

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: James Monds, Jr.

Case No.: FEC 21-317

TO: James Monds, Jr.
945 Bent Creek Drive
Ft. Pierce, FL 34947-1331

Gertrude Walker, St. Lucie County SOE
4132 Okeechobee Road
Ft. Pierce, FL 34947

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **August 15, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: **Virtual Meeting via GoTo Webinar:**

WEB PARTICIPATION: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4391393799096818270>

AUDIO PARTICIPATION: 1 877 309 2074 ATTENDEE ACCESS CODE: 424-284-031

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See further instructions on the reverse side.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
August 1, 2023

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STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,

Case No.: FEC 21-317

v.

James Monds, Jr.,
Respondent.

_____ /

ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 16, 2023, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On January 5, 2023, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff's Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation(s):

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
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Count 1:

On or about February 1, 2021, James Monds, Jr. 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 2021 TR4 Report.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on May 16, 2023.



Tim Vaccaro, J.D., Executive Director
For Joni Alexis Poitier, Vice Chair
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Stephanie J. Cunningham, General Counsel
James Monds, Jr., Respondent
Gertrude Walker, 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.

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

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Division of Elections
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Tallahassee, FL 32399

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https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZMpduMuqTsqGt1MNuVpQBO15XPapAI_9zfC

Audio Participation:
Dial: 1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID:
874 1067 0009

Passcode:
772737

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
May 2, 2023

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Case No.: FEC 21-317

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the sworn complaint 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 December 5, 2022, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On April 12, 2021, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a sworn complaint from Gertrude Walker (“Complainant”), alleging that James Monds, Jr. (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent was a 2020 candidate for Saint Lucie County School Board, District 2. (ROI Exhibit 2)¹

3. By letter dated June 14, 2021, 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, a 2020 candidate for Saint Lucie County School Board, District 2, 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 2021 TR4 reporting period.

4. On January 13, 2019, Respondent acknowledged that he had been provided access to read the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. (ROI Exhibit 2)

5. 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.

6. The *Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook* references the statutory requirement regarding written notification and the St. Lucie County Supervisor of Elections Office Campaign Finance Reporting Requirements: Policy on Electronic Filing directs candidates to

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

notify the filing officer by way of the St. Lucie County Supervisor of Elections' website. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 2; ROI Exhibit 6, page 2) The policy instructs candidates to file a waiver of report to indicate the lack of reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 3)

7. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed for the following reporting period, as set forth in the table below. (ROI Exhibit 9)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2021 TR4	11/3/20 – 2/1/21	2/1/21	5/5/21	93

8. Respondent stated that he believed he submitted the notice timely. (ROI Exhibit 10, page 3) Respondent was not a first-time candidate. (ROI, p.1, ¶1)

9. "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).

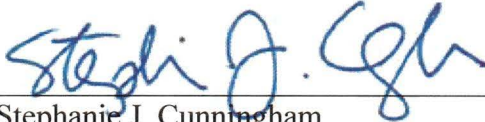
10. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a 2020 candidate for Saint Lucie County School Board, District 2. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed for the 2021 TR4 reporting period.

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

Count 1:

On or about February 1, 2021, James Monds, Jr. 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 2021 TR4 Report.

Respectfully submitted on January 5, 2023.



 Stephanie J. Cunningham
 General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 6th day of January 2023.

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

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer

Case Number: FEC 21-317

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

Respondent: James Monds, Jr.

Respondent's Atty: N/A

Complainant: Gertrude Walker, St. Lucie County Supervisor of Elections (SOE)

Complaint Filed: April 12, 2021

Respondent Type: Candidate

I. Preliminary Information:

1. Respondent was a 2020 candidate for St. Lucie County School Board, District 2; he was defeated in the general election held on November 3, 2020. Respondent was not a first-time candidate.

2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) was filed on January 14, 2019. Erica Ramos was appointed as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 9, refer to Exhibit 1.

3. Respondent filed a Statement of Candidate with the SOE on January 14, 2019, in which Respondent certified he had been provided access to read and understand Chapter 106, F.S. To review the Statement of Candidate, refer to Exhibit 2.

4. The SOE sent Respondent an email to the address provided on the DS-DE 9 on January 15, 2019. Attached to the email was the SOE's Policy on Electronic Filing, which advised Respondent that all candidates filing reports with the SOE are required to file online through the SOE's website by means of their finance reporting system; it included the website link and instructions to click on "How to File Financial Reports Online" and to refer to that as a guide to prepare reports. The attachment also provided Respondent with log in credentials for the reporting system. The Policy on Electronic Filing also noted that when there has been no activity in the campaign account for the reporting period, the candidate must indicate there is no activity by filing a waiver of report by the due date. The email invited Respondent to contact the SOE for assistance at any time. To review the email and attachment, refer to Exhibit 3.

5. In an affidavit, the SOE attested that Respondent was provided copies of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* on January 10, 2019. The SOE's Candidate Contact Log lists contacts with Respondent regarding the 2021 TR4. To review the SOE's affidavit, refer to Exhibit 4. To review the SOE's Contact Log, refer to Exhibit 5.

6. The *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* discusses filing a waiver when there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant page of the *Handbook*, refer to Exhibit 6.

7. The SOE sent Respondent an email to remind him that the 2021 TR4 was due on February 1, 2021. To review the reminder email, refer to Exhibit 7.

8. On February 9, 2021, the SOE sent Respondent a Failure to File letter with delivery confirmation to the address provided on the DS-DE 9 notifying him that the 2021 TR had not been filed. The letter was confirmed delivered on February 13, 2021. A failure to file notice was also sent to Respondent via email on February 9, 2021. To review the Failure to File letter, email, and delivery confirmation, refer to Exhibit 8.

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

9. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by not timely notifying the filing officer, in writing, that no report would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making expenditures during the following reporting period. To review Respondent’s filing history reflecting the untimely filed notification summarized below, refer to Exhibit 9.

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2021 TR4	11/3/20 – 2/1/21	2/1/21	5/5/21	93

10. Respondent did not respond to the complaint.

11. I called Respondent for the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the complaint. Respondent explained that he believed the 2021 TR4 had been filed, but his campaign treasurer, Erica Ramos, determined that it was still outstanding, at which time Respondent filed it on May 5, 2021. When asked what he did to rectify the outstanding filing, Respondent stated that he called the SOE.¹ Respondent added that he was surprised to learn that the 2021 TR4 had not been filed. Respondent stated that at one point he learned the SOE had the wrong email address for him, so he missed some email. He also indicated that he changed his address close to the election and updated his voter registration address, thinking that would generate an address change with the SOE relative to his campaign. Lastly, Respondent indicated he did not recall receiving a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, but he believes he reviewed the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* online. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 10.



SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:

Date: December 5, 2022_____

¹ The SOE’s Contact Log indicates that on May 4, 2021, Respondent called to inquire how to file the 2021 TR4 and claimed he did not have a password or PINs. The log indicates that SOE staff followed up with an email copy of the initial password and PINs and instructions on how to change the password and complete the 2021 TR4. To review the Contact Log, refer to Exhibit 5.

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
James Monds, Jr. -- FEC 21-317

LIST OF EXHIBITS	
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 9
Exhibit 2	Statement of Candidate
Exhibit 3	Supervisor's Email and FRS Attachment
Exhibit 4	Affidavit of Filing Officer
Exhibit 5	2020 Candidate Contact Log
Exhibit 6	<i>Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook</i> pages
Exhibit 7	Supervisor's Reminder Notice
Exhibit 8	Failure to File Letter, Email, and Delivery Confirmation
Exhibit 9	Filing History & 2021 TR4 Waiver
Exhibit 10	Phone Log

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

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

RECEIVED

JAN 14 2019

GERTRUDE WALKER
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, ST. LUCIE CO.

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)

James Anthony Monds Jr.

