

October 24, 2022

Washington Public Disclosure Commission  
Erick O. Agina  
Compliance Officer

RE: PDC #113372

Mr. Agina,

On October 21, 2022, I received the following information alleging a PDC violation of RCW 42.17A.555. The allegation states that I, John Snaza, authorized the misuse of public/agency facilities by using an internal investigation against a political opponent to assist my campaign for the office of Thurston County Sheriff in the 2022 election year.

In July 2022, an allegation of a policy violation was brought forth by members of the Thurston County Sheriff's Office against Deputy Derek Sanders. Deputy Sanders is an employee of TCSO and is subject to the policies of TCSO that are a condition of his employment. This allegation was brought forth by members of his own bargaining unit and was not brought forth by the administration. This internal investigation was handled in complete accordance with TCSO policy and procedures. At no time did I have influence or involvement in this investigation, and this was not done for political gain. The investigation was handled by Sgt. Casebolt of our Office of Professional Standards who reports directly to Undersheriff Brady. The allegations brought forth by Ms. Genson in this PDC complaint are not accurate or factual and no TCSO resources were used for my political campaign.

Sincerely,

John D. Snaza