STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Aaron Matthew Erskine Case No.: FEC 17-153

TO: John French, Esquire

John French Attorney at Law

329 Tuxedo Drive

Thomasville, GA 31792

Division of Elections 500 S Bronough Street, Room 316

Tallahassee, FL 32399

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING (CONSENT ORDER)

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Amy McKeever Toman

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STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

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Agency Case No.: FEC 17-153

F.O. No.: FOFEC <#>

Aaron Matthew Erskine, Respondent.

CONSENT FINAL ORDER

Respondent, Aaron Matthew Erskine, and the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) agree that this Consent Order resolves all of the issues between the parties in this case. The parties jointly stipulate to the following facts, conclusions of law, and order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On April 14, 2017, a complaint was filed with the Commission alleging that Respondent violated Florida's election laws.
- 2. On March 23, 2018, the Commission entered an Order of Probable Cause finding there was probable cause to charge the Respondent with seven counts of violating Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes.
- 3. Respondent has expressed a desire to enter into negotiations directed toward reaching a consent agreement.
 - 4. Respondent and staff stipulate to the following facts:
 - a. Respondent was a 2016 candidate for State Senate, District 1.
 - b. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed

reporting dates that no reports would be filed because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods: 2016 P4, 2016 G3, 2016 G4, 2016 G5, 2016 G6, 2016 G7, and 2016 TR.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 5. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this cause, pursuant to Section 106.26, Florida Statutes.
- 6. The Commission staff and the Respondent stipulate that staff can prove the facts in paragraph four above by clear and convincing evidence and to the Commission's ability to impose a civil penalty in this case.

ORDER

- 7. The Respondent and the staff of the Commission have entered into this Consent Order freely and voluntarily and upon advice of counsel.
- 8. The Respondent shall bear his own attorney's fees and costs that are in any way associated with this case.
 - 9. The Commission will consider this Consent Order at its next available meeting.
- 10. Respondent voluntarily waives the right to any further proceedings under Chapters 104, 106, and 120, Florida Statutes, and the right to appeal this Consent Order.
- 11. This Consent Order is enforceable under Sections 106.265 and 120.69, Florida Statutes. Respondent expressly waives any venue privileges and agrees that if enforcement of this Consent Order is necessary, venue shall be in Leon County, Florida, and Respondent shall pay all fees and costs associated with enforcement.
- 12. Payment of the civil penalty by cashier's check, or money order, good for at least 120 days, or attorney trust account check, is a condition precedent to the Commission's

consideration of this Consent Order.

PENALTY

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission finds that the Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, on seven occasions, and imposes a civil penalty in the amount of \$350.

Therefore, it is

ORDERED that the Respondent shall remit to the Commission a civil penalty in the amount of \$350, inclusive of fees and costs. The civil penalty shall be paid cashier's check or money order, good for at least 120 days, or attorney trust account check. The civil penalty shall be payable to the Florida Elections Commission and sent to 107 West Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-1050.

Respondent hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Consent Order on

May 3 2018

John French 329 Tuxedo Drive

Thomasville, GA 31792

Aaron Matthew Erskine

5611 Jones Street

Milton, FL 32570

Commission staff hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Consent Order on

May 8,2018

Stephanie J. Cumingham

Assistant General Counsel

Florida Elections Commission

107 West Gaines Street

The Collins Building, Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

	Approved by the Florida Elections Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting held
on	, in Tallahassee, Florida.
	M. Scott Thomas, Chairman Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Stephanie J. Cunningham, Assistant General Counsel John French, Attorney for Respondent Division of Elections, Complainant WESTERN LA

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Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

Case No.: FEC 17-153

Aaron Matthew Erskine, Respondent.

v.

ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 13, 2018, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On December 8, 2017, 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 violation(s):

Count 1:

On or about August 5, 2016, Aaron Matthew Erskine violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2016 P4 Report.

Count 2:

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Count 6:

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Count 7:

On or about February 6, 2017, Aaron Matthew Erskine violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2016 Termination Report.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on March 13, 2018.

M. Scott Thomas, Chairman Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Stephanie J. Cunningham, Assistant General Counsel John French, Attorney for Respondent Division of Elections, 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 <u>consent order</u> 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 <u>informal hearing</u> held before the Commission, if you <u>do not</u> dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 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 <u>formal hearing</u> 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 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 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.

