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Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
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VIA Email and United States Mail

Re: Unlawful activity intended wrongfully accusing Devin Beach

Dear Public Disclosure Commission:

I am writing on behalf of Devin Beach, a candidate for public office in Pend Oreille County, Washington. Mr. Beach is being targeted, with knowing falsity, by a few people (some of them public servants also) who have intentionally concealed their names and contributions so as to manufacture a false claim against Mr. Beach. The people who have acted and whom we can identify are Christian Meador and Norm Smith.

Between them, Messrs. Meador and Smith have concealed their identities while making contributions of \$25.01, \$25.02, and \$25.81, over the past three weeks or so, to Mr. Beach's campaign. Then, to compound their atrocious misconduct and out of an apparent misapprehension of the law, Meador and Smith falsely reported to this Commission that Mr. Beach violated the law by accepting anonymous campaign contributions.

As you know, Mr. Beach can accept up to \$300.00 in anonymous campaign contributions. RCW 42.17A.220. Thus even had he knowingly received and accepted those funds (he has not), Mr. Beach would not be in violation of any law. The complaints filed by Messrs. Meador and Smith were thus nothing more than an ill-intentioned and misguided effort to show Mr. Beach in a false light to Pend Oreille County voters.

But the actions of Meador and Smith went far beyond that. It is unlawful for anyone to conceal their identity in conjunction with a campaign contribution. RCW 42.17A.435. We have videotape from Spokane Teachers Credit Union showing Mr. Meador doing exactly that. This is both malfeasance and misfeasance in office, subjecting Mr. Meador to a recall petition, and it is a violation of our Blue Sky laws. The video has been turned over to the authorities.

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Please let us know what we can and should do to perfect this complaint, to put you in the best position possible to make an informed prosecutorial decision.

Thank you for your courteous attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Milton G. Rowland