

Complaint Against:

Scott Wriggelsworth
PO Box 4128
East Lansing, MI 48823

Complainant:

Anthony Markwort
5890 Horstmeyer Road
Lansing, MI 48911
517-803-9516

Dated: January 18, 2019

Filed pursuant to MCL 169.215(5) and the
Administrative Rules of the Michigan Department of State
Legal and Regulatory Services Administration
Richard H. Austin Building, Fourth Floor
430 West Allegan Street
Lansing, MI 48918

COMPLAINT

Complainant, Anthony Markwort, declares to the Michigan Secretary of State the following:

JURISDICTION AND LEGAL BACKGROUND

1. The Ingham County Sheriff's Office is a "public body" as defined in the Michigan Campaign Finance Act ("MCFA"). MCL 169.211(7).
2. Scott Wigglesworth is a person who, during the relevant time period, was acting for a public body within the meaning of Section 57 of the MCFA. MCL 169.257(1).
3. Section 57 of the MCFA prohibits "[a] public body or a person acting for a public body" from using public resources, including "computer hardware or software," to make an

expenditure. MCL 169.257(1). This includes emails advocating for a particular candidate or links to that candidate's fundraising site. IS issued to David Murley dated Oct. 31, 2005.

4. The term "expenditure" is broadly defined in Section 6 of the MCFA as "anything of ascertainable monetary value for goods, materials, services, or facilities in assistance of, or in opposition to, the nomination or election of a candidate." MCL 169.206(1).

5. As explained by the Michigan Secretary of State, "The intentional or knowing use of public resources for political purposes is clearly unethical and repugnant to Michigan's deserved reputation for clean government." IS issued to Michael Hanley dated Oct. 29, 1999.

6. The Michigan Secretary of State has jurisdiction to hear a private complainant's administrative complaint. MCL 169.215(5).

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

7. Mr. Wigglesworth is a candidate for the office of Ingham County Sheriff. Ex. 1 and Ex. 2 (LSJ Article: Ingham County Sheriff uses county alert system to announce his 2020 run) (Ingham County Clerk: Receipt for Filling Fee in Lieu of Petitions).

8. On January 11, 2019, Mr. Wigglesworth authorized an alert to be sent, using Ingham County's Non-Public Alert System, that he had "filed to run for the Office of Sheriff again in the year 2020." Ex. 1 (LSJ Article: Ingham County Sheriff uses county alert system to announce his 2020 run).

9. The Capital Area Ingham County Alert System is used to "notify you about imminent threats to health and safety as well as informational notifications that affect your locations or work environments. Administrators will send notifications regarding severe weather, flooding, gas leaks, police activity and more."

10. Information contained in the Capital Area Ingham County Alert System "will be used only for Ingham County public safety agencies for notification purposes. We will not give or sell your contact or location information to any vendor or other organization". Ex. 3 (Web Page: Capital Area Ingham County Alerts FAQ)

11. The Capital Area Ingham County Alert System is at least partially funded by Ingham County and therefore is a public resource. Ex. 1 (LSJ Article: Ingham County Sheriff uses county alert system to announce his 2020 run).

12. Mr. Wigglesworth has admitted to using public resources to announce his 2020 campaign and has indicated he is prepared to deal with any penalties that could follow. Ex. 4 (LSJ Article: Ingham Co. Sheriff issues apology for using county email to announce campaign)

CLAIMS

13. As recounted above, Mr. Wigglesworth used the Ingham County Non-Public Alert System, a public resource, to announce his candidacy for the office of Ingham County Sheriff. This is a direct violation of Section 57 of the MFCA. MCL 169.257.

Based on the foregoing, Mr. Wigglesworth is in violation of Section 57 of the MFCA.

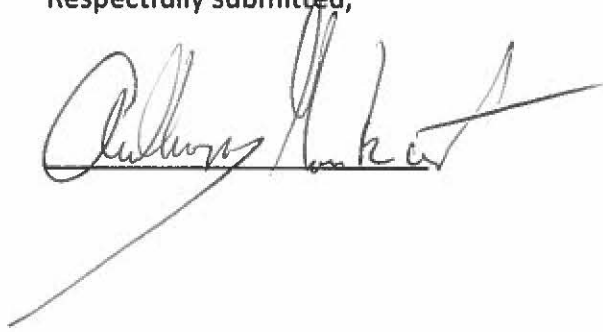
REQUEST OF ACTION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Accordingly, the Complainant respectfully requests that the Secretary of State immediately investigate this violation and determine as a matter of law that Mr. Wigglesworth

has violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act and assess all appropriate penalties for such violations.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, formed after a reasonable inquiry under the circumstances, each factual contention of this complaint is supported by evidence.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Anthony R. Kuntz", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.