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NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

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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 referral in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7)**, **Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on November 17, 2017, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

- 1. On April 14, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections ("Division"), alleging that Aaron Matthew Erskine ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
 - 2. Respondent was a 2016 candidate for State Senate, District 1. (ROI Exhibit 6)¹
- 3. By letter dated May 25, 2017, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provision:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent failed to timely notify the filing officer that he had no reportable activity and, therefore, would not be filing a report on the prescribed reporting date for each of the following reporting periods:

- 2016 P4
- 2016 G3
- 2016 G4
- 2016 G5
- 2016 G6
- 2016 G7
- 2016 TR
- 4. By letter dated June 28, 2016, Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received his Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)

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

- 5. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms were available on its website and directed Respondent to print out the *Calendar of Reporting Dates* as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 3)
- 6. Pursuant to Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, in any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds, made any contributions, or expended any reportable funds, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. However, the candidate is required to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.
- 7. The Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook references the statutory requirement regarding written notification and directs candidates to notify the Division by way of the Division's electronic filing system. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 5) The Candidate EFS User's Guide shows the process through which to notify the Division. The user's guide instructs candidates to select the relevant reporting period and place a checkmark in a box titled "Waiver" to indicate the lack of reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibit 4, pages 3-4)
- 8. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods, as set forth in the table below. (ROI Exhibit 5)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2016 P4	07/23/16 - 07/29/16	08/05/16	08/12/16	7
2016 G3	09/17/16 - 09/30/16	10/07/16	10/30/16	23
2016 G4	10/01/16 - 10/07/16	10/14/16	10/30/16	16
2016 G5	10/08/16 - 10/14/16	10/21/16	10/30/16	9 9
2016 G6	10/15/16 - 10/21/16	10/28/16	10/30/16	2
2016 G7	10/22/16 - 11/03/16	11/04/16	12/10/16	and a security of 36, and a second second
2016 TR	11/04/16 – 02/06/17	02/06/17	02/15/17	9

- 9. Respondent was given multiple opportunities to respond to Commission staff's investigation by filing a sworn statement with the Commission, but failed to do so.
- 10. "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).

11. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a 2016 candidate for State Senate, District 1. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods: 2016 P4, 2016 G3, 2016 G4, 2016 G5, 2016 G6, 2016 G7, and 2016 TR.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating the following:

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On or about February 6, 2017, Aaron Matthew Erskine violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2016 Termination Report.

Respectfully submitted on December <u>8</u>, 2017.

Stephanie J. Cunningham Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this St

Amy McKeever Toman Executive Director

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate who did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to

notify timely the filing officer, in writing, that no

report is being filed

Respondent: Aaron Matthew Erskine **Complainant:** Division of Elections

Respondent Type:

X Candidate

Political Committee

I. Preliminary Information:

Case Number: FEC 17-153

- 1. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) was filed on June 24, 2016. (Ex. 1)
- 2. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on Respondent's DS-DE 9 on June 28, 2016 advising Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, and the Calendar of Reporting Dates. (Ex. 2)
- 3. The acknowledgement letter also states, "An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports" and provides the telephone number for the Division's EFS Help Desk.
- 4. The Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook discusses filing a notice-of-no-activity when there is no activity to disclose on page 47. (Ex. 3)
- 5. Pages 12, 13, 44, and 45 of the *Candidate EFS User's Guide* discuss how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, page 13 instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose. (Ex. 4)
- 6. In a telephone interview on April 2, 2014, Kristi Reid-Bronson clarified that once the waiver box is chosen and a new report is opened as shown on page 12, the only available option on the report summary screen will be "Go To File Report" as shown on page 13. Choosing "Go To File Report" will take the user directly to the screens where the candidate/treasurer PINS are entered as shown on pages 44 and 45.

II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:

7. Respondent's filing history reflects the untimely filed notifications summarized below. (Ex. 5)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2016 P4	07/23/16 - 07/29/16	08/05/16	08/12/16	7
2016 G3	09/17/16 - 09/30/16	10/07/16	10/30/16	23
2016 G4	10/01/16 – 10/07/16	10/14/16	10/30/16	16
2016 G5	10/08/16 - 10/14/16	10/21/16	10/30/16	9
2016 G6	10/15/16 – 10/21/16	10/28/16	10/30/16	2

2016 G7	10/22/16 - 11/03/16	11/04/16	12/10/16	36
2017 TR	11/04/16 ¹ – 02/06/17	02/06/16	02/15/16	9

8. Respondent's counsel, John French, did not provide a written response to the referral.

9. According to the filing history, Respondent filed timely for the first three reporting periods (2016 P1, 2016 P2 and 2016 P3). Following the 2016 P4 reporting period, Respondent filed timely for the next five reporting periods. (Ex. 5)

III. FEC History:

10. Respondent has not had any prior cases before the Commission.

Conclusion:

11. Respondent's counsel stated in a telephone interview that his client did read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. Respondent signed his Statement of Candidate form on June 23, 2016. (Ex. 6)

12. The Investigative Phone Log is included with this report. (Ex. 7)

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR: Keck Smill Date: 11/17/17

¹ Respondent's "Campaign Finance Activity" sheet (Exhibit 5, page 2) shows the reporting period covering 10/22 - 02/06/17. However, this appears to have been in error as the correct reporting period, 11/04 - 02/06/17, is reflected on the "Campaign Finance Activity" of Respondent's two opponents.

