three different signs in violation. These signs have been posted on properties, social media outlets and have been held at campaign events on the streets. Pictures of these signs have also appeared on social media sites, (Jamaad C. Batts for City Commissioner) along with a video of a campaign event on the street.



Pictures are attached.



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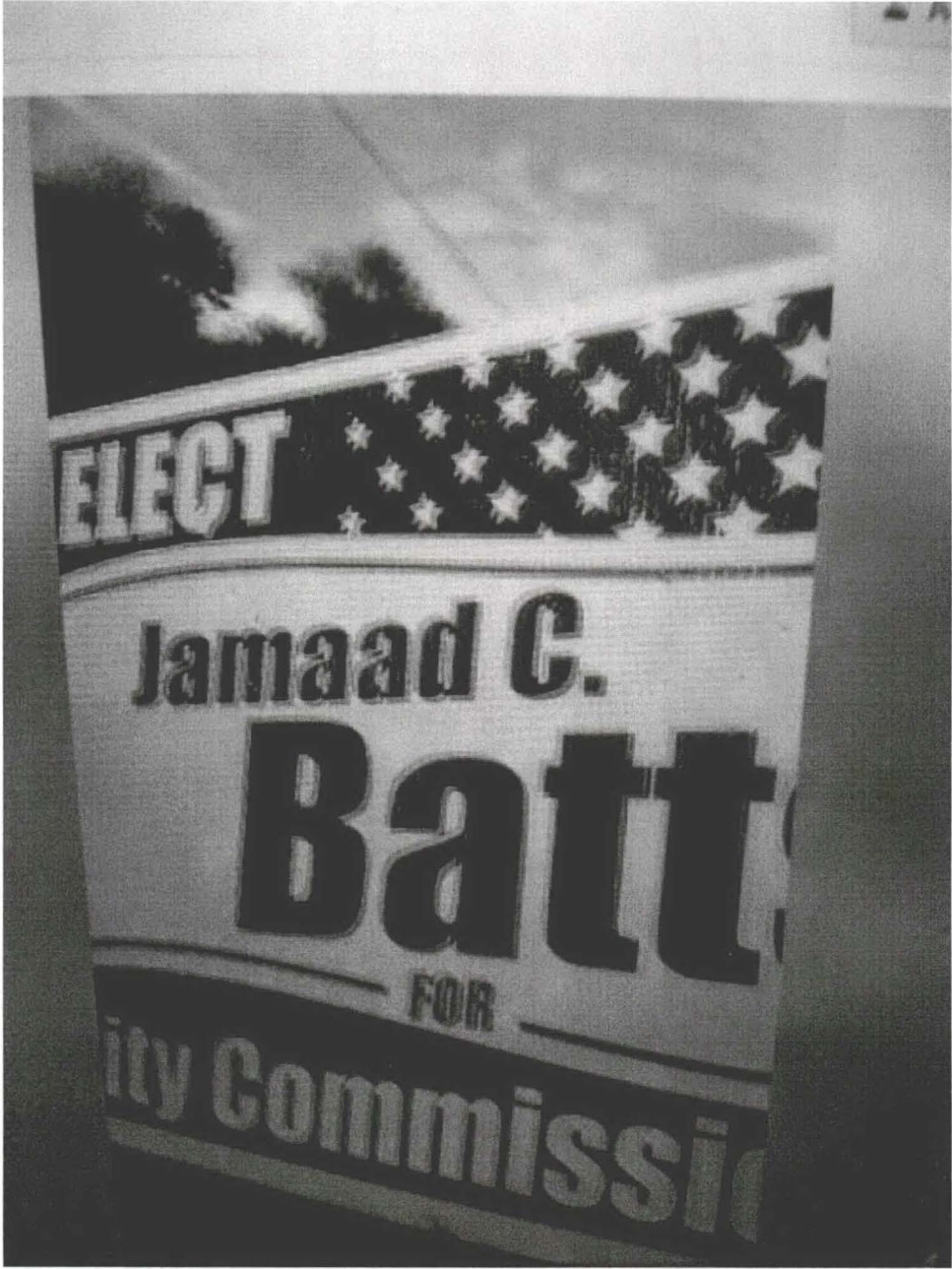
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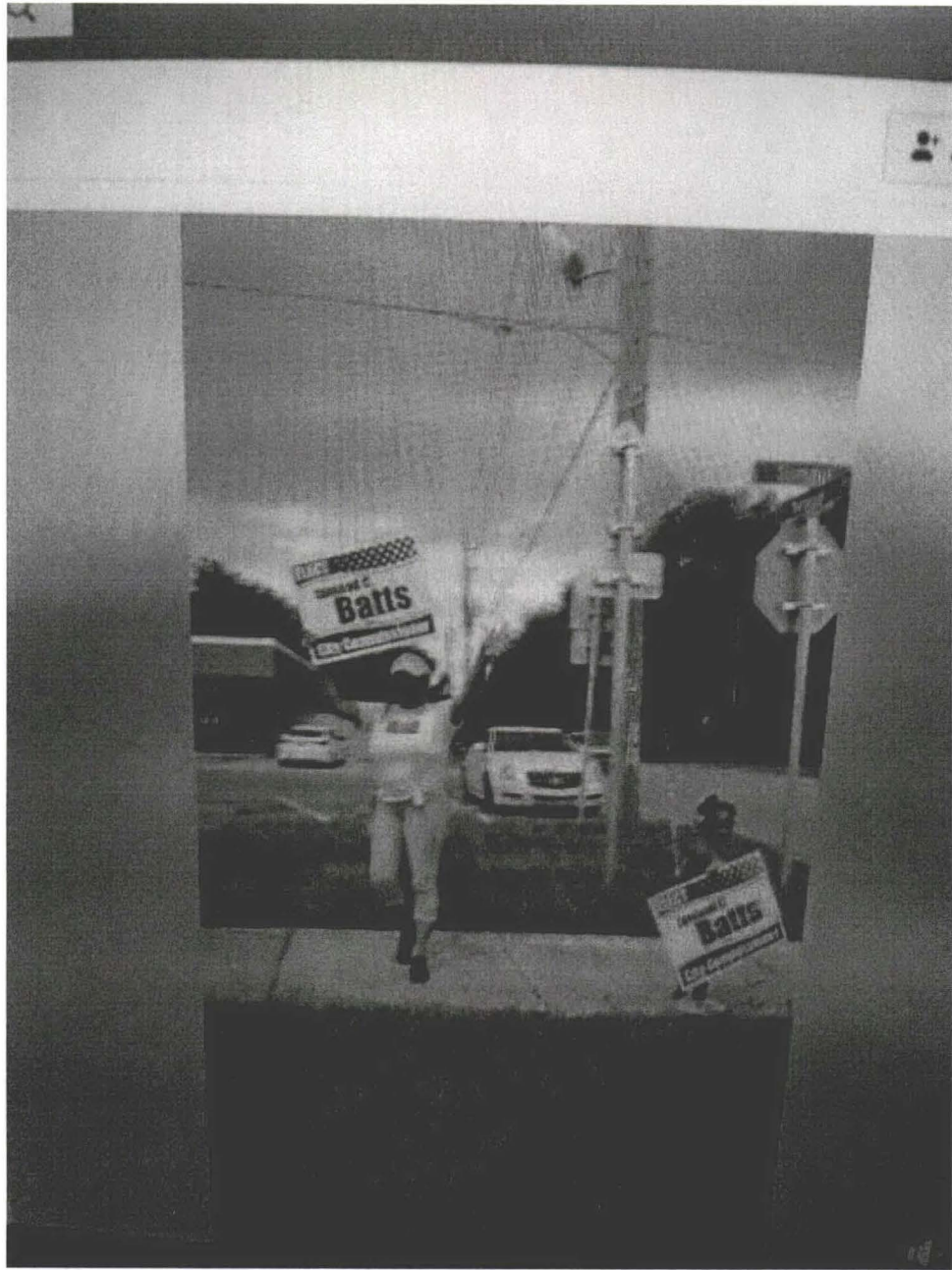
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106.143 Political advertisements circulated prior to election; requirements.—