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Ingham County Sheriff uses county alert system to announce his 2020 run



Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth announced his 2020 run for re-election using the Ingham County Non-Public Alert System.

LSJ FILE PHOTO

CAROL THOMPSON | LANSING STATE JOURNAL | 5:01 pm EST January 11, 2019



LANSING — Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth announced his 2020 re-election bid using an Ingham County-funded email system, a move that could run afoul of Michigan campaign finance laws.



Wriggelsworth kicked off the email touting his successes as sheriff. He signed off with a wish

"My hope is our residents approve of the job WE at the Sheriff's Office are doing, and will allow me to continue as Sheriff in 2021 and beyond," Wriggelsworth wrote.

Reply Reply All Forward Print



Ingham County Sheriff's Office <noreply@everbridge.net>

LSJ-ContentTeam

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Today, January 11, 2019, Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth filed to run for the Office of Sheriff...

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This is a notification from the Ingham County Non-Public Alert System:

Please click here to acknowledge receipt of this message

Today January 11, 2019, Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth filed to run for the Office of Sheriff again in the year 2020.

"Although it is early, I feel it is important to let my staff and the public know my intentions. The Ingham County Sheriff's Office has had an amazing two years of success under my leadership. Fixing the evidence issues, hiring great people, many right here from the Ingham County community, and the successful passing of the Justice Complex millage just to name a few. We have done great work in my first two years, but have a ton left to do. We will always be proactive in our pursuit of a safer community, by continuing to partner with our community, as well as local, state and federal law enforcement.

In the jail, safety and security of deputies and inmates is always priority #1. However, building on our current successes and implementing the additional programming in the millage, is also important. Starting people down the right path when they are incarcerated, and keeping them on the right track upon release is important. In the end, we all win when this goal is accomplished, and it should and will be our goal each and every day I am Sheriff.

The Sheriff's Office motto is "OUR FAMILY PROTECTING YOURS SINCE 1838". My hope is our residents approve of the job WE at the Sheriff's Office are doing, and will allow me to continue as Sheriff in 2021 and beyond."

Scott Wriggelsworth
Ingham County Sheriff



The email was sent through an alert system paid for, in part, by Ingham County. In 2017, commissioners agreed to pay up to \$28,500 for a year of participation in the Everbridge Mass Communications System, according to a board resolution. The county subcontracted with the city of Lansing for use of the program, the resolution states.

That makes the email system a public resource, said Craig Mauger, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, a nonprofit that studies and provides educational resources about money in politics. Michigan campaign finance law prohibits the use of public funds or resources for campaign activities.

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"In general, public resources should not be used for campaign activities," Mauger said. "Sending out a press release about your run for office is a campaign activity."

Wriggelsworth said his re-election announcement was sent only to media outlets and sheriff's department employees. He defended his use of the alert system, describing his message as an announcement and not as campaign literature.

"I'm the sheriff, and I'm letting the media, the public and my employees know that I intend to remain the sheriff," he said.

"I don't know how else I would get that message out."

Wriggelsworth said he directed his secretary to write and send the email.

The department does not have a written policy about using the alert system, he said.

"If somebody deems or determines that this was an inappropriate use of county funds or a county system or whatever they say, then I'll deal with the consequences of that," he said.



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Using county resources in a campaign is a “strict violation” of campaign finance laws, Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum said. She defined campaigning as a message that encourages people to support or oppose either a candidate or a ballot measure.

Byrum said candidates often tread close to violating campaign finance law by conflating informational messages with campaign activities. The Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections investigates complaints of campaign finance violations.

“What I have told candidates is that if there is ever a question, just don’t do it,” she said.

Byrum said she tells candidates not to use county resources, such as email accounts or copy machines, to fundraise or campaign.

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“I would presume the sheriff has heard me say something to that effect,” she said.

Wriggelsworth, a Democrat, won the 2016 election for sheriff with more than 57 percent of the vote over Republican contender Eric Trojanowicz.

His campaign kicked off when his father – former Ingham County Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth – announced he would not seek re-election, and that Scott Wriggelsworth, then a lieutenant with the East Lansing Police Department, would be running for sheriff.



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County Clerk

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FAQs

Capital Area Ingham County Alerts : Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Capital Area Ingham County Alert System?