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Aaron Matthew Erskine -- FEC 17-153

	LIST OF EXHIBITS
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Exhibit 1	DS-DE 9
Exhibit 2	Acknowledgement letter
Exhibit 3	Pgs. from Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook
Exhibit 4	Pgs. 12,13,44 & 45 from Candidate EFS User's Guide
Exhibit 5	Respondent's filing history
Exhibit 6	Statement of Candidate
Exhibit 7	Phone Log

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN **DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

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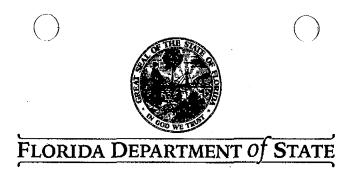
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4. Telephone 5. E-mail address	M. Hon. FL 32570						
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8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill	in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a						
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9. I have appointed the following person to act as my	Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer						
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6/23/2016 EXHIBIT	Signature of Campaign-Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer						
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Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

June 28, 2016

Aaron Matthew Erskine 5611 Jones Street Milton, Florida 32570

Dear Mr. Erskine:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Senator, which was placed on file in our office on June 24, 2016. Your name has been placed on the 2016 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on July 1, 2016. The report will cover the period of June 1-24, 2016 (P1). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. You, your campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting these passwords from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using these credentials, unless the Division is notified that your credentials have been compromised.

EFS Website Address: https://efs.dos.state.fl.us

Identification Number: 68549



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Pin Numbers

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update personal information. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your confidential pin numbers.

Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that password is forgotten or lost. When you enter the campaign account screen, there will be a drop down box where you pick a question (such as What is your mother's maiden name?) and supply an answer. All passwords and answers to questions are stored as encrypted data and cannot be viewed by Division staff and given out over the phone. Please notify the Division if your credentials have been compromised.

Timely Filing

All reports filed must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Electronic Receipts

The person submitting the report on the EFS will be issued an electronic receipt indicating and verifying the report was filed. Each campaign treasurer's report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath by the candidate and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.



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Instructions and Assistance

An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports. The Division of Elections will also provide assistance to all users by contacting the EFS Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, Calendar of Reporting Dates, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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Enclosures

EXHIBIT 2(3a3)

2016
Candidate
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Handbook

Florida Department of State Division of Elections R. A. Gray Building, Room 316 500 South Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250 850.245.6240

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Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook

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Chapter 16: Filing Campaign Reports

Each campaign treasurer designated by a candidate shall file regular reports of all contributions received and all expenditures made by or on behalf of such candidate.

The candidate and his or her campaign treasurer shall certify as to the correctness of each report. Each person so certifying shall bear the responsibility for the accuracy and veracity of each report. Any campaign treasurer or candidate who willfully certifies the correctness of any report while knowing that such report is incorrect, false or incomplete commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

Where to File

A campaign treasurer is required to file campaign treasurer's reports with the officer with whom the candidate registers.

Candidates filing reports with the Division are required to file by means of the <u>Electronic Filing System</u>. If the candidate's filing officer is other than the Division, contact the appropriate filing officer to find out the requirements.

The web address for filing online with the Division is: https://efs.dos.state.fl.us/ (Section 106.07(2), F.S.)

When to File

Reports must be filed on the 10th day following the end of each calendar month from the time the candidate registers, except that if the 10th day occurs on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the report shall be filed on the next business day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

A statewide candidate must file reports:

- 1. On the 60th day immediately preceding the primary election, and each week thereafter, with the last weekly report being filed on the 4th day immediately preceding the general election.
- 2. On the 10th day immediately preceding the general election, and each day thereafter, with the last daily report being filed the 5th day immediately preceding the general election.

All other candidates must file reports on the 60th day immediately preceding the primary election and bi-weekly on each Friday thereafter through and including the 4th day immediately preceding the general election, with additional reports due on the 25th and 11th days before the primary election and the general election.

For candidates that file with the Division, see the "Reporting Dates Calendar" at:

http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/formspublications/publications/ An individual seeking a publicly elected position on a political party executive committee who receives a contribution or makes an expenditure must file a single report of all contributions and expenditures on the 4th day immediately preceding the primary election. (See Chapter 18, Reporting for Individuals Seeking a Publicly Elected Position on a Party Executive Committee.)

Unless the electronic filing requirements of Section 106.0705, Florida Statutes, apply, reports shall be filed no later than 5 p.m. of the day designated. A report postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight of the day designated is deemed timely filed. A report received by the filing officer within 5 days after the designated due date that was delivered by the U.S. Postal Service is deemed timely filed unless it has a postmark indicating the report was mailed after the designated due date. A certificate of mailing obtained from and dated by the U.S. Postal Service at the time of mailing or a receipt from an established courier company, which bears a date on or before the date on which the report is due, is proof of mailing in a timely manner. Reports filed with the Division through the Electronic Filing System (EFS) are due no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date.

> (Sections <u>106.07</u>, <u>106.0705</u> and <u>106.141</u>, F.S.)

Penalty for Late Filing

Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is

greater, for the period covered by the late However, for the report. immediately preceding the primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. For a candidate's termination report, the fine shall be \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the late report. All fines must be paid from the candidate's personal funds - not campaign funds.

(Section 106.07(2) and (8), F.S.)

