

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Evan Tharpe Leslie

Case No.: FEC 18-313

TO: Evan Tharpe Leslie
271 SW Adobe Pointe Lake
Lake City, FL 32024-2024

Division of Elections
500 S Bronough Street, Room 316
Tallahassee, FL 32399

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **August 13, 2019 at 8:30 am**, *or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard*, at the following location: **Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Room 110-S, Tallahassee, Florida 32399**. Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

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See further instructions on the reverse side.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
July 29, 2019

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STATE OF FLORIDA
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,**

Case No.: FEC 18-313

v.

**Evan Leslie Tharpe,
Respondent.**

ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 14, 2019, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On March 20, 2019, 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 there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violations:

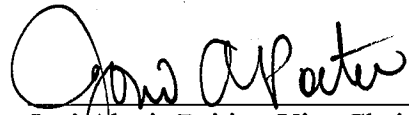
Count 1:

On or about May 10, 2018, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because Respondent had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2018 M4 reporting period.

Count 2:

On or about June 11, 2018, Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when Respondent deliberately failed to include information required to be reported when Respondent failed to file a 2018 M5 Report.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on May 14, 2019.



Joni Alexis Poitier, Vice Chair
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel
Evan Tharpe Leslie, 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 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 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 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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Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
April 30, 2019

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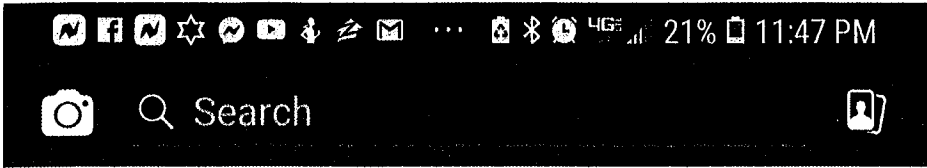
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These post to my personal/campaign website coincide with the dates I filed to run and withdrew 



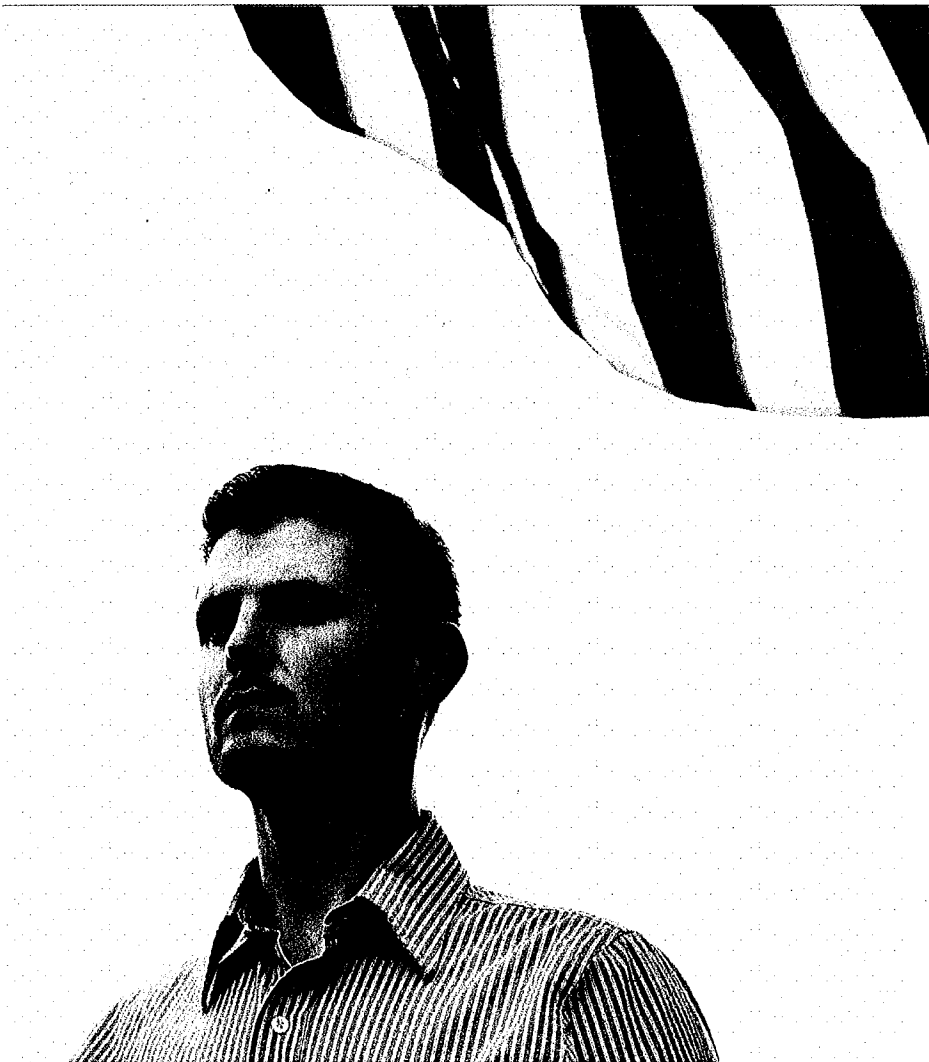
#PeopleOverParties  



Representative if honored with the opportunity.

If you're interested in helping the Campaign out, please contact me on here until we have the website up and running, we will be knocking doors just about everyday, your support is greatly appreciated.