This service allows you to opt-in to receive notifications via phone calls, text messaging, e-mail and more based on locations you care about. You can choose to receive notifications about events that may affect your home, workplace, family's schools and more. All communities in Ingham County are covered by this system.

When will it be used?

This system will be used to notify you about imminent threats to health and safety as well as informational notifications that affect your locations or work environments. Administrators will send notifications regarding severe weather, flooding, gas leaks, police activity and more.

Do you have a smartphone app?

Yes - for Apple products [here](#) and for Android products [here](#). Simply download and use the username / password combination you set up in this process. This app also allows you to send information back to the public safety agencies, such as anonymous tips, damage reports, etc. In addition, the app works anywhere in the United States where the jurisdiction uses Everbridge so you can get emergency alerts nationwide without signing up for additional accounts.

Will I still get emergency notifications if I don't sign up?

If you don't create a username and password, you will not be guaranteed to receive notifications.

What are the different alert types?

You can select from county-based alerts and/or individual city and township alerts. A good way to do it is sign up for all types of county alerts and then select those from areas where you work and/or live.

What if my phone number or email address changes?

The system is only as good as the information you provide. If your contact information changes, you can always visit your profile and update your information.

Will my contact information be shared with others?

No. The information that you provide will be used only for Ingham County public safety agencies for notification purposes. *We will not give or sell your contact or location information to any vendor or other organization.*

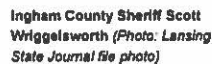
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

January 25, 2019

Scott Wriggelsworth
PO Box 4128
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

Dear Sheriff Wriggelsworth:

The Department of State (Department) received a formal complaint filed by Anthony Markwort against you alleging violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* The investigation and resolution of this complaint is governed by section 15 of the Act and the corresponding administrative rules, R 169.51 *et seq.* A copy of the complaint and supporting documentation is enclosed with this letter.

In Michigan it is unlawful for a public body or an individual acting on its behalf to use or authorize the use of equipment, supplies, personnel, funds, or other public resources to make a contribution or expenditure. MCL 169.257(1). The words "contribution" and "expenditure" are terms of art that are generally defined to include a payment or transfer of anything of ascertainable monetary value made for the purpose of influencing or made in assistance of the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question. MCL 169.204(1), 169.206(1). A knowing violation of this provision is a misdemeanor offense. MCL 169.257(4).

Mr. Markwort alleges that you unlawfully used public resources by authorizing an alert to be sent using Ingham County's Non-public Alert System which expressly advocated for your re-election.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the Department's examination of these matters and your right to respond to the allegations before the Department proceeds further. It is important to understand that the Department is neither making this complaint nor accepting the allegations as true.

If you wish to file a written response to this complaint, you are required to do so within 15 business days of the date of this letter. Your response may include any written statement or additional documentary evidence you wish to submit. All materials must be sent to the Department of State, Bureau of Elections, Richard H. Austin Building, 1st Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918. If you fail to submit a response, the Department will render a decision based on the evidence furnished by the complainant.

A copy of your answer will be provided to Mr. Markwort, who will have an opportunity to submit a rebuttal statement to the Department. After reviewing all of the statements and materials provided by the parties, the Department will determine whether "there may be reason

to believe that a violation of [the MCFA] has occurred [.]” MCL 169.215(10). Note that the Department’s enforcement powers include the possibility of entering a conciliation agreement, conducting an administrative hearing, or referring this matter to the Attorney General for enforcement of the criminal penalty provided in section 57(4) of the Act.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact me at (517) 335-3234.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Fracassi". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "A" and a cursive "Fracassi".

Adam Fracassi
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Anthony Markwort



STATE OF MICHIGAN
JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

March 1, 2019

SECOND NOTICE

Scott Wriggelsworth
PO Box 4128
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

Via Certified mail

Re: *Markwort v. Wriggelsworth*
Campaign Finance Complaint
No. 2019-01-01-57

Dear Sheriff Wriggelsworth:

By correspondence dated January 25, 2019, the Department of State (Department) advised you of its intention to investigate a complaint filed against you by Anthony Markwort concerning alleged violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 et seq. A copy of the Department's notice is enclosed with this letter.

The notice informed you that, pursuant to section 15(5) of the MCFA, MCL 169.215(5), the Department is reviewing whether you failed to comply with the requirements of the Act. The Committee was provided an opportunity to respond to these allegations within 15 business days of your receipt of the notice, but to date no response has been filed on your behalf.

