

7781 Highway 1 North Shreveport, Louisiana 71107

April 27, 2016

Louisiana Ethics Administration Program Attn: Kathleen Allen P. O. Box 4368 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

Dear Ms. Allen:

Re: Complaint against GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD, candidate for Caddo Parish Sheriff.

Current Caddo Parish Ward 8 Constable George Eric Hatfield was an unsuccessful candidate for the position of Caddo Parish Sheriff in the 2015 election. During the course of the campaign, Hatfield reportedly colluded with Robert Creamer of 5189 Shreveport-Blanchard Highway, Shreveport, Louisiana to funnel money to Hatfield's campaign for sheriff by setting up at least two companies (The Informer and Rapid Rabbit Publishing, LLC) for the purpose of using the publication to attack his opponent during the election and possibly as a scheme to secure large contributions from a single source, circumventing the campaign contribution limits. Interestingly enough, the publication disappeared shortly after Hatfield lost in the election to Sheriff Steve Prator.

It is alleged that Hatfield knowingly and intentionally concocted the magazine, calling all of the shots of its editorial content that would disseminate untrue and unfounded allegations against Prator, all while attempting to stand clear and disassociate himself from the publication that was passed out in the community. Hatfield formed or was instrumental in forming a Louisiana Limited Liability Company by the name of "Rapid Rabbit Publishing, LLC" setting up his subordinate Joseph Carstensen of 1318 Georgia Street, Shreveport, Louisiana as the registered agent and member of the LLC.

As part of the scheme, Hatfield housed or caused to be housed, the offices of his campaign's publication (The Informer) in properties owned by Hatfield, located at 8530 Hatfield Gorman Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana.

The scheme involved Hatfield receiving payments directly from Creamer to fund the operations of the campaign's magazine and according to the affidavit attached and executed by Shannon Taylor, Hatfield received payments of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) which were not reported on Hatfield's campaign financial statements or his annual financial disclosures as a Constable for Ward 8, Caddo Parish. However Hatfield merely reported that he received an "in-kind" donation of advertisements totaling three hundred dollars (\$300) in value.

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> Danny J. Lawler Publisher

STATE OF LOUISIANA

## AFFIDAVIT OF FACT

SHANNON TAYLOR, the wife of Adam Taylor, residing 7500 Henderson Gin Road, Shreveport, LA. 71107 having come before the undersigned Notary Public in and for the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana and hereby testified under oath under penalty of perjury to the following:

Affiant shared office space provided for by GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD months prior to the 2015 Caddo Parish Sheriff's election and had direct hand knowledge of GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD'S campaign, his business practices and dealings with HATFIELD's newspaper publication THE INFORMER that he owned, operated, managed and called the shots for.

That GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD conspired with ROBERT CREAMER to distance themselves from ownership and management of THE INFORMER and furthermore utilized JOHN HAMPSON and JOE CARSTENSEN as fronts for the publication in an attempt to avoid negative publicity or their relationship to the newspaper which focused on attacking Caddo Parish Sheriff Steve Prator during his re-election bid in the 2015 election, when in fact GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD was the mastermind, owner, and operator of THE INFORMER.

That GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD received payments from ROBERT CREAMER totaling Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) as payment to start the publication THE INFORMER.

That GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD received yet another Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) from ROBERT CREAMER in order to "meet payroll."

Affiant further testifies that she believes that GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD may not have utilized the revenue received from ROBERT CREAMER to actually pay expenses related to THE INFORMER because the printer in Plano, Texas used to print the publication was left owed money. Affiant further testifies that she spoke with John Hampson on April 26, 2016 and he advised her that to date, they still have not been paid for their services by GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD.

Affiant testifies that during the course of the election process in 2015, GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD was actively involved in exactly what went into the publication and that he would meet with staff at late hours of the night laying out the publication and discussing what would be put into each edition.

Affiant testifies that GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD participated in the development of a complaint to a Muslim organization following the police shooting of a local Muslim man that led police and deputies on a chase for several hours. Affiant testifies that the purpose of the complaint was to stir up controversy for Caddo Parish Sheriff Steve Prator during his re-election bid in an effort to give GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD additional support or leverage during the election process. Affiant testifies that GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD and Joe Carstensen utilized her non-profit organization's fax machine to send the complaint to the Muslim organization.

I, SHANNON TAYLOR, hereby attest that the above facts are the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and that these statements are made of my own accord without pressure or persuasion of any kind whatsoever.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED THIS THE 27th DAY OF APRIL, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 2016 BE-FORE THE UNDERSIGNED NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF CADDO, STATE OF LOUISIANA.

SHANNON TAYLOR

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NOTARY PUBLIC
CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA
My Commission is for Life.

Notary No. 029820

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Affiant testifies that at no point has she ever gone to CADDO PARISH WARD 8 CONSTABLE GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD with any information on Caddo Parish Sheriff Steve Prator.

Affiant further testifies that at no point has she ever gone to CADDO PARISH WARD 8 CONSTABLE GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD with any information on Danny Lawler, and that she only recently moved to this area and did not know Danny Lawler until such time that she figured out that GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD is a liar, a dishonest elected official, and a danger to society, and decided to take information that she had on GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD to Danny Lawler at THE INQUISITOR for investigation. Affiant testifies that the allegations made by GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD about Danny Lawler are similar to the allegations made by GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD against journalist and blogger Marion Marks when he took photographs of GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD's property.

Affiant testifies that she does not know who "BOBBY HERRING" is and has never heard of  $\mbox{him.}$ 

Affiant testifies that she is in receipt of the attached email dated February 29, 2016 from GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD to Caddo Parish Sheriff Steve Prator, and that the information in the email is fabricated, false and nothing but merely a measure to deflect the heat off of GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD.