-Evan T Leslie for State Representative district 10 (Columbia, Suwannee , Hamilton, Baker, parts of Alachua)





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*The Right to Keep and Bear Arms Shall Not Be Infringed- I come from a family of Marines, I've grown up, like many of us in this district, shooting for game, food, fun, it's a way of life here in North Central Florida, and this past year was the last straw as our current representation voted YES to directly infringing on the right to bear arms for people between the ages of 18-20, if this doesn't upset you, it should. I'm running because silence is consent, and I'm not going to settle for this.

*Over Partisan Gridlock- Its high time we find common ground, pursue compromise, and expedite solutions that improve our district, our communities, our residents. I have grown up hearing "You two better get along" while being raised with my two older brothers, I will soon be a Father of Two and will expect the same out of my children, as we all should, but how can we expect such behavior out of our children , while the main stage of Congress resembles that of an unruly daycare at times. That change starts with a vote.

I look forward to speaking with everyone and getting to further explain my plans and goals as Representative if honored with the opportunity.

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Evan Tharpe Leslie is with Courtney Watson and 36 others.



Apr 19, 2018 at 5:21 PM • Columbia, Florida •



November of 2010, Elizabeth Porter won (what was then House District 11) District 10 unseating one of the best representatives I believe this area could ask for (Representative Debbie Boyd) I was Debbie's volunteer coordinator during that 2010 election, after having to choose between a job with Elizabeth or Debbie, and after a long campaign season I always found conviction in my choice to pick Debbie. My father often joked with me about myself running against Elizabeth for the seat. I'd always laugh at my dad and then hear his follow up of "I'm serious". Our talks almost always consisted of policy and politics, which I miss the most every day, especially during this campaign season, one with which my name was going to be on the ballot for a seat he had always wanted me to go for ,When he passed this January 28th it was divine intervention, that I had a load of constituents reach out to me and express there support for me to run for the now vacated office of House 10. Although I've only recently filed to run, I've noticed myself day after day thinking more and more of my dad as I knock doors and get petitions, hear much support, and as i think more and more of him, I find myself making excuses to cut off from the campaign trail early to go home to my wonderful wife **Sylvi Leslie** and our Daughter Althea , to either work on our beloved garden, find new things to remodel on my child good home,



new things to remodel on my child good home, drive to Gran-MaMa's for a day of lounging, I've realized that this is what my father would want more than anything, and to have my heart wavering as it has so, I feel it's not right for my party or my district to run a race I can't fully commit to, I've decided that I'm not going to keep feeling guilty about spending the excessive time with my family ♥️ and I'm going to withdrawal from the race for Representative. I appreciate all who have supported me, gotten together to knock doors for me, and even those who got knocked on by me and wound up in a 45 minute conversation 🤝. However this doesn't mean I'll be silent during the campaign season. There is much work to do, not just for district 10, but the great cities within it! So make sure you stay involved, make sure you VOTE, attend those council meetings, go to that rally. Here in North Florida we have something other areas only dream of, access to our elected officials! Call those candidates, have lunch ask questions that are important to you, and make the choice that's right to you based on policy not party!! Because it will always be People over Parties. Dont vote on issues that are simply hot topics this year, remember those votes on Fracking, Teacher Pay, Clean air, etc..

And the V.A.... I have my eyes on you!

#FloridasFuture
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CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

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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 complaint in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Sections 106.07(7) and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on February 8, 2019, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation.

1. On September 27, 2018, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from the Division of Elections (“Division”) alleging Evan Tharpe Leslie (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent was a candidate for State Representative, District 10, in the 2018 election. He did not qualify. Respondent's Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form was filed with the Division on March 12, 2018. (ROI Exhibit 1)¹

3. By letter dated December 19, 2018, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following alleged violations:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2018 candidate for State Representative, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

- 2018 M4
- 2018 M5

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

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2018 candidate for State Representative, falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, during the following reporting periods:

- 2018 M4
- 2018 M5

4. By letter dated March 14, 2018, Kristi Reid Willis, Division of Elections, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, notified Respondent that his name had been placed on the 2018 active candidate list. The letter advised Respondent that all candidates who file reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system (“EFS”) and provided Respondent with a user identification number and initial password to access the EFS. (ROI Exhibit 2)

5. Ms. Bronson’s March 14, 2018 letter further advised Respondent that all the Division’s publications and reporting forms were available on the Division’s website and directed Respondent to print a copy of Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* (“Handbook”), and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 2)

Sections 106.07(7) and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

6. Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, provides that:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, in any reporting period during which a candidate or political committee 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 next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed, and any candidate or political committee not reporting by virtue of this subsection on dates prescribed elsewhere in this chapter **shall notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.** (Emphasis added)

7. Page 47 of the Handbook states:

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.** (Emphasis in original)

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

(Attachment A)

8. Respondent's 2018 M4 Report covering the dates of April 1, 2018, through April 30, 2018, was due on May 10, 2018. However, Respondent failed to file a 2018 M4 Report or notice of no activity with the Division on the due date. On May 11, 2018, July 10, 2018, and July 26, 2018, the Division sent notification to Respondent that he had not filed a 2018 M4 Report or notice of no activity, whichever was applicable. The Division's July 26, 2018 letter was confirmed delivered on July 28, 2018. (ROI Exhibit 3 and ROI Exhibit 5, pages 1 and 2; Attachment B; and Attachment C)