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

1832 SE Berenshore Blvd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

4. Telephone

(772) 200-1071

5. E-mail address

James.Monds@gmail.com

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

School Board District #2

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 _____ Party candidate.

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

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Erica Ramos

11. Mailing Address

1832 SE Berenshore Blvd

12. Telephone

(772) 607-1977

13. City

Port St. Lucie

14. County

St. Lucie

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

34952

17. E-mail address

ericaramos@yahoo.com

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

19. Name of Bank

Wells Fargo

20. Address

9520 S US Hwy 1

21. City

Fort Pierce

22. County

St. Lucie

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

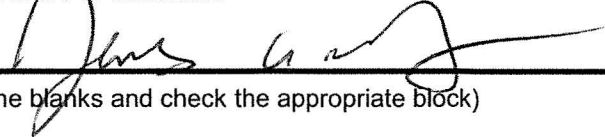
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UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date

1/13/19

26. Signature of Candidate



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

I, Erica G. Ramos, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

1/13/19
Date

Erica G. Ramos
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

From: [Gertrude Walker](#)
To: ["james.monds@gmail.com"](mailto:james.monds@gmail.com)
Cc: [Judith Durogene](#); [Kris Barcomb](#); [Sherrie Williams](#)
Subject: Campaign Finance Reporting Requirements and Electronic Filing Information
Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 2:11:33 PM
Attachments: [MONDS, JAMES - Policy on Electronic Filing.doc](#)

Mr. Monds,

Congratulations on becoming a Candidate for the 2020 Election. Many candidates may feel a mixture of excitement and nervousness as they campaign to take on new roles or continue their service as elected officials. But don't worry; help is available whenever you need it. We have all of the information available to you to help identify requirements of Campaign Financing Laws.

Attached is the Campaign Finance Reporting Requirements and Policy on Electronic Filing which includes your ID Number, your Electronic PINs (one for the Candidate and one for the Treasurer), and a Password to use to gain access to the Finance Reporting System on our website (you will be prompted to reset the password). Please read the information carefully and print, sign and return the last page (Filing Requirement Statement) of the document. The signed statement may be scanned and emailed to me, returned by mail or dropped off at our office, whichever is most convenient for you.

If you create a website for your campaign and would like the URL shown along with your photo, bio and contact information on the public view page of our website, please provide us with this as soon as it becomes available.

If you have any questions or concerns or simply need more information, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time. Best wishes for a successful campaign.

Kind regards,

Gertrude Walker, CFS, CCPA

Supervisor of Elections

4132 Okeechobee Road

Fort Pierce, FL 34947

Telephone: 772-462-1503

Fax: 772-462-1439

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Did you know that Online Voter Registration (OVR) is now available in Florida?

You can register to vote or update your voter registration information online from any computer or handheld device at slelections.com.



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St. Lucie County Supervisor of Elections Office Campaign Finance Reporting Requirements

Policy on Electronic Filing

To offer the public easier access to campaign finance information, all local candidates (County Commission, Constitutional Officers, School Board, County Judge, Soil & Water, and St. Lucie West Services District) and local committees are required to file their campaign treasurer's reports online through the Supervisor of Elections website.

The reporting system, which is provided to you at no cost, expedites completing and filing of the required financial reports of contributions and expenditures.

Before you begin preparing your Financial Report, go to the St. Lucie County Supervisor of Elections website at www.slcelections.com. From the Candidate Information section, click on "How to File Financial Reports Online" and refer to this guide as you prepare your reports.

On the website menu on the left, locate "CANDIDATE LOGIN". Click on this link to access the reporting system's login page. If you do not have access to the internet at home, you may visit your local library or our main office.

Your ID Number for filing is: 418

Your Password is: JM011419
(You must change your password once you have signed in.)

Your Electronic Pins are: Candidate's: 2008
Treasurer's: 2009

You may enter your campaign contributions and expenditures data at any time during the reporting period. *(The information is not available to the public until you submit your copy electronically.)*

When to File

Reports must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than **11:59 p.m., Eastern Standard Time**, of the due date. If 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.

Review of Reports

It is the responsibility of the candidate and treasurer to verify—prior to report submission—that each entry is complete, and in compliance with F.S. 106.07(4) and the donor has not exceeded the contribution limit as set forth in F.S. 106.08.

Waiver of Report

A waiver of report indicates there has been no activity in the campaign account for the reporting period (no contributions received and no expenditures made). The candidate or committee must indicate there is no activity by filing a waiver of report using the EFS by the due date.

Penalty for Late Reports

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.

For 90 day termination reports, the fine is \$50 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.

Fines imposed must be paid from **personal funds** within twenty (20) days after receipt of the certified letter. The Florida Elections Commission is notified when someone fails to comply with the above stated statute.

No Justifying Late Reports

Reports must be filed in a timely manner. There are no justifiable reasons for filing late reports unless otherwise determined by the **Florida Elections Commission** or by executive order from the Office of the Governor. Power outages, malfunctions of the computer and or computer program failures are not valid or acceptable reasons for not filing timely.

Amended Reports

When it is determined that a report needs amending, our office will initially contact the candidate by telephone and request that the report be amended within three (3) days. If no response is received, a formal letter will be sent requesting an amended report. This must be completed within three (3) days of receipt of notification. If the amended report is not received within this time period, the matter will be referred to the Florida Elections Commission and could be determined to be a willful violation.

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING OFFICER
Case Number: FEC 21-317

STATE OF FLORIDA
County of St. Lucie

Gertrude Walker, 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 Saint Lucie County as Supervisor of Elections.
3. Please provide copies of the listed items from the following candidate's campaign file: **James Monds, Jr.**

Check	ITEM
✓	The candidate's and campaign treasurers' acknowledgment whereby candidates and treasurers declare, under penalties of perjury, electronically filing a CTR is same as signing the report under oath, and to have certified the correctness of the report in accordance with sections 106.07(5) or 106.29(2), Florida Statutes, as applicable; such as an Application and Acknowledgement of Electronic Filing Information form (if applicable).
✓	Form(s) for all campaigns whereby candidate acknowledges receipt of instructions and/or campaign materials.
✓	All checks issued by the candidate's campaign to your office (qualifying fee, maps, etc.). Please do <u>not</u> redact the bank routing and account numbers.

4. Please check each item provided to the candidate, and list the date that the candidate was provided the item.

Check	ITEM	DATE
✓	<i>A Compilation of The Election Laws of the State of Florida</i>	01/10/2019
	Chapter 104, <i>Florida Statutes</i>	
✓	Chapter 106, <i>Florida Statutes</i>	01/10/2019

✓	<i>Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook</i> . Please provide revision date of publication. <u>09/11/2018</u>	01/10/2019
	Other: ¹	

5. Relative to Chapter 106, *Florida Statutes*, and the *Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, please indicate how these publications are provided to the candidate.

- A candidate packet, or similar material, is given to the candidate. The candidate packet includes links to the Division of Elections' website, or our website, where these documents are available for review.
- Publications are provided on a CD or thumb/flash drive that is given to the candidate.
- Other, please explain. _____

6. Did your office² offer any candidate workshops, campaign skills or training seminars prior to the November 3, 2020 election? Yes or No. If yes, please list all workshops/training seminars that were attended by the candidate, along with the date of attendance. If a staff member attended for the candidate, list his/her name and position. If available, please attach a copy of any attendance sheets from the workshops/training seminars and if available, please provide a copy of the syllabus and outline or PowerPoint presentation for the workshops/seminars.

All candidates were emailed an invitation on 01/13/2020; Press Release dated 01/17/2020 and posted on our website. Mr. Monds did not attend the 01/30/2020 orientation nor did he send a representative.

7. Does your office have any record of **James Monds, Jr.** having sought elective office within your jurisdiction prior to the 2020 election? Yes or No. If yes, please list the previous office(s) he ran for, the date(s) of the election(s), and the result(s) of the election(s). If the candidate withdrew his candidacy for election, please indicate if the withdrawal was before or after qualifying.