Notice of No Activity

In any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds or made any expenditures, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. However, the candidate must notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date. (A notice of no activity filed with the Division must be filed electronically using the EFS.) The next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed.

(Section <u>106.07</u>, F.S.)

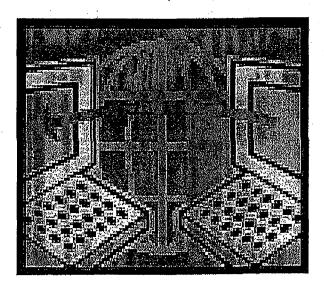
Incomplete Reports

If a campaign treasurer files a report that is deemed incomplete, it shall be accepted on a conditional basis. The campaign treasurer will be notified by the filing officer as to why the report is incomplete. The campaign

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Department of State Division of Elections

Candidate EFS User's Guide



Florida Department of State Division of Elections R.A. Gray Building, Room 316 500 S Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

EFS HELP LINE: 850-245-6280

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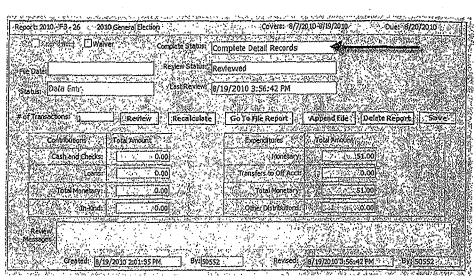
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EXHIBIT 4 (4 & 6)

File the Report

If the **Review Status** is <u>Updated Detail - Needs Review</u> the report has not been reviewed since the last update. (See page 38 for instructions on how to submit the report to the system for review.)

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EXHIBIT 4 (6&6)



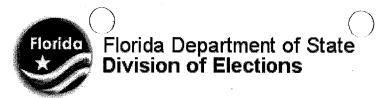
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Florida Election System Reports

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EXHIBIT <u>5 (1.42)</u>



2016 General Election Aaron Matthew Erskine (WRI) State Senator

Campaign Finance Activity

Note: The information presented below was obtained from the Committee's/Candidate's Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with the Division of Elections. About the Campaign Finance Data Base.

		Contributions					
	Filing Period	Monetary	Loans	InKind	Expend	Other	Transfers
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W	07/30/2016 - 08/05/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/06/2016 - 08/12/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/13/2016 - 08/25/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/26/2016 - 09/02/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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W	10/08/2016 - 10/14/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/15/2016 - 10/21/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/22/2016 - 11/03/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Note: (E) indicates that report was filed electronically

X Indicates that detail has not been released

W Indicates that a waiver was filed and L Indicates that a loan report was filed

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EXHIBIT <u>5 (2 & 2)</u>

Submit Query Now

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Aaron Matthew Erskine ,
candidate for the office of Florida State Senate, District 1;
have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
x 6/23/2016
Signature of Candidate 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 ailure 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).

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

Case No.: FEC 17-153

Respondent: Aaron Matthew Erskine

Complainant: Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** 11/15/17 @ 10:11 a.m. **Name:** John French – Respondent's Atty.

Phone #: 850-320-0032

Summary: I called counsel to inform him that I was turning in the case for review and for eventual mailing of the report and that I wanted to afford him an opportunity for any comments or questions. I left a message on his voice-mail asking that he return my call at his earliest convenience.

Memo to File? No Entered by: KS

2. **Date and time:** 11/15/17 @ 1:48 p.m. **Name:** John French – Respondent's Atty.

Phone #: 850-320-0032

Summary: Counsel called earlier and left a message on my voice-mail returning my earlier call to him; this call was in response to his voice-mail message. Counsel stated in his voice-mail message that he had completely forgotten about the affidavit that I e-mailed him on behalf of his client as he had been pre-occupied with moving. During this telephone call, I mentioned to counsel that one of the questions posed in the questionnaire-affidavit was whether his client read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and/or the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. Counsel answered in the affirmative on behalf of his client. Counsel was advised that he would receive a copy of the report within a week or so and that should he still want to settle the case he would do so with Stephanie.

Memo to File? No Entered by: KS

3. Date and time:

Name:

Phone #:

Summary:

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

4. Date and time:

Name:

Phone #:

Summary:

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

5. Date and time:

EXHIBIT 7 (162)

Name:
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Memo to File? No
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6. Date and time:

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Entered by:

10. Date and time:

Name:
Phone #:
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Memo to File? No
Entered by:

EXHIBIT 7 (202)



Re: FEC cases - settlement

John French

to:

Keith Smith 10/24/2017 12:50 PM

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From: John French < jfrench@jfrench.com>

To: Keith Smith < Keith. Smith@myfloridalegal.com>

Hi Keith-

It appears as though I was very over-optimistic in that it's now highly unlikely that I can wrap these up this week. Several things have popped up unexpectedly that have resulted in delays. I'm almost positive they'll settle eventually. I'm sorry if I'm putting you in a time crunch.

Take care...