9. Respondent's campaign account records show Respondent had no reportable financial activity during the 2018 M4 reporting period. Therefore, Respondent was required to file a notice of no activity with the filing officer on May 10, 2018; which, as of March 21, 2019, Respondent has failed to do. (ROI Exhibit 6, pages 1 and 3; and Attachment C)²

10. Respondent's 2018 M5 Report covering the dates of May 1, 2018, through May 31, 2018, was due on June 11, 2018. However, Respondent failed to file a 2018 M5 Report or notice of no activity with the Division on the due date. On June 12, 2018, July 10, 2018, and July 26, 2018, the Division sent notification to Respondent that he had not filed a 2018 M5 Report or notice of no activity, whichever was applicable. The Division's July 26, 2018 letter was confirmed delivered on July 28, 2018. (ROI Exhibit 4; ROI Exhibit 5, pages 3 and 4; Attachment B; and Attachment C)

11. Respondent's campaign account records show that a \$5.00 credit posted to Respondent's campaign account on May 15, 2018. Therefore, Respondent was required to file a 2018 M5 Report; which, as of March 21, 2019, he has failed to do. (ROI Exhibit 6, page 3 and Attachment C)³

12. In a January 19, 2019 affidavit, Respondent stated he had previously been appointed secretary of his party's executive committee, he obtained a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on January 15, 2019, and he had read the Handbook when he filed to run for office. (ROI Exhibit 7)

13. Respondent also stated in his affidavit that he did not file a notice of no activity for the 2018 M4 reporting period because he emailed his withdrawal from the race to the Division prior to the close of the first filing period. Additionally, Respondent claimed he did not file a 2018 M5 Report because the money was his, he opened the account in order to accept contributions, but he did not receive any contributions during the campaign. (ROI Exhibit 7, page 2)⁴

² Respondent's campaign account had a balance of (\$41.99) during the 2018 M4 reporting period. (ROI Exhibit 6, pages 1 and 3)

³ Respondent's campaign account balance at the end of the 2018 M5 reporting period was (\$36.99). (ROI Exhibit 6, page 3)

⁴ It appears Respondent did not send a letter or a signed email to the Division withdrawing from the race. (Attachment D)

14. "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).

15. The facts above show that Respondent was a candidate for State Representative, District 10, in the 2018 election. He did not qualify. Respondent's 2018 M4 Report covering the dates of April 1, 2018, through April 30, 2018, was due on May 10, 2018. Respondent failed to file a 2018 M4 Report or a notice of no activity on the due date. During the 2018 M4 reporting period, Respondent had no reportable financial activity. However, despite receiving three notification letters from the Division reminding Respondent to file a 2018 M4 Report or notice of no activity, as of March 21, 2019, Respondent has failed to file a notice of no activity for the 2018 M4 reporting period.

16. The facts above also show that Respondent's 2018 M5 Report covering the dates of May 1, 2018, through May 31, 2018 was due on June 11, 2018. Respondent failed to file a 2018 M5 Report or a notice of no activity on the due date. During the 2018 M5 reporting period, Respondent had reportable financial activity in his campaign account; and therefore, Respondent was required to file a 2018 M5 Report. However, despite receiving three notification letters from the Division reminding Respondent to file a 2018 M5 Report or notice of no activity, as of March 21, 2019, Respondent has failed to file a 2018 M5 Report.

17. Additionally, the facts above show Respondent testified in his affidavit that he received and read the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer's Handbook. Respondent also stated he did not file a notice of no activity for the 2018 M4 reporting period because he emailed his withdrawal from the race to the Division prior to the close of the first filing period. Respondent claimed he did not file a 2018 M5 Report because the money in the account was his, he opened the account in order to accept contributions, but he did not receive any contributions during the campaign.

Based upon the foregoing facts and circumstances, staff recommends the Commission find probable cause that Respondent committed the following violations:

Count 1:

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Count 2:

On or about June 11, 2018, Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when Respondent deliberately failed to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106 when Respondent failed to file a 2018 M5 Report.

Respectfully submitted on March 20, 2019.



Eric M. Lipman
General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 20th day of March 2019.



Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

2016 Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook

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ATTACHMENT

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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 106.07, 106.0705
and 106.141, 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 report. However, for the reports 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 106.07, 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

Calendar of Reporting Dates
for 2018 Candidates (other than statewide candidates)
registered with the Division of Elections

| <u>Cover Period</u> | <u>Report Code</u> | <u>Due Date</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 12/1/17 - 12/31/17 | 2017 M12 | 1/10/2018 |
| 1/1/18 - 1/31/18 | 2018 M1 | 2/12/2018 |
| 2/1/18 - 2/28/18 | 2018 M2 | 3/12/2018 |
| 3/1/18 - 3/31/18 | 2018 M3 | 4/10/2018 |
| 4/1/18 - 4/30/18 | 2018 M4 | 5/10/2018 |
| 5/1/18 - 5/31/18 | 2018 M5 | 6/11/2018 |

