

November 21, 2019

To: The Honorable Attorney General of Kentucky
Chief Counsel Kentucky Registry of Election Finance

From: Donald Thrasher

In Re: Public Integrity Issue, Anonymous Campaign Mailer and Witness Intimidation

On September 23rd, 2019 I filed a formal complaint against the Nelson County Organization of Women (“NCORW”) with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance (“KREF”). After the KREF Complaint was served on the NCORW, the NCORW leadership retained Jason Paul Floyd an attorney in Bardstown, KY to represent them.

Jason Floyd is the nephew of the KY House Chief of Staff David Floyd. Jason's mother is now a member of the NCORW leadership as vice-President. The Floyds are supporters of Chad McCoy the Nelson County State Representative that replaced David in 2016.

After I learned Jason Floyd was representing NCORW I emailed him to discuss the potential to file a complaint for damages in addition to the KREF complaint. I am the Chairman of the Nelson County Republican Party (“NCRP”) and so I carbon copied our Secretary and Treasurer on the email. The Secretary of the the NCRP is Brenda Alexander (“Alexander”) who also just happened to resign as President of the NCORW over the other leaders failing to file KREF required documents and failure to turn over proceeds from a fundraiser to the NCRP.

In the email I believe Jason Floyd attempts to intimidate 2 witnesses in the KREF matter, myself and Alexander. Floyd stated:

“You have the absolute right to file whatever you wish. Of course doing that opens you up to the civil rules and subpoena power, where discovery can take place on virtually any aspect of a litigant's life, whether they relate to the substance of the case or not. In fact the KREF Complaint, if it blossoms into an administrative case, does the exact same thing.”

After Floyd stated this I felt he was attempting to intimidate myself and Brenda Alexander, I responded by saying:

“No Mr. Floyd, by virtue of your email in which you are attempting to coerce and intimidate would allow for a protective order. In fact I am on my way to the courthouse to go through every case you have had in the last 10 years and see if the abuse and intimidation that I have heard you have used to victimize people is true. I will investigate and interview your former clients and opponents and compile it all. Clearly this email demonstrates to me that you have absolutely no moral or ethical compass.”

Later in the same email chain Floyd states on Oct. 22nd, 2019 at 1:36pm, Floyd includes Chad McCoy in the email chain:

“I don't doubt you brother. With no wife, no kids, no job, no faith, no church and living in your nephew's home rent-free, you have no worries, and plenty of free time to harass Diane Thompson's office. Happy Hunting!”

I then point out the misrepresentations and half truths in his email. In the same email chain he again attempts to intimidate me implying that he could get a District Court Judge to look at the Trust I am Trustee of to take *sua sponte* action. Floyd stating:

“Are you paying rent for living in the home owned by the Trust which is supposed to be distributed to your nephew in 2-3 years? If I was him, I would want you to maximize the value of my asset, as is required by your fiduciary obligation. Perhaps Judge Kelley should look at this *sua sponte*. Its hard to tell from the file, because you have not filed any periodic returns. I remember in the lawsuit a couple of years ago, you became extremely agitated when I filed that motion to amend my answer to include a counterclaim that named the Trust as a party, since the Trust owned the real estate that was the subject of the litigation. We settled very quickly thereafter, if I recall. Perhaps you can look at it in your review of my public files.”

Anonymous Mailer Sent November 19, 2019

On November 20th, 2019 there were anonymous mailers sent out to Republicans in Nelson County. I was not sent one, however, I was given one and another was scanned and sent to me. There was no identifying information, no return address on the mailers. The mailers were a vicious mud slinging campaign. Titled “Why Is Donald Thrasher Leading Your Republican Party?”. It is well known that the Floyds had tried to remove me from chair by challenging my election, which failed. The Floyd influenced NCORW then withheld funds from the NCRP prompting my KREF complaint.

In between all of this the County Committee of the NCRP passed a resolution condemning Chad McCoy for misrepresenting in a 2016 mailer to get elected that he was opposed to raising the gas tax. One year into office he co-sponsors a bill to raise the gas tax. David Floyd, Jason Floyd and Barbara Floyd support McCoy fully and are afraid the County Committee and the NCRP will support a primary challenger named Philip Bischoff. Bischoff is a member of the County Committee and publicly announced his candidacy over a month ago.

Jason Floyd has also expressed to numerous sources that he wants to run for Nelson County Circuit Court when Judge Seay vacates his office. Given that less than 1 month ago I told Floyd I would be going over all of his court cases and that I would do everything I could to make sure that he and McCoy don't get re-elected or elected I would ask that these anonymous mailers be investigated as a potential campaign violation.

There is no evidence that the Floyds or McCoy have participated in sending these mailers, however, given the tone and timing of the attack mailer I believe there is a good faith basis to investigate the anonymous mailer.

I am concurrently filing a formal complaint with the Kentucky Bar, Office of Bar Counsel against Jason Floyd. All of which is being included and exhibits and ask that this be investigated as possible witness tampering involving the current KREF Complaint (Thrasher v. Nelson County Organization of Republican Women).

I respectfully and humbly ask you to please look into these matters in the interest of Public Integrity.

Kind Regards,

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