By this letter, the Department is providing you a final opportunity to submit a written response to the enclosed notice. Your response may include any documentary evidence you wish to submit and must be received by the Department on or before **March 22, 2019**. All materials must be sent to the Bureau of Elections, Michigan Department of State, Richard H. Austin Building, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918.

Failure to submit a written response to this second notice will leave the Department no alternative but to make its determination based solely on the documentation furnished by Ms. Byrum.

Sincerely,

Adam Fracassi
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

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March 8, 2019

Bureau of Elections,

This letter is in response to the complaint dated Jan 19th, 2019 filed by Anthony Markwort against my campaign alleging a campaign finance violation on Jan 11, 2019.

On Jan 11th, I did in fact inappropriately use the Ingham County notification system (Everbridge) to announce I had filed run for Sheriff in 2020. It is important to note that the system, although publicly owned by the county, is the system we also use for any press releases issued from the Sheriff's Office. The message sent (which was included in the complaint) was sent only to the media, as well as any Sheriff's Office employee that had signed up for the alerts. I failed to separate the "Office of Sheriff" from me being the current elected Sheriff, as I should have. The message DID NOT get sent to the public, but is the same system used for that purpose.

That same day, Jan 11, 2019, upon contact by the Lansing State Journal about this issue, I did contact the County Clerk Barb Byrum, and let her know the error I had made. The next day, Jan 12th I did issue an apology to the public for my actions via the Lansing State Journal which was published on Jan 15th (also included in the complaint).

On Jan 24th, I received a letter from Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum admonishing me for my action on Jan 11th (a copy I have included in my response). I realize I should not have used the Everbridge platform to send out this message, I am sorry, I have apologized for my action, and it will not happen again. I take my position as the elected Ingham County Sheriff very seriously, and try to follow the rules and laws each and every day. In this instance I failed.

It is important to note, the reason for my delayed response is I did not receive the first notice sent by your office. It was sent to the wrong address in East Lansing provided to you by the complainant. My committee address of PO Box 77 Holt, MI 48842 was updated with the county clerk's office on 1-13-2017. The second notice was also sent to the wrong address in East Lansing. I responded promptly when I received the second noticed dated March 1, 2019 at my home in Holt, on 3-6-19.

Please contact me if you have any further questions at 517-285-1831 or e-mail at sawriggelsworth@comcast.net

Respectfully,


Scott Wriggelsworth



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www.ingham.org

Barb Byrum
Ingham County Clerk

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Mason, MI 48854
Phone: (517) 676-7201
Fax: (517) 676-7254

Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth
PO Box 77
Holt, MI 48842

January 24, 2019

Sheriff Wriggelsworth:

On January 11, 2019, I received notification that a communication was sent using the Ingham County Non-Public Alert System (Everbridge) announcing that you filed to run for re-election as Ingham County Sheriff in 2020. I have enclosed a copy of the communication in question.

On January 12, 2019, you sent an apology to the press and the Board of Commissioners regarding the use of the Everbridge Alert System to announce your candidacy. You have acknowledged that the use of the system was a mistake and you stated that you would not make it again.

As of today, no complaint has been made with my office regarding the use of the Everbridge Alert System to announce your filing for re-election. However, in reviewing the statement and other emails obtained through FOIA regarding the dissemination of the announcement, it appears there was clear intent to use County resources to further your election to office.

It is strongly advised that in order to be in compliance with the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, specifically MCL § 169.257, you and your campaign should immediately discontinue utilizing County resources for campaign purposes. This includes, but is not limited to, using County email or alert systems, staff time, and phones. For more information regarding the use of public resources for campaigns, please refer to Appendix I of the Candidate Committee Campaign Finance Manual.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Elections/Clerk Coordinator Elizabeth Noel at (517) 676-7255.

Sincerely,


Barb Byrum
Ingham County Clerk

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Barb Byrum, Ingham County Clerk





STATE OF MICHIGAN
JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

March 15, 2019

Anthony Markwort
5890 Horstmeyer Road
Lansing, MI 48911

Dear Mr. Markwort:

The Department of State received a response to the complaint you filed against Scott Wriggelsworth, which concerns an alleged violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA), 1976 P.A. 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* A copy of the response is provided as an enclosure with this letter.

If you elect to file a rebuttal statement, you are required to send it within 10 business days of the date of this letter to the Bureau of Elections, Richard H. Austin Building, 1st Floor, 430 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48918.