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| 6/1/18 - 6/22/18 | 2018 P1 | 6/29/2018 |
| 6/23/18 - 7/6/18 | 2018 P2 | 7/13/2018 |
| 7/7/18 - 7/20/18 | 2018 P3 | 7/27/2018 |
| 7/21/18 - 7/27/18 | 2018 P4 | 8/3/2018 |
| 7/28/18 - 8/3/18 | 2018 P5 | 8/10/2018 |
| 8/4/18 - 8/10/18 | 2018 P6 | 8/17/2018 |
| 8/11/18 - 8/23/18 | 2018 P7 | 8/24/2018 |

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| 8/24/18 - 8/31/18 | 2018 G1 | 9/7/2018 |
| 9/1/18 - 9/14/18 | 2018 G2 | 9/21/2018 |
| 9/15/18 - 9/28/18 | 2018 G3 | 10/5/2018 |
| 9/29/18 - 10/5/18 | 2018 G4 | 10/12/2018 |
| 10/6/18 - 10/12/18 | 2018 G5 | 10/19/2018 |
| 10/13/18 - 10/19/18 | 2018 G6 | 10/26/2018 |
| 10/20/18 - 11/1/18 | 2018 G7 | 11/2/2018 |

Termination Reports

| <u>Cover Period</u> | <u>Report Code</u> | <u>Due Date</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| After April-May Qualifying | TR | 8/2/2018 |
| After June Qualifying | TR | 9/20/2018 |
| Primary Election | TR | 11/26/2018 |
| General Election | TR | 2/4/2019 |

ATTACHMENT B



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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Candidate Name: Evan Tharpe Leslie

Name

Account: 70506

Election:

Acct 70506

Type

Search Reset

| Date Due | Type | Date Filed | Status | Days Late | Fine Assessed | Appealed | Amount Fined | Amount Paid |
|-----------|------|------------|--------|-----------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------------|
| 9/20/2018 | TR | | FEC | 0 | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 6/11/2018 | M5 | | FEC | 0 | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5/10/2018 | M4 | | FEC | 0 | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 4/10/2018 | M3 | | FEC | 0 | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

ATTACHMENT C

Campaign Documents Search

Forms are available in Adobe's Acrobat PDF format for viewing or printing at your site. Accessing documents in PDF format requires use of [Adobe's Acrobat Reader](#), which may be installed free of charge.

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| Leslie, Evan Tharpe | CAN | 11/07/18 | Fail to File Letter | PDF |
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| Leslie, Evan Tharpe | CAN | 04/11/18 | Fail to File Letter | PDF |
| Leslie, Evan Tharpe | CAN | 03/14/18 | Acknowledgment Letter | PDF |
| Leslie, Evan Tharpe | CAN | 03/12/18 | Candidate Appt of Campaign Treasurer | PDF |
| Leslie, Evan Tharpe | CAN | 03/12/18 | Statement of Candidate | PDF |

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Keith Smith

To: Willis, Kristi R. (Bronson)
Subject: RE: Referral

No he did not.

Thanks for checking on this.

Keith

From: Willis, Kristi R. (Bronson) <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2019 9:30 AM
To: Keith Smith <Keith.Smith@myfloridalegal.com>
Subject: RE: Referral

A simple email is not sufficient. The rule requires the candidate to submit a signed statement. If he emailed a signed statement we would have accepted it. I did not find any emails at all. Did he provide a copy of the email?

From: Keith Smith [<mailto:Keith.Smith@myfloridalegal.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2019 9:16 AM
To: Willis, Kristi R. (Bronson) <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>
Subject: Referral

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

Hi Kristi:

Evan Tharpe Leslie (ID # 70506), a 2018 candidate for State Representative, claims he e-mailed a notice that he was withdrew from the race before for the first filing period.

I reviewed the Campaign Documents under his name on the Division's website and I did not locate any mention of the candidate withdrawing from the race.

Does the Division have any documentation showing that the candidate withdrew from the race and does the Division accept a withdrawal notice via e-mail?

Thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Keith Smith

Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street – Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050
(850) 922-4539 ext. 112
Keith.Smith@myfloridalegal.com

ATTACHMENT D, page 2

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Case No.: FEC 18-313

Respondent: Evan Tharpe Leslie

Complainant: Division of Elections

Pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, on September 27, 2018, the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) received information from the Division of Elections (Division) that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Commission staff, therefore, investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate that did not received any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to notify timely the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed; and

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, prohibiting a person or organization from falsely reporting or deliberately failing to report information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

I. Preliminary Information:

1. Respondent, Evan Tharpe Leslie, was a 2018 candidate for State Representative, District 10; however, he did not qualify.
2. Complainant is the Division.
3. Respondent's filing officer is Kristi Reid Willis, Chief, Bureau of Election Records.
4. On March 12, 2018, Respondent's Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository form (DS-DE 9) was filed with the Division. Respondent appointed Sylvi Leslie as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 9 form, refer to Exhibit 1.
5. On March 14, 2018, Ms. Willis sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that his name had been placed on the active candidate list. The letter advised Respondent that all candidates filing reports with the Division are required to file by means of the Division's electronic filing system (EFS). Respondent was provided with a user identification number and initial password allowing him access to the EFS.
6. The letter also advised 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. The letter further advised Respondent that it was his responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's elections laws. To review the acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 2.

2018 M4 reporting period

7. On May 11, 2018 and July 10, 2018, the Division sent Respondent letters stating he had not filed either a campaign report or notification that no reportable activity occurred and reminded him that the filing date was May 10, 2018. The letters were mailed to Respondent at the address provided on his DS-DE 9 form. To review the letters relative to the 2018 M4 reporting period, refer to Exhibit 3.