John

On 10/24/2017 10:29 AM, Keith Smith wrote:

Hi John:

I have been out of the office the past two weeks but wanted to follow-up with you to see if we are still on for settling the three cases before Friday.

Just let me know at your earliest convenience. Hope all is well.

Keith Smith

Investigator - Florida Elections Commission 107 West Gaines Street - Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050 (850) 922-4539 (phone) (850) 921-0783 (fax)



Re: Referrals/Consent-order

John French

to:

Keith Smith

10/05/2017 11:36 AM

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From: John French <jfrench@jfrench.com>

To: Keith Smith < Keith. Smith@myfloridalegal.com >

Hi Keith-

Nice to work with you again. I'll have the signed documents and the checks back to you in plenty of time.

Thanks...

John

On 10/5/2017 10:33 AM, Keith Smith wrote:

Hi John:

It looks like the last possible date to have the money and signed consent-orders is Friday, October 27th in order for the three cases to make it on the November agenda, otherwise, they will not be heard until February of next year.

In reviewing each file, Stephanie had previously e-mailed you the consent-orders in all three cases. As a reminder, the cases are:

17-150 McNutt

17-153 Erksine

17-163 Bailey

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Keith Smith

Investigator - Florida Elections Commission 107 West Gaines Street - Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050 (850) 922-4539 (phone) (850) 921-0783 (fax)



Re: FEC 17-150. 17-153, and 17-163

John French

to:

Stephanie Cunningham 09/01/2017 12:36 PM

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From: John French <jfrench@jfrench.com>

To: Stephanie Cunningham < Stephanie.Cunningham @myfloridalegal.com >

Stephanie-

Thank you Ma'am. I hope you have a great holiday weekend as well.

John

On 9/1/2017 12:27 PM, Stephanie Cunningham wrote:

John:

Sept. 29th will give me enough time to get them on the Nov. agenda. Enjoy the long weekend!

Stephanie

John French ---08/29/2017 12:50:37 PM---Stephanie- Thanks for your thoughtfulness and patience. I'm well now but still

From: John French ifrench.com
To: Stephanie Cunningham Stephanie.Cunningham@myfloridalegal.com
Date: 08/29/2017 12:50 PM
Subject: Re: FEC 17-150. 17-153, and 17-163

Stephanie-

Thanks for your thoughtfulness and patience. I'm well now but still playing catch-up. How does Sept. 29 work for you as the last day to get the documents/funds to you? That will give me plenty of time and will hopefully be before your deadline for the November meeting?

Thanks again...

John

On 8/29/2017 8:55 AM, Stephanie Cunningham wrote:

John:

I'm sorry to hear that. I hope you are feeling better. Can you give me a date that I should expect to receive the documents/funds? I would like to get these done by the deadline for the November agenda.

Stephanie

John French ---08/22/2017 12:43:50 PM---Stephanie- Due to a series of unforeseen events, including a fairly lengthy

From: John French <u><ifrench@ifrench.com></u>
To: Stephanie Cunningham <u><Stephanie.Cunningham@myfloridalegal.com></u>
Date: 08/22/2017 12:43 PM

Subject: Re: FEC 17-150. 17-153, and 17-163

Stephanie-

Due to a series of unforeseen events, including a fairly lengthy illness, I'm running way behind on everything. I would appreciate some additional time on these if you can give it to me. I assure you that this is atypical of me and I promise I won't ask for any further delays.

Thanks for your consideration...

John

On 8/22/2017 9:57 AM, Stephanie Cunningham wrote:

John:

Any update on this? Thanks!

Stephanie

John French ---07/19/2017 03:25:38 PM---Stephanie- Thanks a bunch!!! I appreciate your help...

From: John French <u><ifrench@ifrench.com></u>
To: Stephanie Cunningham <u><Stephanie.Cunningham@myfloridalegal.com></u>
Date: 07/19/2017 03:25 PM

Subject: Re: FEC 17-150. 17-153, and 17-163

Stephanie-

Thanks a bunch!!! I appreciate your help...

John

On 7/19/2017 3:20 PM, Stephanie Cunningham wrote:

Mr. French:

I'm sorry to hear about your computer. That's great that everything was able to be recovered. Lets extend the deadline to August 18th..

Stephanie

John French ---07/19/2017 02:45:57 PM---Ms. Cunningham- You were kind enough to send me the proposed CO in FEC 17-163 on June 30

From: John French <u>Ifrench.com></u>
To: Stephanie Cunningham
">
Date: 07/19/2017 02:45 PM

Subject: FEC 17-150. 17-153, and 17-163

Ms. Cunningham-

You were kind enough to send me the proposed CO in FEC 17-163 on June 30 and the other two COs on July 3. I found all three to be consistent with out conversation and am strongly advising my clients to accept them. Unfortunately, I experienced a serious computer crash on July 4 that prevented me from forwarding the COs to my clients or from any other form of contact since their names. addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers were solely on the computer. I finally got my computer back yesterday afternoon. Very fortunately, they were able to restore my hard drive with no loss of data. Needless to say, two weeks without a computer sent me through all types of withdrawal, etc.