Ran for County Commissioner in District 1 for the 2016 General Election (11/08/2016); lost in the Primary Election on 08/30/2016

¹ Any local publications relative to the Election laws that may have been provided by your office in lieu of the *Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook* published by the Division of Elections. If your office published the item(s), please send a copy of the item(s) with the affidavit.

² If your County elections or ethics office offered candidate workshops/campaign skills or training seminars, please identify the office providing the workshops/seminars and provide copies of any notices that were sent to candidates within your jurisdiction.

8. Does your office have any record of **James Monds, Jr.** having been named as a chairperson or campaign treasurer of a political committee (PC or PAC) or electioneering communications organization (ECO) within your jurisdiction? Yes or No. If yes, please list the name(s) of the committees.

9. Did you or any member of your staff have any conversations with **James Monds, Jr.** concerning a provision of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, relative to timely filing the 2021 TR4, at any time during the 2020 campaign? Yes or No. If yes, please indicate whether the conversation was in person, in writing, or by telephone and the subject matter of the conversation. If applicable, please provide copies of records documenting the discussion.


I SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.



Signature of Affiant

Gertrude Walker, Supervisor of Elections
Print or type name of Affiant on line above.

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 26th day of
January, 2022.



Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public



KRIS MICHALSKI BARCOMB
Commission # GG 357783
Expires July 28, 2023
Bonded Thru Budget Notary Services

Personally Known or Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced: _____

Case investigator: CHS

2020 Candidate Contact Log

***Walk-in and phone contact only

NAME	DATE	FILED	LOCATION	RCD PACKET	NOTES
James Monds	1/20/2021				email and certified letter notice of campaign finance report late filing fines imposed but not paid: M5 2020, P1 2020, G4 2020 and G6 2020; total = \$822.50
James Monds	1/21/2021				email reminder of TR4 termination report due 02/01/2021
James Monds	2/9/2021				email and certified letter notice of campaign finance report late filing of termination report
James Monds	5/4/2021				received call from candidate inquiring about fines imposed and how to file termination report, claiming he does not have a password or PIN numbers; followed up with email copy of the initial password and PIN numbers assigned to him with instructions on how to change the password and complete the termination report

Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook



Florida Department of State
Division of Elections
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250
850.245.6280

(Rev. 10/03/2019)

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](#), Fla. Stat.)

Special Election Reports

When a special election is called to fill a vacancy in office, campaign treasurer reports shall be filed with the filing officer on the dates set by the Florida Department of State pursuant to Section [100.111](#), Florida Statutes. The reports are only to include contributions and expenditures related to the special election.

The candidate must notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date if no funds were received or no expenditures made during the special election reporting period.

Incomplete Reports

Although the Division's [Electronic Filing System](#) will allow a candidate to file an incomplete report, an incomplete report is not in compliance with the Florida Statutes.

If a candidate or campaign treasurer files a report that is deemed incomplete, they will be notified by the filing officer by certified mail, or by another method using a common carrier that provides a proof of delivery as to why the report is incomplete. The candidate or campaign treasurer must file an addendum to the incomplete report within seven days of notification. The addendum must include all necessary information to complete the report. Failure to file a complete report after notice constitutes a violation of [Chapter 106](#), Florida Statutes.

(Section [106.07\(2\)](#), Fla. Stat.)

Reporting Total Sums

Each campaign treasurer's report required by [Chapter 106](#), Florida Statutes, shall contain the total sums of all loans, in-kind contributions, and other receipts by or for such candidate, and total sums of all expenditures made by such candidate during the reporting period. The reporting forms shall be designed to elicit separate totals for in-kind contributions, loans, and other receipts.

(Section [106.07](#), Fla. Stat.)

Kris Barcomb

To: James Monds Jr.; ericamonds@yahoo.com
Cc: Gertrude Walker; Judith Durogene
Subject: REMINDER - final campaign finance report due

Importance: High

Mr. Monds:

As a courtesy reminder, the 2020 General Election campaign finance termination report is due on **February 1, 2021**, and will be listed in your report portal as follows:

TR4 (11/3/2020 - 2/1/2021) 2/1/2021	Not Filed	Not Filed	No Data Entered Optional <u>Don't Require This Report</u>	Attach PDF
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Please be advised that failure to file the report timely will result in late fines which will accrue daily until the report is submitted. Listed below are excerpts from the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook which describes permissible expenditures for the disposition of campaign funds:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. Thank you and have a wonderful day.

Kris M. Barcomb

Voter Registration Assistant for

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Gertrude Walker
Supervisor of Elections
St. Lucie County

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February 9, 2021

James Monds, Jr.
1832 SE Berkshire Boulevard
Port Saint Lucie, Florida 34952

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Please submit the applicable report as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Judith Durogene, Candidate Coordinator at 772-462-1501. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gertrude Walker".

Gertrude Walker

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February 22, 2021

Dear Kris Barcomb:

The following is in response to your request for proof of delivery on your item with the tracking number:
9171 9999 9170 3870 5198 17.

Item Details

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Status Date / Time:	February 13, 2021, 3:07 pm
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Postal Product:	First-Class Mail®
Extra Services:	Certified Mail™ Return Receipt Electronic

Shipment Details

Weight: 1lb, 14.5oz

Recipient Signature

Signature of Recipient: (Authorized Agent)	RA G17 ON PR43
Address of Recipient:	745 BMT Creek Dr

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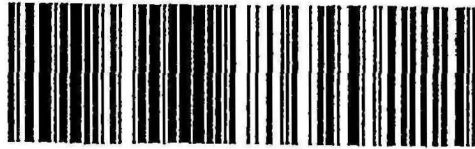
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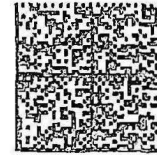


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James Monds, Jr.
1832 SE Berkshire Boulevard
Port Saint Lucie, Florida 34952

Kris Barcomb

From: Kris Barcomb
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 9:11 AM
To: 'James Monds Jr.'
Cc: Gertrude Walker; Judith Durogene
Subject: notice of campaign finance report late filing

Importance: High

Tracking:	Recipient	Read
	'James Monds Jr.'	
	Gertrude Walker	
	Judith Durogene	Read: 2/9/2021 9:20 AM

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2019 Candidate Financial Reporting

Name	2019-M12	2019-M1	2019-M2	2019-M3	2019-M4	2019-M5	2019-M6	2019-M7	2019-M8	2019-M9	2019-M10	2019-M11	2019-M12
	01/10/19	02/11/19	03/11/19	04/10/19	05/10/19	06/10/19	07/10/19	08/13/19	09/10/19	10/10/19	11/12/19	10/10/19	01/10/20
MONDS, James	N/A	03/18/19	03/18/19	04/10/19	05/12/19	06/11/19	07/10/19	08/13/19	09/08/19	09/08/19	10/10/19	11/11/19	01/10/20

2020 Candidate Financial Reporting

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	01/10/20	02/10/20	03/10/20	04/10/20	05/11/20	06/10/20	06/19/20	07/03/20	07/17/20	07/24/20	07/31/20	08/07/20	08/14/20	08/28/20	09/11/20	09/25/20	10/09/20	10/23/20	11/02/22	06/05/21
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INCUMBENTS

LATE REPORT FILING-FINE

REPORTED TO FEC

04/01/21

WAIVER OF REPORT

(Section 106.07(7), F.S.)

(PLEASE TYPE)

ONLINE SUBMISSION

Id: 418 [1245631]

Submitted on:

5/5/2021 09:39:06 (eastern)

OFFICE USE ONLY

James Anthony Monds, Jr.

Name

School Board, District 2

Office Sought

1832 SE Berkshire Blvd

Address

Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

City

State

Zip Code



Candidate



Political Committee



Party Executive Committee

NOTE: This form does not apply to an electioneering communications organization (ECO). An ECO must file a report (not a waiver) that no reportable contributions or expenditures were made during the reporting period (s. 106.0703(6), F.S.).