2018 M5 reporting period

8. On June 12, 2018 and July 10, 2018, the Division sent Respondent letters stating he had not filed either a campaign report or notification that no reportable activity occurred and reminded him that the filing date was June 11, 2018. The letters were mailed to Respondent at the address provided on his DS-DE 9 form. To review the letters relative to the 2018 M5 reporting period, refer to Exhibit 4.

Final Notice for both the 2018 M4 and 2018 M5 reporting periods

9. On July 26, 2018, the Division sent Respondent letters marked "Final Notice" stating that his 2018 M4 and 2018 M5 campaign reports or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, had not been filed. The letter was mailed to Respondent at the address provided on his DS-DE 9 form and was delivered on July 28, 2018. To review the letters marked Final Notice as well as delivery confirmation for each letter, refer to Exhibit 5.

10. On September 27, 2018, the Commission received a referral from the Division alleging that Respondent failed to report campaign activity during the 2018 M4 and 2018 M5 reporting periods, or in the alternative, failed to notify the filing officer that no report would be filed. The allegations will be discussed in the paragraphs that follow.

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

11. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to notify the filing officer, in writing, with a notification-of-no-activity that no report would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making any expenditures during the 2018 M4 and 2018 M5 reporting periods.

12. I subpoenaed Respondent's campaign account records from his designated campaign depository, Vystar Credit Union. Based on information from the campaign depository, it appears that Respondent was required to notify the filing officer, in writing, with a notification-of-no-activity that no report would be filed for the 2018 M4 reporting period. To review the bank records covering the statement periods of March 21 – April 20, 2018 and April 21 – May 19, 2018, refer to Exhibit 6.

13. In a questionnaire-affidavit, Respondent was asked why he did not file a notification-of-no-activity for the 2018 M4 reporting period. Respondent stated, "Because I emailed my withdrawal from the race before the first filing period¹." To review Respondent's response to the questionnaire-affidavit, refer to Exhibit 7.

14. The campaign account records reveal a \$5.00 deposit to the account on May 15, 2018, for "Prep for Charge Off." Based on activity in the campaign account, it appears that Respondent should have filed a campaign report for the 2018 M5 reporting period. To review the bank statements, refer to Exhibit 6.

15. Respondent was asked why he did not file a 2018 M5 campaign report to disclose the \$5.00 deposit. Respondent stated, "Because it was my money; I put the '\$5.00' in the account in order to open up the account to allow me to receive donations. I never accepted any donations during my time running for office²."

16. According to the Division, in addition to not filing a notification-of-no-activity or a campaign report for the 2018 M4 and 2018 M5 reporting periods, Respondent has not filed a notification-of-no-activity or a campaign report for the 2018 M3 or 2018 TR reporting periods. To review Respondent's filing history with the Division, refer to Exhibit 8.

17. No record was found to indicate that Respondent has previously violated this section of the election laws.

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

18. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to file a notification-of-no-activity for the 2018 M4 reporting period, and a treasurer report for the 2018 M5 reporting period.

19. To review the circumstances regarding Respondent's campaign activity, please refer to paragraphs 12 through 15.

20. No record was found to indicate that Respondent has previously violated this section of the election laws.

IV. FEC History:

21. Respondent has no prior history with the Florida Elections Commission.

Conclusion:

22. On February 5 and February 6, 2019, I tried calling Respondent for the purpose of

¹ The Division has no record where Respondent withdrew from the race. Further, Ms. Willis stated that a simple e-mail is not sufficient and that the rule requires candidates to submit a signed statement. She added that she did not find any e-mails from Respondent.

² Respondent's account was opened March 19, 2018, not May 2018. In addition, the bank records are void of any deposits made to the account until the transaction on May 15, 2018.

reviewing the case with him; he did not answer. In addition, an automated message stated that his voice-mail had not been set-up and could not accept messages.

23. In a questionnaire-affidavit, Respondent attested that he does possess and has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes as well as the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. Respondent further attested that he had not sought elective office prior to his 2018 campaign but he had been appointed as the secretary for the Columbia County DEC. To review Respondent's response to the questionnaire-affidavit, refer to Exhibit 7.

24. Respondent executed a Statement of Candidate form indicating that he had been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes; the form is dated as having been signed March 11, 2018. To review the Statement of Candidate form, refer to Exhibit 9.

Respectfully submitted on February 8, 2019.



Keith Smith
Investigation Specialist

Current address of Respondent

Evan Tharpe Leslie
271 SW Adobe Point Lane
Lake City, Florida 32024-2024

Current address of Complainant

Division of Elections
500 South Bronough Street – Room 316
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Name and Address of Filing Officer:

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records
500 South Bronough Street – Room 316
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Copy furnished to: David Flagg, Investigations Manager

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Evan Tharpe Leslie -- FEC 18-313

| LIST OF EXHIBITS | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Exhibits #s | Description of Exhibits |
| Exhibit 1 | DS-DE 9 form |
| Exhibit 2 | Acknowledgement letter |
| Exhibit 3 | 05/11/18 & 07/10/18 ltrs re: M4 report |
| Exhibit 4 | 06/12/18 & 07/10/19 ltrs re: M5 report |
| Exhibit 5 | Final Notice ltr; delivery confirmation |
| Exhibit 6 | Bank statements 03/20/18 – 05/18 |
| Exhibit 7 | Respondent's Q/A |
| Exhibit 8 | Respondent's filing history |
| Exhibit 9 | Statement of Candidate |

HAND DELIVERED

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

RECEIVED DEPARTMENT

2018 MAR 12 PM 3:12

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

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)

Evan Thorne Leslie

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

271 SW Adobe Pointe Ln Lake City, FL 32024

4. Telephone

386 361-1387

5. E-mail address

evantleslie@gmail.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

State Representative district 10

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 No Party Affiliation Democratic Party candidate.