The "expiration date" on 17-163 is this Friday. The other two are due this coming Monday. It would be very difficult to send the COs to my clients, give them any sort of time to consider them and ask questions, obtain money

orders/checks, and return them to me by the scheduled due dates. Under the rather unusual circumstances, I would appreciate your consideration of extending the due dates on all three until Friday, August 4 or until such other date that would provide me with reasonable time to get them turned around and back to you.

Thanks for your consideration...

John



FEC 17-153 John French

Erin Riley

06/09/2017 08:58 AM

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From: John French <jfrench@jfrench.com>
To: Erin Riley <fec@myfloridalegal.com>

1 Attachment



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Ms. Riley-

Attached is my notice of appearance in this case. Please note that I'm also requesting contact concerning settlement potentials. Please let me know if there is anything else I need to do at this time.

Thanks for your help...

John French

JOHN FRENCH

ATTORNEY AT LAW

1531 LIVE OAK DRIVE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32301 PHONE: (850) 320-0032 FAX: (850)270-1428 JFRENCH@JFRENCH.COM

June 9, 2017

Ms. Erin Riley Deputy Agency Clerk Florida Elections Commission 107 West Gaines Street Suite 224 Collins Building Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Case No. 17-153; Respondent: Aaron Erskine

Dear Ms. Ryan,

Please consider this as my Notice of Appearance in the above-styled matter. All future communications regarding this matter should be made through me at the address, phone number, or email address set forth in my letterhead above.

Please note that my client is interested in settlement of this matter. I would appreciate it if you would direct this letter to the appropriate attorney or investigator in anticipation that I will be contacted regarding these possibilities.

Thank you for your assistance.



FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224 Collins Building Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050 Telephone: (850) 922-4539 Fax: (850) 921-0783

www.fec.state.fl.us; fec@myfloridalegal.com

May 25, 2017

Aaron Matthew Erskine 5611 Jones Street Milton, FL 32570-2670

RE: Case No.: FEC 17-153; Respondent: Aaron Matthew Erskine

Dear Mr. Erskine:

On April 14, 2017, 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(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent failed to timely notify the filing officer that he had no reportable activity and, therefore, would not be filing a report on the prescribed reporting date for each of the following reporting periods:

- 2016 P4
- 2016 G3
- 2016 G4
- 2016 G5
- 2016 G6
- 2016 G7
- 2016 TR

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 make a written recommendation (Staff Recommendation or SR) to the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to charge respondent with violating Chapters 104 or 106, Florida 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. You and the complainant will receive notice at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you **notify us of a new address**. Also, please remember that complaints, Commission 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.

For additional information, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Commission's website (www.fec.state.fl.us). If you have additional questions, please contact **Keith Smith**, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,

Amy McKeever Toman

Executive Director

AMT/dam



Re: CONFIDENTIAL CASE - FEC17-153

Erin Riley to: aaron erskine

04/25/2017 11:22 AM

Thank you Mr. Erskine! Please respond to the complaint by May 14, 2017 if you wish to do so.

Erin Riley Administrative Assistant II Florida Elections Commission

Phone: 850-922-4539 Fax: 850-921-0783

Email Erin.Riley@myfloridalegal.com

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aaron erskine

respond please On Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 10:... 04/25/2017 11:11:01 AM

From:

aaron erskine <aaroners2003@vahoo.com>

To:

Erin Riley < Erin. Riley@myfloridalegal.com>

Date:

04/25/2017 11:11 AM

Subject:

Re: CONFIDENTIAL CASE - FEC17-153

respond please

On Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 10:59:44 AM EDT, Erin Riley <Erin.Riley@myfloridalegal.com> wrote:

Mr. Erskine.

Please find attached the complaint/referral that was filed against you. Should you have any questions, please let us know. Please confirm receipt by responding to this email.

(See attached file: 2017-04-14_Complaint.pdf)

Thanks. Erin Rilev Administrative Assistant II Florida Elections Commission Phone: 850-922-4539 Fax: 850-921-0783

Email Erin.Riley@myfloridalegal.com

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Fw: CONFIDENTIAL CASE - FEC17-153

Erin Riley to: aaroners2003

04/25/2017 11:07 AM

Mr. Erskine,

Please find attached the cover letter for the complaint. My apologies!



2017-04-21_1st 14 day ltr.pdf

Fax: 850-921-0783

Thanks, Erin Riley Administrative Assistant II Florida Elections Commission Phone: 850-922-4539

Email Erin.Riley@myfloridalegal.com

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---- Forwarded by Erin Riley/OAG on 04/25/2017 11:06 AM -----

From:

Erin Riley/OAG

To:

aaroners2003@yahoo.com

Date:

04/25/2017 10:59 AM

Subject:

CONFIDENTIAL CASE - FEC17-153

Mr. Erskine,

Please find attached the complaint/referral that was filed against you. Should you have any questions, please let us know. Please confirm receipt by responding to this email.