Check here if address has changed since last report.



Check here if PC has DISBANDED and will no longer file reports.

TYPE OF REPORT (Check Appropriate Box and Complete Applicable Line beneath Box)



MONTHLY REPORT



PRIMARY ELECTION



GENERAL ELECTION



OTHER REPORT TYPE

Indicate report #

M _____

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as applicable:

TR4



TERMINATION REPORT



SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTIFICATION OF NO ACTIVITY IN CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD OF

11/3/2020

THROUGH

2/1/2021

X

Signature

Date

X

Signature

Date

REQUIRED SIGNATURES FOR:

Candidates:

Candidate and Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer (s. 106.07(6), F.S.)

Political Committees:

Chairman and Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer (s. 106.07(5), F.S.)

Party Executive Committees:

Treasurer and Chairman (s. 106.29(2), F.S.)

Except as noted above for an ECO, in any reporting period when there has been no activity in the account (no funds expended or received) the filing of the required report is waived. However, the filing officer must be notified in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed.

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
PHONE LOG
Case No.: FEC 21-317**

Respondent: James Monds. Jr.

Complainant: Gertrude Walker, St. Lucie County SOE

1. **Date and time:** 1/21/22 @ 1:52pm
Name: James Monds
Phone #: 321-456-7056
Summary: I attempted to contact R via my cell phone (while working from home). I received an automated, generic voicemail message. The automated message then stated that the voice mailbox was full; I was unable to leave Respondent a voicemail.
Entered by: CHS

2. **Date and time:** 1/21/22 @ 3:30pm
Name: James Monds
Phone #: 321-456-7056
Summary: I reached out to Respondent once again (after being unable to leave a message). I got through to Respondent and he agreed to answer my questions. (See memo below).
Entered by: CHS

3. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Entered by:

4. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Entered by:

5. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Entered by:

6. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Entered by:

RESPONDENT INTERVIEW MEMO – Call details at # 321-456-7056

- Have you ever run for public office? If so, please name each office you ran for and state what year each election occurred.
 - Respondent previously campaigned in 2015 for County Commissioner, District 2.
 - Respondent explained that he previously filed with the St. Lucie County Supervisor of Election (SOE) last time. However, he stated that process was a little different and more straight-forward.
 - This was Respondent's first time dealing with online filings. Previously, Respondent stated there was someone who called him to tell him what to do/file.
 - At one point, he learned the SOE had the wrong email address for him, so he missed some email
 - Records for the 2020 campaign do not reflect an incorrect email address. Respondent is likely referring to the 2015 campaign.
 - Lastly, Respondent mentioned this was his first experience in a general election. Respondent stated that he expected the SOE to spend more time working with him.
- Have you ever been appointed to act as a campaign treasurer for a candidate? If so, please name each such candidate, the office each ran for, and state what year each election occurred.
 - No
- Have you ever held the office of chairperson, treasurer, or other similar position for a political committee or electioneering communications organization? If so, please name each committee, state the office you held for each, and state when you held each office.
 - No
- Have you ever prepared or signed a campaign treasurer's report? If so, please state the name of the candidate or committee whose report you prepared or signed.
 - Yes. Respondent prepared his own campaign treasurer's reports.
- Who filed the majority of your campaign reports: Erica Ramos (deputy treasurer) or yourself?
 - Respondent and Ms. Ramos filed reports online together. Ms. Ramos helped him determine something was wrong regarding the outstanding 2021 TR4 report.
- What did you do to rectify the outstanding report?
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 - Respondent stated that, at one point, he believed he had Covid; this slowed things down (in terms of filing timely reports).
- Did your address change during the campaign?
 - Yes, Respondent's address changed closer to the end of the election
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- Why were you unable to timely file a 2021 TR4 report?
 - Respondent stated that he thought the 2021 TR4 report was filed.
 - He explained that he remembers logging-in and completing the report.
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- Were you ever advised that was not necessary to timely file the 2021 TR4?
 - No.
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**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
PHONE LOG
Case No.: FEC 21-317**

Respondent: James Monds. Jr.

Complainant: Gertrude Walker, St. Lucie County SOE

1. **Date and time:** 1/21/22 @ 1:52pm
Name: James Monds
Phone #: 321-456-7056
Summary: I attempted to contact R via my cell phone (while working from home). I received an automated, generic voicemail message. The automated message then stated that the voice mailbox was full; I was unable to leave Respondent a voicemail.
Entered by: CHS

2. **Date and time:** 1/21/22 @ 3:30pm
Name: James Monds
Phone #: 321-456-7056
Summary: I reached out to Respondent once again (after being unable to leave a message). I got through to Respondent and he agreed to answer my questions. (**See memo below**).
Entered by: CHS

3. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Entered by:

4. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
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Entered by:

5. **Date and time:**
Name:
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RESPONDENT INTERVIEW MEMO – Call details at # 321-456-7056

- Have you ever run for public office? If so, please name each office you ran for and state what year each election occurred.
 - Respondent previously campaigned in 2015 for County Commissioner, District 2.
 - § Respondent explained that he previously filed with the St. Lucie County Supervisor of Election (SOE) last time. However, he stated that process was a little different and more straight-forward.
 - This was Respondent's first time dealing with online filings. Previously, Respondent stated there was someone who called him to tell him what to do/file.
 - At one point, he learned the SOE had the wrong email address for him, so he missed some email
 - § Records for the 2020 campaign do not reflect an incorrect email address. Respondent is likely referring to the 2015 campaign.
 - Lastly, Respondent mentioned this was his first experience in a general election. Respondent stated that he expected the SOE to spend more time working with him.
- Have you ever been appointed to act as a campaign treasurer for a candidate? If so, please name each such candidate, the office each ran for, and state what year each election occurred.
 - No
- Have you ever held the office of chairperson, treasurer, or other similar position for a political committee or electioneering communications organization? If so, please name each committee, state the office you held for each, and state when you held each office.
 - No
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June 14, 2021

Mr. James Monds, Jr.
945 Bent Creek Drive
Fort Pierce, FL 34947-1331

RE: Case No.: FEC 21-317; Respondent: James Monds, Jr.

Dear Mr. Monds:

On April 12, 2021, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging 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 violation(s):

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2020 candidate for Saint Lucie County School Board, District 2, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because she had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2021 TR4 reporting period.

However, prior to an investigation, you have the option to **resolve your case now by** signing a minor violation consent order and **paying a fine of \$50**, per Rule 2B-1.003, Florida Administrative Code, **rather than the potential \$1,000 per violation** provided for in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes.

If you sign the consent order, you would not be required to admit or deny the allegation(s) in the complaint, but you would be required to immediately correct the violation, if feasible.

The signed consent order would then be considered by the Commission at its next available meeting and would constitute final action by the Commission once it is accepted and approved by the Commission. You and the Complainant will receive notice at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Please contact Stephanie Cunningham by phone at (850) 922-4539, by email at Stephanie.Cunningham@myfloridalegla.com, or at the address listed above, to accept this minor violation consent order.

James Monds, Jr.
June 14, 2021
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If you choose not to resolve this case by consent order, an investigation will be conducted, the Commission will hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violation(s) occurred and, if so, the amount of fine to be imposed upon you.

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

For additional information, please refer to the “Frequently Asked Questions” section on the Commission’s website.