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

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer Sylvie Leslie

11. Mailing Address

271 SW Adobe Pointe Ln

12. Telephone

386 965-1337

13. City

Lake City

14. County

Columbia

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

32024

17. E-mail address

SylvieStar1996@gmail.com

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

19. Name of Bank

Vystar Credit Union

20. Address

411 NW Commons Loop

21. City

Lake City

22. County

Columbia

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

32024

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

March 11, 2018

26. Signature of Candidate

[Signature]

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

I, Sylvie Leslie, do hereby accept the appointment (Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

March 11, 2018 Date

[Signature] Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

EXHIBIT



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

March 14, 2018

Evan Tharpe Leslie
271 SW Adobe Pointe Lane
Lake City, Florida 32024

Dear Mr. Leslie:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Representative, which was placed on file in our office on March 12, 2018. Your name has been placed on the 2018 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **April 10, 2018**. The report will cover the period of March 1-31, 2018 (M3). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

EFS Access

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your filing credentials.

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>
Identification Number: 70506

Timely Filing

All reports filed must be completed and filed through the EFS not later than midnight 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.

Division of Elections
R.A. Gray Building, Suite 316 • 500 South Bronough Street • Tallahassee, Florida 32399
850.245.6240 • 850.245.6260 (Fax) • dos.myflorida.com/elections/

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ELECTIONS

Evan Leslie
March 14, 2018
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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.

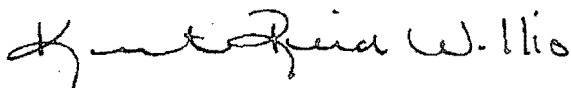
Instructions and Assistance

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 Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRW/zjs

Enclosures

pc: Sylvi Leslie, Treasurer

EXHIBIT

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

May 11, 2018

CAN 70506

Evan Tharpe Leslie
Candidate for State Representative, District 10
271 SW Adobe Pointe Lane
Lake City, FL 32024-2024

Dear Mr. Leslie:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was May 10, 2018.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report:
 - \$50 per day for the first 3 days late
 - \$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late
 - If the required report immediately precedes a primary and general election, the automatic fine is \$500 for each late day.

The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period. Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines. We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission.

- If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Sylvi Leslie, Treasurer

EXHIBIT 3 (1022)



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Second Notice

July 10, 2018

Evan Tharpe Leslie
Candidate for State Representative, District 10
271 SW Adobe Pointe Lane
Lake City, FL 32024-2024

CAN 70506

Dear Mr. Leslie:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was May 10, 2018.

We mailed, via regular mail, the first notice of the failure to file the above-mentioned report or notification to the address on file with our office on May 11, 2018.

The first notice which we provided to you specifically explained the automatic fine provisions in the law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) for failure to file a required report. Such fines are continuing to accrue for a late-filed report. Also, that notice explained that if no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to provide notification in writing that no reportable activity occurred. Our initial notice further indicated that, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Sylvi Leslie, Treasurer

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 12, 2018

CAN 70506

Evan Tharpe Leslie
Candidate for State Representative, District 10
271 SW Adobe Pointe Lane
Lake City, FL 32024-2024

Dear Mr. Leslie:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was June 11, 2018.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Sylvi Leslie, Treasurer

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Second Notice

July 10, 2018

Evan Tharpe Leslie
Candidate for State Representative, District 10
271 SW Adobe Pointe Lane
Lake City, FL 32024-2024

CAN 70506

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The first notice which we provided to you specifically explained the automatic fine provisions in the law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) for failure to file a required report. Such fines are continuing to accrue for a late-filed report. Also, that notice explained that if no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to provide notification in writing that no reportable activity occurred. Our initial notice further indicated that, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Sylvi Leslie, Treasurer

EXHIBIT

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July 26, 2018

Evan Tharpe Leslie

Candidate for State Representative, District 10

CAN 70506

271 SW Adobe Pointe Lane

Lake City, FL 32024-2024

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|-------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 2018 | M4 | 4/1/18 - 4/30/18 |

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EXHIBIT 5 (1004)

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|-------------|---------------|---------------------|
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EVAN THARPE LESLIE
 CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT FOR
 271 SW ADOBE POINTE LN
 LAKE CITY FL 32024-4026

22574

Statement Date: 04/20/18

Member Number: [REDACTED]

Page 1 of 2



Regular Checking Account

Statement Period: 03/21/18 to 04/20/18

| Date | Description | Amount | Balance |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|---------|
| 03/20 | Balance Forward | | 0.00 |
| 03/29 | HARLAND CLARKE CHK ORDERS | 9.99- | 9.99- |
| 03/29 | Paid ACH Non Suff Funds Charge | 32.00- | 41.99- |

| | Total For This Period | Total Year-to-Date |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Total Overdraft Fees | \$32.00 | \$32.00 |
| Total Returned Item Fees | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