Sincerely,

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Adam Fracassi
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

c: Scott Wriggelsworth



STATE OF MICHIGAN
JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

June 3, 2019

Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth
PO Box 77
Holt, Michigan 48842

Re: *Markwort v. Wriggelsworth*
Campaign Finance Complaint
No. 2019-1-1-57

Dear Mr. Wriggelsworth:

The Department of State (Department) has completed its initial investigation of the complaint filed against you which alleged violations of section 57 of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA or Act), 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.257. This letter concerns the disposition of Mr. Markwort's complaint.

Mr. Markwort filed his complaint with the Department on January 22, 2019 and alleged that you improperly used county resources to make an expenditure on behalf of your campaign. Specifically, Mr. Markwort alleged that you authorized an alter to be sent using Ingham County's alert system which announced that you had filed papers to run for re-election in 2020. As evidence to the complaint, Mr. Markwort submitted copies of newspaper articles from the Lansing State Journal, a copy of the message sent via the alert system, a copy of the receipt for the \$100 filing fee, and an article from the Lansing State Journal where you issued an apology for using the county system.

By letter dated March 8, 2019 you submitted an answer to the Department.¹ In your answer, you indicated that this was an improper use of the system, and that the email was only sent internally and not to the public. You further stated that you issued an apology and have indicated that you will not do this again.

By letter dated March 15, 2019, the Department notified Mr. Markwort of his opportunity to file a rebuttal statement. To date, no rebuttal has been filed.

¹ The Department had to resent the complaint via certified mail as the original post office box was no longer in service. The answer was timely filed to the Department's second notification of the complaint.

In Michigan, it is unlawful for a public body or an individual acting on its behalf to use or authorize the use of equipment, supplies, personnel, funds, or other public resources to make a contribution or expenditure. MCL 169.257(1). A public body is allowed produce or disseminate factual information concerning issues relevant to the function of the public body. MCL 169.257(1)(b). The words "contribution" and "expenditure" are terms of art that are generally defined to include a payment or transfer of anything of ascertainable monetary value made for the purpose of influencing or made in assistance of the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question. MCL 169.204(1), 169.206(1). An individual who knowingly violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to 1 year. MCL 169.257(4).

The Department has reviewed the information submitted with the complaint and determines that there is sufficient evidence to determine that a potential violation of the Act has occurred. The email in question sent expressly advocates for your re-election by stating that you have decided to run for re-election in 2020. Because this email was sent during normal work hours (Friday, January 11, 2019 at 11:15 am) using a system specifically developed for Ingham County, the evidence supports the conclusion that you improperly authorized public resources to be used in order to support your re-election campaign. Further, the fact that you have admitted to making an improper expenditure supports the Department's conclusion.

Therefore, the evidence provided to the Department supports a conclusion that the County expended public resources to advocate for the passage of a ballot question. Because you authorized the use of public resources to distribute the flyer, it is likely a potential violation of section 57 has occurred.

Upon the finding of a potential violation, the Act requires the Department to "endeavor to correct the violation or prevent a further violation by using informal methods [,]" if it finds that there may be reason to believe that a violation has occurred, and if the Department is unable to correct or prevent additional violations, it must ask the Attorney General to prosecute if a crime has been committed. MCL 169.215(10)(a). The objective of an informal resolution is "to correct the violation or prevent a further violation [,]" *Id.*

The Department offers to resolve Mr. Markwort's complaint against you informally through the execution of the enclosed conciliation agreement. The agreement requires you pay a \$100 fine to the State of Michigan. The purpose of this settlement is to correct the violation, ensure taxpayers are made whole, and deter the Township from committing any further violations of section 57 in the future. (These funds may be raised through a MCFA committee or from a person's personal funds, or both.)

If you wish to enter into the conciliation agreement, please return the original signed document to this office, along with payment of the \$100 fine to the State of Michigan by June 19, 2019.

Please be advised that if the Department is unable to resolve this informally, it is required by MCL 169.215(10)-(11) to:

Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth

June 3, 2019

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- 1) Refer you to the Attorney General with a request that her office prosecute you for the crime of expending public funds to make an expenditure, a misdemeanor violation of MCL 169.257(1); or
- 2) Conduct an administrative hearing to enforce the civil penalty provided in MCL 169.215(11), which provides that the Secretary of State may seek a civil fine of triple the amount outline in 169.257(4), plus up to \$1,000.00 for each violation of the Act.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Fracassi", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Fracassi
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State

Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)

From: Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 11:56 AM
To: Scott Wriggelsworth
Subject: RE: Markwort v. Wriggelsworth Campaign Finance Complaint
Attachments: Conciliation agreement letter.pdf