Sincerely,

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

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COMPLAINT

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

1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

Name: Gertrude Walker Work Phone: (772) 462-1500
Address: 4132 Okeechobee Road Home Phone: (772) 579-5191
City: Fort Pierce County: St. Lucie State: Florida Zip Code: 34947

2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:

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

Name of individual or entity: James Monds, Jr.
Address: 1832 SE Berkshire Boulevard Phone: (772) 200-1071
City: Port St. Lucie County: St. Lucie State: Florida Zip Code: 34952

If individual is a candidate, list the office or position sought: School Board, District 2

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

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

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

3. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):

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

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

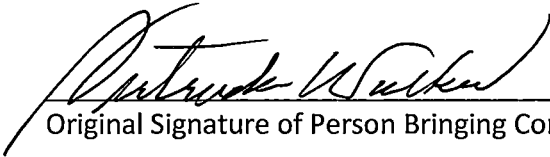
SEE REVERSE SIDE OF DOCUMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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


4. OATH:

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Saint Lucie

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


Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of
March, 20 21


Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oaths or Notary Public



KRIS MICHALSKI BARCOMB
Commission # GG 357783
Expires July 28, 2023
Bonded Thru Budget Notary Services

(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)
Personally Known Or Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____

5. IMPROPERLY COMPLETED COMPLAINT FORMS MAY BE RETURNED:

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

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION COMPLAINT

3. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):

Mr. Monds was a candidate for the office of School Board, District 2 in Saint Lucie County. As a matter of office procedure, all candidates receive reminder calls or, if no answer or ability to leave a voicemail message, emails prior to the due date of each campaign finance report.

Mr. Monds failed to file several Campaign Finance Reports in a timely manner, and was notified via email and certified letter of the fines imposed together with a copy of the Calculation of Fine for Late Campaign Treasurer's Report, DE Reference Guide 0013 as follows:

1. For the M5 reporting period covering May 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020, Mr. Monds was called and a message left regarding the deadline for submission on June 10, 2020. Mr. Monds was notified via email and certified letter #9171999991703870516625 on June 11, 2020 regarding the \$12.50 late fine assessment; the United States Postal Service records indicate this notice was delivered on June 15, 2020.
2. For the P1 reporting period covering June 1, 2020 through June 12, 2020, Mr. Monds was called and a message left regarding the deadline for submission on June 19, 2020. Mr. Monds was notified via email and certified letter #9171999991703870516779 on June 24, 2020 regarding the \$50.00 late fine assessment; the United States Postal Service records indicate this notice was delivered on June 27, 2020.
3. For the G4 reporting period covering September 19, 2020 through October 2, 2020, Mr. Monds was notified via email of the late report submission on October 10, 2020. Mr. Monds was then notified via email and certified letter #9171999991703870519046 on October 13, 2020 regarding the \$100.00 late fine assessment; the United States Postal Service records indicate this notice was delivered on October 30, 2020.
4. For the G6 reporting period covering October 17, 2020 through October 29, 2020, Mr. Monds was notified via email of the late report submission on October 31, 2020. Mr. Monds was then notified via email and certified letter #9171999991703870519176 on November 5, 2020 regarding the \$660.00 late fine assessment; the United States Postal Service records indicate this notice was delivered on November 12, 2020.

Per F.S. 106.702(7)(a), Mr. Monds was notified of the 20 day due dates for the fines to be paid, and he has failed to remit payment on any of the above.

Mr. Monds was notified via email and certified letter #9171999991703870519589 of the delinquent status of these fines on January 20, 2021. The United States Postal Service records indicate this notice is still in transit, having arrived at the Miami Distribution Center on January 25, 2021.

It should also be noted that Mr. Monds filed campaign finance reports late on numerous other occasions, specifically:

- M1 2019 – waiver of report filed March 18, 2019; no fine assessed
- M2 2019 – waiver of report filed March 18, 2019; no fine assessed
- M7 2019 – report filed August 13, 2019; notice returned unclaimed September 12, 2019; \$50.00 fine paid September 5, 2019
- M2 2020 – waiver of report filed March 11, 2020; no fine assessed
- M3 2020 - report filed April 11, 2020, notice received April 15, 2020; \$50.00 fine paid June 10, 2020 at Qualifying

In addition to the unpaid late fines, Mr. Monds has failed to file the TR4 termination report which was due on February 1, 2021. Mr. Monds was emailed a reminder of the pending report due date on January 21, 2021. Mr. Monds was again notified via email and certified letter #9171999991703870519817 of the delinquent status of this report on February 9, 2021. The United States Postal Service records indicate this notice was delivered on February 13, 2021.

Copies of all correspondence regarding these matters are appended.

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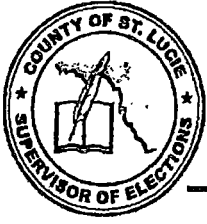
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Notice of Campaign Finance Report Late Filing – Payment Due

June 11, 2020

James Monds
1832 SE Berkshire Boulevard
Port Saint Lucie, Florida 34952

Dear Mr. Monds:

Please be advised that the M5 Campaign Financial Report for the reporting period covering May 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020 was due on June 10, 2020 but was not submitted until June 11, 2020 and as a result you owe a late fine penalty of \$12.50. The Supervisor of Elections is required to assess the penalty for late reports and has no discretion in the amount imposed and cannot authorize an extension to the deadline.

Please see the following excerpt from Florida Statutes 106.702 (7)(a) which provides additional detail regarding late filing. In addition, we have included the Calculation of Late Fines worksheet for your review.

"Upon determining that a report is late, the filing officer shall immediately notify the candidate or chair of the political committee as to the failure to file a report by the designated due date and that a fine is being assessed for each late day. The fine is \$50 per day for the first 3 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 each special primary election, special election, primary election, and general election, the fine is \$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 reports required under s. 106.141(8), the fine is \$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."

If applicable, please see the excerpt listed below from Florida Statutes 106.702 (7)(c) for information on the appeals process:

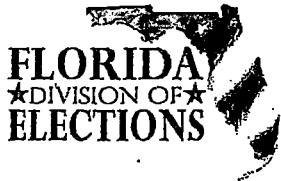
"A reporting individual may appeal or dispute the fine, based upon, but not limited to, unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and may request and is entitled to a hearing before the Florida Elections Commission, which has the authority to waive the fine in whole or in part. The Florida Elections Commission must consider the mitigating and aggravating circumstances contained in s. 106.265(2) when determining the amount of a fine, if any, to be waived. Any such request shall be made within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment due. In such case, the reporting individual must, within 20 days after receipt of the notice, notify the supervisor in writing of his or her intention to bring the matter before the commission."

Please remit the penalty fee of \$12.50 addressed to the Supervisor of Elections from your personal account within 20 days of the receipt of this notice. If you have any questions, please contact Judith Durogene, Candidate Coordinator at 772-462-1501. Thank you and have a wonderful day.

Sincerely,

Gertrude Walker, CFS, CCPA
Supervisor of Elections

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Calculation of Fine for Late Campaign Treasurer's Report

DE Reference Guide 0013 (eff. 09/2018)

These guidelines are for reference only. They are not to be construed as legal advice or representation. For any particular set of facts or circumstances, refer to the applicable state, federal law, and case law, and/or consult a private attorney before drawing any legal conclusions or relying upon this information.

WHAT IS A FILING OFFICER'S DUTIES REGARDING FINES?

- Notify immediately, as applicable, the candidate, chair of the political committee, the electioneering communication organization, or chair of the political party executive committee that the candidate, committee or organization has failed to file a campaign finance report by the applicable due date and that a fine is being assessed for each late day. (See Sections 106.07(8)(b), 106.0703(7)(b), and 106.29(3)(b), F.S.)
- Determine the late fine amount and notify the applicable person or entity.
 - The fine is due to the filing officer within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment, unless an appeal is made to the Florida Elections Commission.
- Has no authority to waive the fine regardless of the reason – only the Florida Elections Commission has that authority.
- Must report to the Florida Elections Commission any repeated late filings, the failure to file a report after notice, and a failure to pay the fine.

HOW IS THE TYPE OF REPORT, ENTITY, AND "FINE RATE" DETERMINED?