Interest Rate Summary

| Date | Rate | Date | Rate | Date | Rate | Date | Rate |
|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 03/21 | .100% | | | | | | |

[REDACTED]

Statement Period: 03/21/18 to 04/20/18

| Date | Description | Amount | Balance |
|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |

| | Total For This Period | Total Year-to-Date |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Total Overdraft Fees | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Returned Item Fees | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

Interest Rate Summary

| Date | 0- | \$49 | \$50 and up |
|-------|-------|------|-------------|
| 03/21 | .000% | | .250% |

Summary of Deposit Accounts

| ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION | BALANCE | INT-RATE% | YTD-INT | YTD-PENALTY | MATURITY |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------|----------|
| 007507219351 Regular Checking | 41.99- | .100 | | | |
| Checking Total | 41.99- | | | | |

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EXHIBIT 6 (1004)



EVAN THARPE LESLIE

23574

Statement Date: 04/20/18

Page 2 of 2

Summary of Deposit Accounts

| ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION | BALANCE | INT-RATE% | YTD-INT | YTD-PENALTY | MATURITY |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|---------|-------------|----------|
| Deposits Grand Total | Redacted | | | | |

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 CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT FOR
 271 SW ADOBE POINTE LN
 LAKE CITY FL 32024-4026

23191

Statement Date: 05/19/18

Member Number: [REDACTED]

Page 1 of 2



Regular Checking Account

Statement Period: 04/21/18 to 05/19/18

| Date | Description | Amount | Balance |
|-------|---------------------|--------|---------|
| 04/20 | Balance Forward | | 41.99- |
| 05/15 | PREP FOR CHARGE OFF | 5.00 | 36.99- |

| | Total For This Period | Total Year-to-Date |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Total Overdraft Fees | \$.00 | \$32.00 |
| Total Returned Item Fees | \$.00 | \$.00 |

Interest Rate Summary

| Date | Rate | Date | Rate | Date | Rate | Date | Rate |
|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 04/21 | .100% | | | | | | |

[REDACTED]

Statement Period: 04/21/18 to 05/19/18

| Date | Description | Amount | Balance |
|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |

| | Total For This Period | Total Year-to-Date |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Total Overdraft Fees | \$.00 | \$.00 |
| Total Returned Item Fees | \$.00 | \$.00 |

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EVAN THARPE LESLIE

23191

Statement Date: 05/19/18

Page 2 of 2

Summary of Deposit Accounts

| ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION | BALANCE | INT-RATE% | YTD-INT | YTD-PENALTY | MATURITY |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|---------|-------------|----------|
| Deposits Grand Total | Redacted | | | | |

EXHIBIT 6 (A of 4)

AFFIDAVIT OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION
Case Number: FEC 18-313

REC'D: FL ELECTIONS COM
1 FEB 19 AM 10:57

STATE OF FLORIDA
County of Columbia

Evan Tharpe Leslie, being duly sworn, says:

1. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge.
2. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am currently employed by Cedar River Sealed as a Sever.

3. Prior to your 2018 campaign for State Representative, had you ever run for public office? If so, please name the office(s) you ran for and the date(s) of the election(s) you ran in.
No; however I was appointed Secretary of the Columbia County DEC.

4. Have you ever been appointed to act as a campaign treasurer for a candidate? If so, please name the candidate(s) you served as treasurer, the office(s) the candidate ran for, and the dates of the election(s).
I have not.

5. Have you ever held the office of chairperson or treasurer for a political committee? If so, please list the names and addresses of the committees and dates when you held the position.
I have not.

6. What action have you taken to determine your responsibilities under Florida's election laws?
I should have been double checking behind myself.

EXHIBIT 7 (143)

7. Do you possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes? Yes No

8. If so, when did you first obtain it? 01/15/2019

9. Have you read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes? Yes No

10. Do you possess a copy of the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*? Yes No

11. If so, when did you first obtain it? when I filed to run for office

12. Have you read the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*? Yes No

13. According to records from your campaign account, you had no financial activity from April 1 – April 30, 2018. Please explain why you did not file a notification-of-no-activity with the Division of Elections during the 2018 M4 reporting period.

Because I cancelled my withdrawal from the bank before the first filing period. Will wait more young people to run for office but force us to jump down the rabbit hole to get it.

14. According to records from your campaign account, the credit union made a \$5.00 deposit to the account for the purpose of "PREP for Charge Off." Please explain the reason why you did not file a 2018 M5 campaign report to disclose the \$5.00 deposit as a contribution during the 2018 M5 reporting period covering 05/01 – 05/31/18.

Because it was my money; I put the "\$5.00" in the account in order to open up the account to allow me to receive donations. I never accepted any donations during my time running for office.