(1)(a) Any political advertisement that is paid for by a candidate, except a write-in candidate, and that is published, displayed, or circulated before, or on the day of, any election must prominently state:

1. “Political advertisement paid for and approved by _(name of candidate)_, _(party affiliation)_, for _(office sought)_”; Or

2. “Paid by _(name of candidate)_, _(party affiliation)_, for _(office sought)_.”

(b) Any political advertisement that is paid for by a write-in candidate and that is published, displayed, or circulated before, or on the day of, any election must prominently state:

1. “Political advertisement paid for and approved by _(name of candidate)_, write-in candidate, for _(office sought)_”; Or

2. “Paid by _(name of candidate)_, write-in candidate, for _(office sought)_.”

(c) Any other political advertisement published, displayed, or circulated before, or on the day of, any election must prominently:

1. Be marked “paid political advertisement” or with the abbreviation “pd. pol. adv.”

2. State the name and address of the persons paying for the advertisement.

3. State whether the advertisement and the cost of production is paid for or provided in kind by or at the expense of the entity publishing, displaying, broadcasting, or circulating the political advertisement.

(d) Any political advertisement made pursuant to s. 106.021(3)(d) must prominently state the name and address of the political committee or political party paying for the advertisement.

(2) Political advertisements made as in-kind contributions from a political party must prominently state: “Paid political advertisement paid for in-kind by _(name of political party)_. Approved by _(name of person, party affiliation, and office sought in the political advertisement)_.”

(3) Any political advertisement of a candidate running for partisan office shall express the name of the political party of which the candidate is seeking nomination or is the nominee. If the candidate for partisan office is running as a candidate with no party affiliation, any political advertisement of the candidate must state that the candidate has no party affiliation. A political advertisement of a candidate running for nonpartisan office may not state the candidate’s political party affiliation. This section does not prohibit a political advertisement from stating the candidate’s partisan-related experience. A candidate for nonpartisan office is prohibited from campaigning based on party affiliation.

(4) It is unlawful for any candidate or person on behalf of a candidate to represent that any person or organization supports such candidate, unless the person or organization so represented has given specific approval in writing to the candidate to make such representation. However, this subsection does not apply to:

History.—s. 1, ch. 2004-253; s. 16, ch. 2008-4; s. 1, ch. 2009-149.

106.071 Independent expenditures; electioneering communications; reports; disclaimers.

(1) Each person who makes an independent expenditure with respect to any candidate or issue, and each individual who makes an expenditure for an electioneering communication which is not otherwise reported pursuant to this chapter, which expenditure, in the aggregate, is in the amount of \$5,000 or more, shall file periodic reports of such expenditures in the same manner, at the same time, subject to the same penalties, and with the same officer as a political committee supporting or opposing such candidate or issue. The report shall contain the full name and address of the person making the expenditure; the full name and address of each person to whom and for whom each such expenditure has been made; the amount, date, and purpose of each such expenditure; a description of the services or goods obtained by each such expenditure; the issue to which the expenditure relates; and the name and address of, and office sought by, each candidate on whose behalf such expenditure was made.

(2) Any political advertisement paid for by an independent expenditure shall prominently state "Paid political advertisement paid for by (Name and address of person paying for advertisement) independently of any (candidate or committee)."

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to novelty items having a retail value of \$10 or less which support, but do not oppose, a candidate or issue.

(4) Any person who fails to include the disclaimer prescribed in subsection (2) in any political advertisement that is required to contain such disclaimer commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

History.—s. 47, ch. 77-175; s. 10, ch. 89-256; s. 4, ch. 2004-252; s. 25, ch. 2010-167; ss. 13, 30, ch. 2011-6; HJR 7105, 2011 Regular Session.

106.1437 Miscellaneous advertisements.—Any advertisement, other than a political advertisement, independent expenditure, or electioneering communication, on billboards, bumper stickers, radio, or television, or in a newspaper, a magazine, or a periodical, intended to influence public policy or the vote of a public official, shall clearly designate the sponsor of such advertisement by including a clearly readable statement of sponsorship. If the advertisement is broadcast on television, the advertisement shall also contain a verbal statement of sponsorship. This section does not apply to an editorial endorsement. For purposes of this chapter, an expenditure made for, or in furtherance of, a miscellaneous advertisement is not considered to be a contribution to or on behalf of a candidate, and does not constitute an independent expenditure. Such expenditures are not subject to the limitations applicable to independent expenditures.

History.—s. 36, ch. 90-315; s. 6, ch. 2004-252; s. 27, ch. 2010-167; ss. 18, 30, ch. 2011-6; s. 67, ch. 2011-40; HJR 7105, 2011 Regular Session.

106.1439 Electioneering communications; disclaimers.—

- (1) Any electioneering communication, other than a telephone call, shall prominently state: “Paid electioneering communication paid for by (Name and address of person paying for the communication).”
- (2) Any electioneering communication telephone call shall identify the persons or organizations sponsoring the call by stating either: “Paid for by (insert name of persons or organizations sponsoring the call).” or “Paid for on behalf of (insert name of persons or organizations authorizing call).” This subsection does not apply to any telephone call in which the individual making the call is not being paid and the individuals participating in the call know each other prior to the call.
- (3) Any person who fails to include the disclaimer prescribed in this section in any electioneering communication that is required to contain such disclaimer commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

History.—s. 7, ch. 2004-252; s. 28, ch. 2010-167; ss. 19, 30, ch. 2011-6; HJR 7105, 2011 Regular Session.

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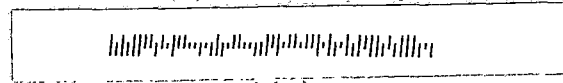
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