- **Candidate, political committee (PC), or electioneering communication organization (ECO)** (Sections 106.07 and 106.0703, F.S.)
 - Reports due immediately preceding an election: \$500 for each day late.
 - Termination reports: \$50 for each day late (Only candidates file "termination" reports. PCs and ECOs file their final activity in the next regularly scheduled report after the PC/ECO notice of termination is filed with the filing officer).
 - All other reports: \$50 for the first 3 days, \$500 each day thereafter.
- **State executive committees and affiliated party committees** (Section 106.29, F.S.)
 - Reports due immediately preceding a special election or general election: \$10,000 for each day late.
 - All other reports: \$1,000 for each day late.
- **County Executive Committees** (Section 106.29, F.S.)
 - Reports due immediately preceding a special election or general election: \$500 for each day late.
 - All other reports: \$50 for each date late.

HOW IS THE NUMBER OF "LATE" DAYS CALCULATED? (SEE DE 91-07 AND EXAMPLES ON NEXT 2 PAGES)

- The first late day *begins* on the day after the campaign treasurer's report is due.
- The number of days late includes *weekends and holidays*.
- The last late day *ends* on (and includes) the earliest of the date:
 - The filing officer receives the report
 - The report is postmarked
 - A certificate shows mailed
 - An established courier company's receipt shows received, or
 - An electronic filing system shows received.

HOW IS THE FINE CALCULATED?

- **STEP 1:** Calculate the fine based upon the Daily Method, i.e.,
 - Multiply the number of days late by the appropriate "fine rate" (as specified on prior page).
- **STEP 2:** Calculate the fine based upon the Percentage Method, i.e.,
 - Review expenditures and contributions in the report in question.
 - Multiple the *greater* of the two by 25% (i.e., by .25).
Note: The percentage method is not used for late-filed reports that are due immediately preceding a special election or general election for political parties or affiliated party committees (section 106.29, F.S.)
- **STEP 3:** Compare the fine amounts calculated using the Daily Method versus the Percentage Method.
- **STEP 4:** The amount of the fine will be the *lesser* of the two calculated amounts.

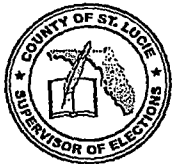
EXAMPLES

- #1 – **Fine for Candidate – Report not due immediately preceding an election and not a termination report**
 - Report was 4 days late
 - Expenditures = \$10,000; Contributions = \$20,000
 - Calculation of fine using daily method – 3 days x \$50 per day + 1 day at \$500 per day = \$650
 - Calculation of fine using percentage method - \$20,000 x 25% = \$5000
 - Fine to be imposed = \$650
- #2 – **Fine for Candidate, Political Committee, or Electioneering Communication Organization - Report due immediately preceding an election**
 - Report was 5 days late
 - Expenditures = \$40,000; Contributions = \$0
 - Calculation of fine using daily method – 5 days x \$500 per day = \$2,500
 - Calculation of fine using percentage method - \$40,000 x 25% = \$10,000
 - Fine to be imposed = \$2,500
- #3 – **Fine for Candidate - Termination report**
 - Report was 5 days late
 - Expenditures = \$10,000
 - Calculation of fine using daily method – 5 days x \$50 per day = \$250
 - Calculation of fine using percentage method - \$10,000 x 25% = \$2,500
 - Fine to be imposed = \$250
- #4 - **Fine for County Executive Committee of a Political Party – Report not due immediately preceding a special election or general election**
 - Report was 2 days late
 - Expenditures = \$10,000; Contributions = \$12,000
 - Calculation of fine using daily method – 2 days x \$50 per day = \$100
 - Calculation of fine using percentage method - \$12,000 x 25% = \$3,000
 - Fine to be imposed = \$100

Note: If this County Executive Committee report was due immediately preceding a special election or a general election, the percentage method is not applied; therefore, the fine rate would be calculated based solely on the daily method of \$500 per day. The calculation using the daily method would be 2 days x \$500 per day = \$1000. Thus, the fine to be imposed in this example if the report was due immediately preceding a special election or a general election would be \$1000.

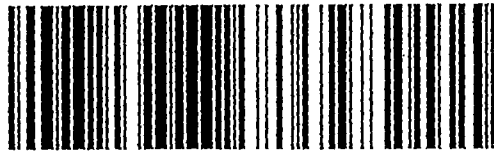
• #5 – Fine for Political Committee or Electioneering Communication Organization – Report not due immediately preceding an election

- Report was 10 days late
- Expenditures = \$10,000; Contributions = \$12,000
- Calculation of fine using daily method – 3 days x \$50 per day + 7 days x \$500 per day = \$3,650
- Calculation of fine using percentage method - \$12,000 x 25% = \$3,000
- Fine to be imposed = \$3,000

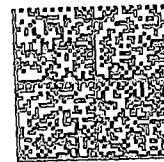


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JAMES A MONDS JR
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Kris Barcomb

From: Kris Barcomb
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:49 PM
To: 'James.Monds@gmail.com'
Cc: Judith Durogene; Gertrude Walker
Subject: Notice of Campaign Finance Report Late Filing – Payment Due
Attachments: Calculation of Fine for Late Campaign Treasurers Report 2018.pdf

Importance: High

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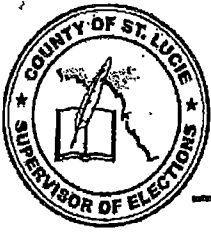
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Notice of Campaign Finance Report Late Filing – Payment Due

June 24, 2020

James Monds
1832 SE Berkshire Boulevard
Port Saint Lucie, Florida 34952

Dear Mr. Monds:

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EXAMPLES

- **#1 – Fine for Candidate – Report not due immediately preceding an election and not a termination report**
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 - Calculation of fine using percentage method - \$20,000 x 25% = \$5000
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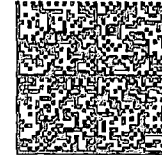
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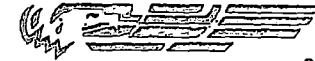
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JAMES A MONDS JR
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Kris Barcomb

From: Kris Barcomb
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 11:52 AM
To: 'James.Monds@gmail.com'
Cc: Judith Durogene; Gertrude Walker
Subject: Notice of Campaign Finance Report P1 2020 Late Filing - Payment Due
Attachments: Calculation of Fine for Late Campaign Treasurers Report 2018.pdf

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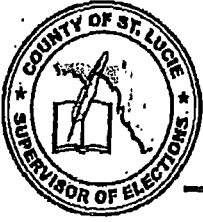
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October 13, 2020

James Monds
1832 SE Berkshire Boulevard
Port Saint Lucie, Florida 34952

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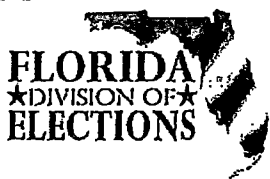
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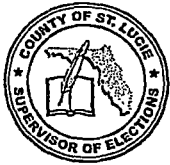
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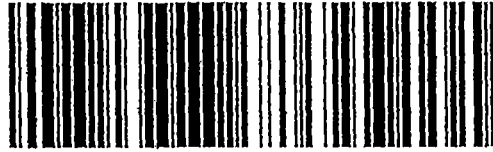


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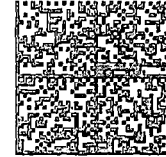
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Kris Barcomb

From: Kris Barcomb
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 2:19 PM
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Cc: Gertrude Walker; Judith Durogene
Subject: Notice of Campaign Finance Report Late Filing – Payment Due

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From: Kris Barcomb
Sent: Saturday, October 10, 2020 8:36 AM
To: 'James Monds Jr.'
Cc: Gertrude Walker; Judith Durogene
Subject: Notice of Campaign Finance Report Late Filing

Importance: High

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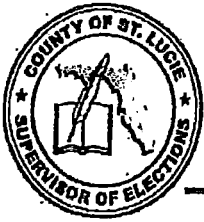
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Notice of Campaign Finance Report Late Filing – Payment Due

November 5, 2020

James Monds
1832 SE Berkshire Boulevard
Port Saint Lucie, Florida 34952

Dear Mr. Monds:

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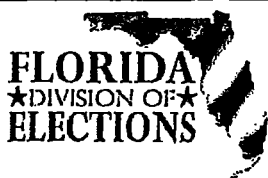
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Sincerely,

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Calculation of Fine for Late Campaign Treasurer's Report

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WHAT IS A FILING OFFICER'S DUTIES REGARDING FINES?