Affiant further testifies that GEORGE ERIC HATFIELD has committed the crime of filing a false police report and filing false public documents in violations of Louisiana Revised Statutes 14:133, and that a warrant should be issued for his arrest accordingly.

I, SHANNON TAYLOR, hereby attest that the above facts are the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and that these statements are made of my own accord without pressure or persuasion of any kind whatsoever.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED THIS THE DAY OF APRIL, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 2016 BEFORE THE UNDERSIGNED NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF CADDO, STATE OF LOUISIANA.

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SHANNON TAYLOR

DANNY JOE LAWLER
NOTARY PUBLIC
CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA
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## **Danny Lawler**

From:

Steve Prator < Steve.Prator@caddosheriff.org>

Sent:

Thursday, March 03, 2016 6:41 PM

To: Subject: Lawler Danny; Danny Lawler Fwd: Shan Taylor

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Caddo Constable < caddoconstable @yahoo.com>

Date: February 29, 2016 at 11:39:50 PM CST

To: Steve Prator < sprator@caddosheriff.org >, Danny Lawler < dannylawler@cmaaccess.com >

Subject: Shan Taylor

Sheriff,

Regardless of any differences between any of us there is an issue that continues to grow and needs to be addressed. I received another phone call tonight from a concerned citizen, Sharon McCullough regarding a w/f by the name of "Shan" Taylor. Mrs. McCullough advised me that she, along with numerous others have become victims of a "non-profit scam" allegedly owned and operated by "Shan" Taylor. Mrs. McCullough went on to state that "Shan" Taylor is relentlessly pursuing unsuspecting citizens of Caddo Parish in hopes of receiving item donations and monetary contributions that are not being dispersed to anyone other than "Shan" Taylor, I advised Mrs. McCullough that she should contact the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction in her area. During this conversation Mrs. McCullough advised that she wished to speak with me in person regarding several threats made by "Shan" Taylor regarding myself. Mrs. McCullough then stated that "Shan" Taylor advised Mrs. McCullough that she was going to "bury" me. Mrs. MCCullough further stated that "Shan" Taylor was bragging to McCullough and others that she created a fictitious story and shared it with Danny Lawler and the "Sheriff." Mrs. McCullough advised that "Shan" Taylor provided details regarding the false information that was divulged to the "Sheriff" and Danny Lawler. These details consisted of statements regarding "buried things" on my property, "dirt mounds," "posting pictures of the "Sheriff" on social media, etc.

I came to know this individual, "Shan" Taylor during the middle of the campaign last year. She literally came out of nowhere. She contacted my campaign team advising the team, the Informer newspaper, and later myself of a lengthy laundry list of impropriety by the Sheriff. She provided details that were believable yet of no interest to any of us simply because she clearly had an agenda. She provided information regarding Bobby Herring and Danny Lawler as well. The allegations against Danny Lawler were harsh and involved impropriety with a juvenile as well as other startling information. As you are all aware I did not divulge that information regardless of the poor choices made by Danny Lawler in reference to my family. Danny Lawler advised me that if I would ask "Joe" (editor/Informer) to "leave him alone" then Danny would agree to stop writing negative articles about me. I did as requested and kept my word. As far as the picture of the Sheriff, I did not take the picture, print the picture, nor did I place it on any web-site even

though the photograph was allegedly taken by the Informer at a public forum. I have seen the Wikipedia photo but I had no involvement in that matter nor was I aware that that anyone aside from Wikipedia staff could post to their site.

Why would "Shan" Taylor make so many attempts to blackmail me? It's simple. She came to me with an agenda against the Sheriff, Danny Lawler, and Bobby Herring. Regardless of what any of you were or were not doing to me "two wrongs don't make a right." "Shan" continued throughout the next few months of the campaign to fill us with her conspiracy theories. She claimed that the Sheriff had narcotics officers sitting outside of her home at night, that Bobby Herring's wife was stealing our signs, and that she had enough information on Danny to make his paper go away and him as well. I wanted no part in her endeavors. The final straw was when "Shan" moved into an office with the Informer and began to provide them with information for their publication. She paid no rent and claimed to own a "non-profit" organization. On one of many occasions she called our office or cell phones and advised that she was being stalked by the State Police. She then notified the Informer of the same. She then placed a sign outside of the building advertising "A Cure NWLA." "Shan" stated that her non-profit status would keep the state police away from her. She advised that she was going to file suit against the troopers for harassing a "cancer organization." It is my understanding that no one was stalking her. Upon learning of this continuous drama my team and family did our best to keep our distance from "Shan" Taylor. Finally, she continued to change all of the locks on the building that was occupied by other tenants as well. She advised us that she was recording everyone inside and that she was also good friends with a Inspector General and that he had been coming to Shreveport and then to her office to visit. She advised that she was working with the Inspector General and that she was also a private investigator. She soon moved out of the office in the middle of the night and took a large new flat-screen TV that did not belong to her. I called her and notified "Shan" Taylor that the individual who owned the TV wanted it returned to him immediately.

In closing, I realize that this email has become quite lengthy. However, I feel that, as the nature of her "thwart the heat" scheme is bad enough, the true damages are suffered by the families and children who suffer from Cancer and other debilitating illnesses. These families and children look to organizations such as the one owned by "Shan" Taylor for help that is truly needed. Many of these families are possibly nearing the end of a life with their child or loved one and are simply seeking assistance to fill their last moments together with love and happiness. For the these families to spend valuable weeks and months supporting this organization only to see the gifts, trips, and donated money being spent by "Shan" Taylor for her personal gain is despicable.

I sincerely appreciate your time in reading this email. If you wish to contact me please feel free to do so. The campaign is over and in the past. I look forward to a good working relationship.

Sincerely,

Constable Eric Hatfield

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