2017-04-14_Complaint.pdf

Thanks, Erin Riley Administrative Assistant II Florida Elections Commission Phone: 850-922-4539 Fax: 850-921-0783

Email Erin.Riley@myfloridalegal.com

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
FEC NOTICE FORM 2017 APR 141 P 3: 34

To FEC from Division of Elections STATE OF FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Candidate:

Aaron Matthew Erskine

Account Number: 68549

Treasurer:

Aaron Matthew Erskine

The Division of Elections hereby provides this notice to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to Sections 106.07(8)(d), 106.22(7), and 106.25(2), Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, has occurred based upon repeated late filings or failure to file notifications to the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date under s. 106.07(7).

2016 P4

2016 G7

2016 G3

2016 TR

2016 G4

2016 G5

2016 G6

Sent By:

Kristi Reid Bronson

Date:

April 13, 2017

URM

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA County of Leon

Kristi Reid Bronson, being duly sworn, says:

- 1. I am the Chief of the Bureau of Election Records of the Division of Elections (Division). In that capacity, I oversee the Division's duties related to the filing of campaign finance reports. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
- 2. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
- 3. Aaron Matthew Erskine (68549) was a 2016 candidate for the office of State Senator. On June 24, 2016, Aaron Matthew Erskine filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division designating himself as treasurer. (See attached documents and acknowledgment letter).
- 4. The 2016 P4 campaign treasurer's report was due on August 5, 2016. Mr. Erskine failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Erskine filed a notification of no activity on August 12, 2016. (See attached letter and file receipt).
- 5. The 2016 G3 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 7, 2016. Mr. Erskine failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Erskine filed a notification of no activity on October 30, 2016. (See attached letter and file receipt).
- 6. The 2016 G4 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 14, 2016. Mr. Erskine failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Erskine filed a notification of no activity on October 30, 2016. (See attached file receipt).
- 7. The 2016 G5 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 21, 2016. Mr. Erskine failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Erskine filed a notification of no activity on October 30, 2016. (See attached file receipt).
- 8. The 2016 G6 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 28, 2016. Mr. Erskine failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Erskine filed a notification of no activity on October 30, 2016. (See attached file receipt).

- 9. The 2016 G7 campaign treasurer's report was due on November 4, 2016. Mr. Erskine failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Erskine filed a notification of no activity on December 10, 2016. (See attached file receipt).
- 10. The 2016 TR campaign treasurer's report was due on February 6, 2017. Mr. Erskine failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Erskine filed a notification of no activity on February 15, 2017. (See attached file receipt).

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

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 13th day of April, 2017.

Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known



APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN **DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

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(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)	DIVISION OF ELECTIONS SECRETARY OF STATE				
NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.	OFFICE USE OF				
1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):					
Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Tre	asurer/Deputy Depository Deffice P				
2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)	3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip				
Aaron Matthew Estine	code) - 3611 James Street - Milton, FL 32570				
4. Telephone 5. E-mail address	M. 7ton. FL 32570				
1850 1501-3573 aaroners 2005 equipo. 10m					
6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)	7. If a candidate for a <u>nonpartisan</u> office, check i				
	applicable:				
Florida State Senate, District 1	My intent is to run as a Write-In candida				
8. If a candidate for a <u>partisan</u> office, check block and fill li	n name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a				
Write-In 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					
Agron Mathew Erstine					
11. Mailing Address	12. Telephone				
5611 Jones Street	(850) Sol-35				
13. City 14. County 15. State					
Mittoh South Rigg FL	32570				
18. I have designated the following bank as my	Primary Depository Secondary Depository				
19. Name of Bank 20. Address					
Bink of America					
21. City 22. County	23. State 24. Zip Code				
Milton Soute Pasa	Fc 3259)				
UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER I DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.					
25. Date 26. Signature of Candidate					
6/23/216 X					
27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)					
1. Agram Mathew Erstine, do hereby accept the appointment					
(Please Print or Type Name)					
designated above as:					
6/23/2016 X					
Date	Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer				



RICK SCOTT Governor KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

June 28, 2016

Aaron Matthew Erskine 5611 Jones Street Milton, Florida 32570

Dear Mr. Erskine:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Senator, which was placed on file in our office on June 24, 2016. Your name has been placed on the 2016 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on July 1, 2016. The report will cover the period of June 1-24, 2016 (P1). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. You, your campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting these passwords from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using these credentials, unless the Division is notified that your credentials have been compromised.

EFS Website Address: https://efs.dos.state.fl.us

Identification Number: 68549



Aaron Erskine June 28, 2016 Page Two

Pin Numbers

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update personal information. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your confidential pin numbers.

Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that password is forgotten or lost. When you enter the campaign account screen, there will be a drop down box where you pick a question (such as What is your mother's maiden name?) and supply an answer. All passwords and answers to questions are stored as encrypted data and cannot be viewed by Division staff and given out over the phone. Please notify the Division if your credentials have been compromised.