- Notify immediately, as applicable, the candidate, chair of the political committee, the electioneering communication organization, or chair of the political party executive committee that the candidate, committee or organization has failed to file a campaign finance report by the applicable due date and that a fine is being assessed for each late day. (See Sections 106.07(8)(b), 106.0703(7)(b), and 106.29(3)(b), F.S.)
- Determine the late fine amount and notify the applicable person or entity.
 - The fine is due to the filing officer within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment, unless an appeal is made to the Florida Elections Commission.
- Has no authority to waive the fine regardless of the reason -- only the Florida Elections Commission has that authority.
- Must report to the Florida Elections Commission any repeated late filings, the failure to file a report after notice, and a failure to pay the fine.

HOW IS THE TYPE OF REPORT, ENTITY, AND "FINE RATE" DETERMINED?

- Candidate, political committee (PC), or electioneering communication organization (ECO) (Sections 106.07 and 106.0703, F.S.)
 - Reports due immediately preceding an election: \$500 for each day late.
 - Termination reports: \$50 for each day late (Only candidates file "termination" reports. PCs and ECOs file their final activity in the next regularly scheduled report after the PC/ECO notice of termination is filed with the filing officer).
 - All other reports: \$50 for the first 3 days, \$500 each day thereafter.
- State executive committees and affiliated party committees (Section 106.29, F.S.)
 - Reports due immediately preceding a special election or general election: \$10,000 for each day late.
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- County Executive Committees (Section 106.29, F.S.)
 - Reports due immediately preceding a special election or general election: \$500 for each day late.
 - All other reports: \$50 for each date late.

HOW IS THE NUMBER OF "LATE" DAYS CALCULATED? (SEE DE 91-07 AND EXAMPLES ON NEXT 2 PAGES)

- The first late day *begins* on the day after the campaign treasurer's report is due.
- The number of days late includes *weekends and holidays*.
- The last late day *ends* on (and includes) the earliest of the date:
 - The filing officer receives the report
 - The report is postmarked
 - A certificate shows mailed
 - An established courier company's receipt shows received, or
 - An electronic filing system shows received.

HOW IS THE FINE CALCULATED?

- **STEP 1:** Calculate the fine based upon the Daily Method, i.e.,
 - Multiply the number of days late by the appropriate "fine rate" (as specified on prior page).
- **STEP 2:** Calculate the fine based upon the Percentage Method, i.e.,
 - Review expenditures and contributions in the report in question.
 - Multiple the *greater* of the two by 25% (i.e., by .25).
Note: The percentage method is not used for late-filed reports that are due immediately preceding a special election or general election for political parties or affiliated party committees (section 106.29, F.S.)
- **STEP 3:** Compare the fine amounts calculated using the Daily Method versus the Percentage Method.
- **STEP 4:** The amount of the fine will be the *lesser* of the two calculated amounts.

EXAMPLES

- **#1 – Fine for Candidate – Report not due immediately preceding an election and not a termination report**
 - Report was 4 days late
 - Expenditures = \$10,000; Contributions = \$20,000
 - Calculation of fine using daily method – 3 days x \$50 per day + 1 day at \$500 per day = \$650
 - Calculation of fine using percentage method - \$20,000 x 25% = \$5000
 - Fine to be imposed = \$650
- **#2 – Fine for Candidate, Political Committee, or Electioneering Communication Organization - Report due immediately preceding an election**
 - Report was 5 days late
 - Expenditures = \$40,000; Contributions = \$0
 - Calculation of fine using daily method – 5 days x \$500 per day = \$2,500
 - Calculation of fine using percentage method - \$40,000 x 25% = \$10,000
 - Fine to be imposed = \$2,500
- **#3 – Fine for Candidate - Termination report**
 - Report was 5 days late
 - Expenditures = \$10,000
 - Calculation of fine using daily method – 5 days x \$50 per day = \$250
 - Calculation of fine using percentage method - \$10,000 x 25% = \$2,500
 - Fine to be imposed = \$250
- **#4 - Fine for County Executive Committee of a Political Party – Report not due immediately preceding a special election or general election**
 - Report was 2 days late
 - Expenditures = \$10,000; Contributions = \$12,000
 - Calculation of fine using daily method – 2 days x \$50 per day = \$100
 - Calculation of fine using percentage method - \$12,000 x 25% = \$3,000
 - Fine to be imposed = \$100

Note: If this County Executive Committee report was due immediately preceding a special election or a general election, the percentage method is not applied; therefore, the fine rate would be calculated based solely on the daily method of \$500 per day. The calculation using the daily method would be 2 days x \$500 per day = \$1000. Thus, the fine to be imposed in this example if the report was due immediately preceding a special election or a general election would be \$1000.

• #5 – Fine for Political Committee or Electioneering Communication Organization – Report not due immediately preceding an election

- Report was 10 days late
- Expenditures = \$10,000; Contributions = \$12,000
- Calculation of fine using daily method – 3 days x \$50 per day + 7 days x \$500 per day = \$3,650
- Calculation of fine using percentage method - \$12,000 x 25% = \$3,000
- Fine to be imposed = \$3,000

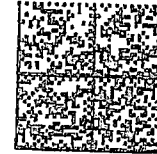


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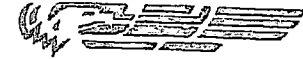
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Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 8:52 AM
To: 'James Monds Jr.'
Cc: Gertrude Walker; Judith Durogene
Subject: Notice of Campaign Finance Report Late Filing Payment Due

Importance: High

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Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 9:00 PM
To: 'James Monds Jr.'; 'ericamonds@yahoo.com'
Cc: Gertrude Walker; Judith Durogene
Subject: Notice of Campaign Finance Report Late Filing
Attachments: Calculation of Fine for Late Campaign Treasurers Report 2018.pdf

Importance: High

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Notice of Campaign Finance Report Late Filing – Payment Past Due

January 20, 2021

James Monds
 1832 SE Berkshire Boulevard
 Port Saint Lucie, Florida 34952

Dear Mr. Monds:

Please be advised that the following fines were imposed and notice given but have not been paid. The Supervisor of Elections is required to assess the penalty for late reports, has no discretion in the amount imposed, cannot authorize an extension to the deadline, and is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of violations per F.S. 106.07(8)(d).

REPORT CODE	REPORT PERIOD DATES	CERTIFIED NOTIFICATION TRACKING #	DATE DELIVERED	AMOUNT DUE	PAYMENT DUE DATE
M5 2020	05/01/2020 – 05/31/2020	91 7199 9991 7038 7051 6625	06/15/2020	12.50	07/05/2020
P1 2020	06/01/2020 – 06/12/2020	91 7199 9991 7038 7051 6779	06/27/2020	50.00	07/17/2020
G4 2020	09/19/2020 – 10/02/2020	91 7199 9991 7038 7051 9046	10/30/2020	100.00	11/19/2020
G6 2020	10/17/2020 – 10/29/2020	91 7199 9991 7038 7051 9176	11/12/2020	660.00	12/02/2020

106.07 Reports; certification and filing.—

(8) (d) The appropriate filing officer shall notify the Florida Elections Commission of the repeated late filing by a candidate or political committee, the failure of a candidate or political committee to file a report after notice, or the failure to pay the fine imposed. The commission shall investigate only those alleged late filing violations specifically identified by the filing officer and as set forth in the notification. Any other alleged violations must be separately stated and reported by the division to the commission under s. 106.25(2).