Sheriff Wriggelsworth –

Please find attached correspondence related to the campaign finance complaint. I have placed a copy of this letter and the signed conciliation agreement in today's mail. The Department now considers this matter closed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
Adam

From: Scott Wriggelsworth <sawriggelsworth@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 6:12 PM
To: Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) <FracassiA@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: Markwort v. Wriggelsworth Campaign Finance Complaint

I signed the form and sent in the check and it has been checked. If you could confirm this is all over with that would be great

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 20, 2019, at 5:24 PM, Fracassi, Adam (MDOS) <FracassiA@michigan.gov> wrote:

Sheriff Wriggelsworth –

I just wanted to follow up with you to see if you received this email. I haven't heard back and wanted to check in.

Thank you,
Adam

From: Fracassi, Adam (MDOS)
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2019 5:02 PM
To: sawriggelsworth@comcast.net
Subject: Markwort v. Wriggelsworth Campaign Finance Complaint

Sheriff Wriggelsworth –

Please find attached correspondence a proposed conciliation agreement regarding the abovementioned campaign finance complaint. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Adam Fracassi
Election Law Specialist
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State
430 West Allegan Street
Lansing, Michigan 48918
(517) 335-3234



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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In the Matter of:

**Anthony Markwort
5890 Horstmeyer Road
Lansing, Michigan 48911**

v.

**Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth
PO Box 77
Holt, Michigan 48842**

MDOS 5900138-1 06/10/2019
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CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

Pursuant to MCL §169.215(10) of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (the Act), MCL §169.201 *et seq.*, the Secretary of State and Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth (Respondent) hereby enters into a conciliation agreement with respect to certain acts, omissions, methods, or practices prohibited by the Act.

The Secretary of State alleges that there may be reason to believe that Respondent violated MCL §169.257 by making improper expenditures using county resources to expressly advocate for his re-election.

Therefore, Respondent, without admitting any issue of law or fact, except as stated herein, hereby voluntarily enters into this conciliation agreement and assures the Secretary of State that he will comply with the Act and the Rules promulgated to implement the Act.

By executing this conciliation agreement, Respondent certifies that a civil fine in the amount of \$100.00 has been paid to the State of Michigan.

The Secretary of State and Respondent further agrees that this agreement is in effect and enforceable for four years from the date it is signed by the Secretary of State or her duly authorized representative.

The Secretary of State and Respondent further agree that this agreement, unless violated, shall constitute a complete bar to any further action by the Secretary of State with respect to the alleged violation that resulted in the execution of this agreement.

The Secretary of State and Respondent further agree that the complaint and investigation that resulted in this agreement are disposed of and will not be the basis for further proceedings, except pursuant to this agreement.

The Secretary of State and Respondent further agree that this agreement will not prevent the Secretary of State from taking action for violations of this agreement.

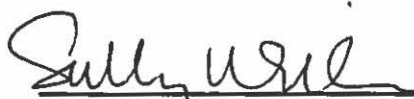
The Secretary of State and Respondent further agree that Respondent's performance under this agreement shall be given due consideration in any subsequent proceedings.

The Secretary of State and Respondent further agree that this agreement, when signed, shall become a part of the permanent public records of the Department of State.

The Secretary of State and Respondent finally agree that the signatories below are authorized to enter into and bind the parties to this agreement, and have done so by signing this agreement on the date below.

JOCELYN BENSON
SECRETARY OF STATE

RESPONDENT



Sally Williams, Director
Bureau of Elections



Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth

Date: 6/24/19

Date: 6-4-19



STATE OF MICHIGAN
JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

June 25, 2019

Anthony Markwort
5890 Horstmeyer Road
Lansing, Michigan 48911

Dear Mr. Markwort:

The Department of State has concluded its investigation of the complaint that you filed against Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth, which concerned an alleged violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA), 1976 P.A. 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* A copy of the final resolution is provided as an enclosure with this letter.

The Department now considers this matter closed and resolved and the entire file on the matter will be posted on the Department's website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Fracassi".

Adam Fracassi
Bureau of Elections
Michigan Department of State



STATE OF MICHIGAN
JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

June 25, 2019

Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth
PO Box 77
Holt, Michigan 48842

Dear Sheriff Wriggelsworth:

Enclosed is a signed copy of the signed conciliation agreement entered into in response to the complaint filed against you by Anthony Markwort, which concerned alleged violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA), 1976 P.A. 388, MCL 169.201 *et seq.* The Department considers this matter closed and resolved and the entire file will be posted on the Department's website.

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