I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

EXHIBIT 7 (2 of 3)

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature of Affiant

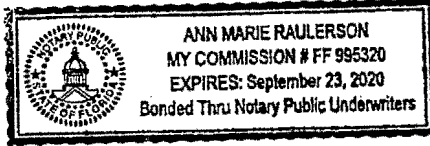
Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 29th day of

January, 20 19

[Handwritten Signature: Ann M. Raulerson]

Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public



Personally Known or Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced: _____

Case Investigator: KS

EXHIBIT 7 (3 of 3)



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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Candidate Name: Evan Tharpe Leslie

Name:

Account: 70506

Election:

Acct:

Type:

| Date Due | Type | Date Filed | Status | Days Late | Fine Assessed | Appealed | Amount Fined | Amount Paid |
|-----------|------|------------|--------|-----------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------------|
| 9/20/2018 | TR | | FEC | 0 | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 6/11/2018 | M5 | | FEC | 0 | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5/10/2018 | M4 | | FEC | 0 | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 4/10/2018 | M3 | | SNT | 0 | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

EXHIBIT 8

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STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

I, Evan Leslie,
candidate for the office of State Representative district 10
have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X *Evan Leslie*
Signature of Candidate

March 11, 2018
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).

EXHIBIT

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AFFIDAVIT OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION
Case Number: FEC 18-313

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I have not.

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REC'D: ELECTORAL DIVISION
FEB 06 2018
10:00 AM

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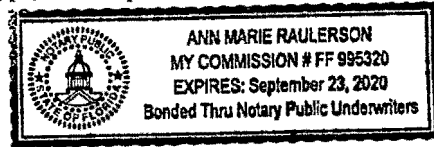
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December 19, 2018

Evan Tharpe Leslie
271 SW Adobe Pointe Lake
Lake City, FL 32024-2024

RE: Case No.: FEC 18-313; Respondent: Evan Tharpe Leslie

Dear Mr. Leslie:

On September 27, 2018, 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, a 2018 candidate for State Representative, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

- 2018 M4
- 2018 M5

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2018 candidate for State Representative, falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, during the following reporting periods.

- 2018 M4
- 2018 M5

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.

Evan Tharpe Leslie
December 19, 2018
Page 2
FEC 18-313

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 at extension 112.

Sincerely,



Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

TV/enr

**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
FEC NOTICE FORM**

To FEC from Division of Elections

Name: Evan Tharpe Leslie

Account Number: 70506

Treasurer: Sylvi Leslie

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, Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, F.S., has occurred based upon the candidate's alleged failure to file a report after notice as required by section 106.07(8)(d), Florida Statutes, or failure to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report was to be filed as required by Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes.

The following reports or notices are outstanding after notification:

2018 M4

2018 M5

Sent By: Kristi Reid Willis
Date: September 26, 2018

KRW

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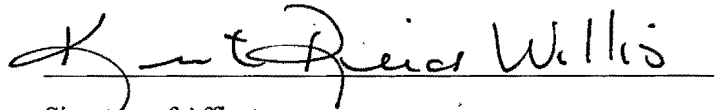
County of Leon

Kristi Reid Willis, 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.
2. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
3. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
4. Evan Tharpe Leslie (70506) was a 2018 candidate for the office of State Representative.
5. On March 12, 2018, Mr. Leslie filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division. Mr. Leslie appointed Sylvi Leslie as treasurer.
6. The 2018 M4 campaign treasurer's report was due on May 10, 2018. On May 11, 2018, the Division mailed Mr. Leslie notification that the 2018 M4 treasurer's report had not been filed.
7. On July 10, 2018, the Division mailed Mr. Leslie notification that the 2018 M4 treasurer's report had not been filed.
8. The 2018 M5 campaign treasurer's report was due on June 11, 2018. On June 12, 2018, the Division mailed Mr. Leslie notification that the 2018 M5 treasurer's report had not been filed.
9. On July 10, 2018, the Division mailed Mr. Leslie notification that the 2018 M5 treasurer's report had not been filed.
10. On July 26, 2018, the Division mailed Mr. Leslie final notifications with delivery confirmations that the 2018 M4 and 2018 M5 treasurer's reports had not been filed. (See attached letters and delivery confirmations.)
11. Mr. Leslie did not notify the Division of Elections prior to or on the prescribed reporting dates for the 2018 M4 and 2018 M5 reports that no report was to be filed.

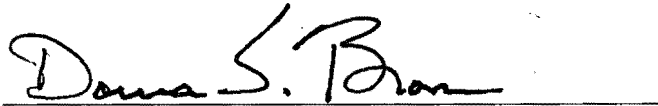
12. As of September 26, 2018, Mr. Leslie has not filed the 2018 M4 and 2018 M5 reports.

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



Signature of Affiant

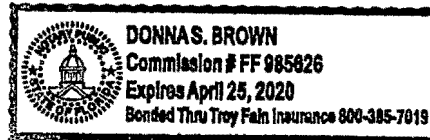
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July 26, 2018

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CAN 70506

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Sylvi Leslie, Treasurer

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CAN 70506

Dear Mr. Leslie:

A recent review of the Division's records show that the Division has not yet received the below-referenced campaign treasurer's report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable, during the following cover period:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Report</u> | <u>Cover Period</u> |
|-------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 2018 | M5 | 5/1/18 - 5/31/18 |

The Division has previously notified you of the unfiled report or notification. Please file your report or notification. If the report is not filed within 7 days of receipt of this letter, the Division will refer this matter to the Florida Elections Commission, which may impose civil penalties of up to \$1000 per violation, apart from that automatic fine provisions of s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) that are applicable only to campaign finance reports.

As we stated in the prior notices, even if you now file the report or notification, the untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Sylvi Leslie, Treasurer

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