Please remit the penalty fees totaling \$822.50 payable to the Supervisor of Elections from your personal account within 20 days of the receipt of this notice. If you have any questions, please contact Judith Durogene, Candidate Coordinator at 772-462-1501. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gertrude Walker, CFS, CCPA
 Supervisor of Elections

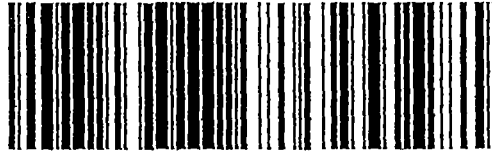


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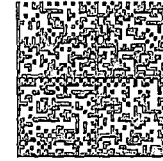
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February 22, 2021

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Status Date / Time:	February 13, 2021, 3:07 pm
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Postal Product:	First-Class Mail®
Extra Services:	Certified Mail™ Return Receipt Electronic

Shipment Details

Weight:	1lb, 14.5oz
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Recipient Signature

Signature of Recipient: (Authorized Agent)	RA 617 ON PR:43
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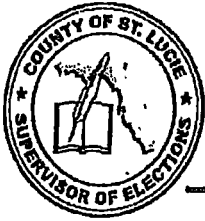
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February 9, 2021

James Monds, Jr.
1832 SE Berkshire Boulevard
Port Saint Lucie, Florida 34952

Dear Mr. Monds:

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Please submit the applicable report as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Judith Durogene, Candidate Coordinator at 772-462-1501. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gertrude Walker".

Gertrude Walker

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Calculation of Fine for Late Campaign Treasurer's Report

DE Reference Guide 0013 (eff. 09/2018)

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WHAT IS A FILING OFFICER'S DUTIES REGARDING FINES?

- Notify immediately, as applicable, the candidate, chair of the political committee, the electioneering communication organization, or chair of the political party executive committee that the candidate, committee or organization has failed to file a campaign finance report by the applicable due date and that a fine is being assessed for each late day. (See Sections 106.07(8)(b), 106.0703(7)(b), and 106.29(3)(b), F.S.)
- Determine the late fine amount and notify the applicable person or entity.
 - The fine is due to the filing officer within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment, unless an appeal is made to the Florida Elections Commission.
- Has no authority to waive the fine regardless of the reason – only the Florida Elections Commission has that authority.
- Must report to the Florida Elections Commission any repeated late filings, the failure to file a report after notice, and a failure to pay the fine.

HOW IS THE TYPE OF REPORT, ENTITY, AND "FINE RATE" DETERMINED?

- Candidate, political committee (PC), or electioneering communication organization (ECO) (Sections 106.07 and 106.0703, F.S.)
 - Reports due immediately preceding an election: \$500 for each day late.
 - Termination reports: \$50 for each day late (Only candidates file "termination" reports. PCs and ECOs file their final activity in the next regularly scheduled report after the PC/ECO notice of termination is filed with the filing officer).
 - All other reports: \$50 for the first 3 days, \$500 each day thereafter.
- State executive committees and affiliated party committees (Section 106.29, F.S.)
 - Reports due immediately preceding a special election or general election: \$10,000 for each day late.
 - All other reports: \$1,000 for each day late.
- County Executive Committees (Section 106.29, F.S.)
 - Reports due immediately preceding a special election or general election: \$500 for each day late.
 - All other reports: \$50 for each date late.

HOW IS THE NUMBER OF "LATE" DAYS CALCULATED? (SEE DE 91-07 AND EXAMPLES ON NEXT 2 PAGES)

- The first late day *begins* on the day after the campaign treasurer's report is due.
- The number of days late includes *weekends and holidays*.
- The last late day *ends* on (and includes) the earliest of the date:
 - The filing officer receives the report
 - The report is postmarked
 - A certificate shows mailed
 - An established courier company's receipt shows received, or
 - An electronic filing system shows received.

HOW IS THE FINE CALCULATED?

- **STEP 1:** Calculate the fine based upon the Daily Method, i.e.,
 - Multiply the number of days late by the appropriate "fine rate" (as specified on prior page).
- **STEP 2:** Calculate the fine based upon the Percentage Method, i.e.,
 - Review expenditures and contributions in the report in question.
 - Multiple the *greater* of the two by 25% (i.e., by .25).
Note: The percentage method is not used for late-filed reports that are due immediately preceding a special election or general election for political parties or affiliated party committees (section 106.29, F.S.)
- **STEP 3:** Compare the fine amounts calculated using the Daily Method versus the Percentage Method.
- **STEP 4:** The amount of the fine will be the *lesser* of the two calculated amounts.

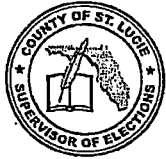
EXAMPLES

- #1 – Fine for Candidate – Report not due immediately preceding an election and not a termination report
 - Report was 4 days late
 - Expenditures = \$10,000; Contributions = \$20,000
 - Calculation of fine using daily method – 3 days x \$50 per day + 1 day at \$500 per day = \$650
 - Calculation of fine using percentage method - \$20,000 x 25% = \$5000
 - Fine to be imposed = \$650
- #2 – Fine for Candidate, Political Committee, or Electioneering Communication Organization - Report due immediately preceding an election
 - Report was 5 days late
 - Expenditures = \$40,000; Contributions = \$0
 - Calculation of fine using daily method – 5 days x \$500 per day = \$2,500
 - Calculation of fine using percentage method - \$40,000 x 25% = \$10,000
 - Fine to be imposed = \$2,500
- #3 – Fine for Candidate - Termination report
 - Report was 5 days late
 - Expenditures = \$10,000
 - Calculation of fine using daily method – 5 days x \$50 per day = \$250
 - Calculation of fine using percentage method - \$10,000 x 25% = \$2,500
 - Fine to be imposed = \$250
- #4 - Fine for County Executive Committee of a Political Party – Report not due immediately preceding a special election or general election
 - Report was 2 days late
 - Expenditures = \$10,000; Contributions = \$12,000
 - Calculation of fine using daily method – 2 days x \$50 per day = \$100
 - Calculation of fine using percentage method - \$12,000 x 25% = \$3,000
 - Fine to be imposed = \$100

Note: If this County Executive Committee report was due immediately preceding a special election or a general election, the percentage method is not applied; therefore, the fine rate would be calculated based solely on the daily method of \$500 per day. The calculation using the daily method would be 2 days x \$500 per day = \$1000. Thus, the fine to be imposed in this example if the report was due immediately preceding a special election or a general election would be \$1000.

• #5 – Fine for Political Committee or Electioneering Communication Organization – Report not due immediately preceding an election

- Report was 10 days late
- Expenditures = \$10,000; Contributions = \$12,000
- Calculation of fine using daily method – 3 days x \$50 per day + 7 days x \$500 per day = \$3,650
- Calculation of fine using percentage method - \$12,000 x 25% = \$3,000
- Fine to be imposed = \$3,000

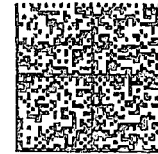


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James Monds, Jr.
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Kris Barcomb

From: Kris Barcomb
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 9:11 AM
To: 'James Monds Jr.'
Cc: Gertrude Walker; Judith Durogene
Subject: notice of campaign finance report late filing

Importance: High

Tracking:	Recipient	Read
	'James Monds Jr.'	
	Gertrude Walker	
	Judith Durogene	Read: 2/9/2021 9:20 AM

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Kris M. Barcomb

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Kris Barcomb

To: James Monds Jr.; ericamonds@yahoo.com
Cc: Gertrude Walker; Judith Durogene
Subject: REMINDER - final campaign finance report due

Importance: High

Mr. Monds:

As a courtesy reminder, the 2020 General Election campaign finance termination report is due on **February 1, 2021**, and will be listed in your report portal as follows:

TR4 (11/3/2020 - 2/1/2021) 2/1/2021	Not Filed	Not Filed	No Data Entered Optional <u>Don't Require This Report</u>	<u>Attach PDF</u>
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