Timely Filing

All reports filed must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Electronic Receipts

The person submitting the report on the EFS will be issued an electronic receipt indicating and verifying the report was filed. Each campaign treasurer's report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath by the candidate and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

Aaron Erskine June 28, 2016 Page Three

Instructions and Assistance

An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports. The Division of Elections will also provide assistance to all users by contacting the EFS Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, Calendar of Reporting Dates, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief

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Bureau of Election Records

KRB/zjs

Enclosures



ID: 68549

Name: Aaron Matthew Erskine

Report: 2016 - P4 - 4

Print Date: 4/12/2017 4:01:30 PM

Election: 2016 General Election Covers: 7/23/2016-7/29/2016

Amended W Waiver

Due: 8/5/2016

Filed: **8/12/2016 3:22:45 PM**

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 8/12/2016

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0
Expenditures: 0

Fund Transfers:

Pending Queued Items: 0

Distributions: 0



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

August 16, 2016

Aaron Matthew Erskine 5611 Jones Street Milton, FL 32570-2570

CAN 68549

Dear Mr. Erskine:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of August 5, 2016, was not filed until August 12, 2016. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

If you have any questions, please contact the help desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records



ID: 68549 Name: Aaron Matthew Erskine

Report: 2016 - G3 - 10

Print Date: 4/12/2017 4:04:22 PM

Election: 2016 General Election Covers: 9/17/2016-9/30/2016

Amended Wwaiver

Due: 10/7/2016

Filed: 10/30/2016 11:39:07 AM

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 10/30/2016

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0
Expenditures: 0

Fund Transfers: 0

Pending Queued Items: 0

Distributions: 0



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

November 15, 2016

Aaron Matthew Erskine 5611 Jones Street Milton, FL 32570-2570

CAN 68549

Dear Mr. Erskine:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of October 7, 2016, was not filed until October 30, 2016. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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Sincerely.

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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ID: **68549**

Name: Aaron Matthew Erskine

Report: 2016 - G4 - 11

Print Date: 4/12/2017 4:04:00 PM

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 10/1/2016-10/7/2016

Amended Waiver

Due: 10/14/2016

Filed: **10/30/2016 11:40:38 AM**

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 10/30/2016

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Expenditures:

Contributions:

Pending Queued Items: 0

Fund Transfers:

Distributions:



ID: 68549 Name: Aaron Matthew Erskine

Report: 2016 - G5 - 12

Print Date: 4/12/2017 4:02:46 PM

Election: 2016 General Election Covers: 10/8/2016-10/14/2016

☐ Amended ☑ Waiver

Due: 10/21/2016

Filed: 10/30/2016 11:42:11 AM

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 10/30/2016

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Contributions: 0

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: 0

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0



ID: **68549**

Name: Aaron Matthew Erskine

Report: 2016 - G6 - 13

Print Date: 4/12/2017 4:03:40 PM

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 10/15/2016-10/21/2016

Due: 10/28/2016

Filed: 10/30/2016 11:42:53 AM

☐ Amended ☑ Waiver

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 10/30/2016

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records Contributions:

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Expenditures:

Pending Queued Items: 0

Fund Transfers:

Distributions:

ID: 68549

Name: Aaron Matthew Erskine

Report: 2016 - G7 - 15

Due: 11/4/2016

Print Date: 4/12/2017 4:02:11 PM

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 10/22/2016-11/3/2016

☐ Amended ☑ Waiver

Filed: 12/10/2016 10:45:56 PM

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 12/10/2016

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

Number of Detail Records

File Method: Web Filed

Contributions:

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Expenditures:

Pending Queued Items: 0

Fund Transfers:

Distributions:

ID: 68549 Name: Aaron Matthew Erskine

Report: 2017 - TR - 14

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 10/22/2016-2/6/2017

Due: 2/6/2017

Print Date: 4/12/2017 4:01:09 PM

Amended Waiver

Filed: 2/15/2017 11:46:18 PM

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 12/10/2016

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

Pending Queued Items: 0

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Number of Detail Records

Contributions:

Expenditures:

Fund Transfers:

Distributions:

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'

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HISTORY NOTES

Aaron Matthew Erskine - 68549

Last Edited Date Orginally Recorded By Unique ID Date Recorded 48193 6/28/2016 1:59:00 PM dsbrown RE: Credentials Candidate called back; said we had tried to contact him about his credentials. I gave him his account number, password, PIN as candidate and PIN as treasurer. Also gave him the EFS website address. Walked him through filing his first report as a waiver. Candidate said he had no transactions to report. Ejrowlette 48173 6/28/2016 10:36:00 AM Re: Calling Can. To give pw and pin I attempted to reach Mr. Erskine but got his voice mail. I left the message that I was calling to remind him that he needed to file his first report, the 2016 P1, this Friday. I told him that he would need his pin numbers and passwords to do this report and I was prepared to give those to him. I told him I would not leave this information on an answering machine, but he should call us back at the Division of Elections and we would provide him his password and pin# to get started. Ejr 48172 6/28/2016 10:36:00 AM Ejrowlette Re: Call to give pw and pins