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FEC RELEASES TWO INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on two matters previously under review (MUR). This release contains only summary information. Closed files should be thoroughly read for details, including the FEC's legal analysis of the case. Please see footnote at the end of this release. Closed MUR files are available in the Public Records Office. They are as follows:

MUR NO.

1. 3431

RESPONDENTS: A Lot of Folks for Pat Williams, George Christensen, treasurer (MT)
COMPLAINANT: National Republican Congressional Committee, Tom Cole, executive director (DC); Referral from U.S. Department of Justice
SUBJECT: Failure to disclose contributions timely
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$7,000 civil penalty*

2. 3697

RESPONDENTS: The Committee to Elect Don Nelms, Roy J. Shorter, treasurer (AR)
COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated
SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour contribution notices
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$3,000 civil penalty*

*There are four administrative stages to the FEC enforcement process:
1. Receipt of proper complaint
2. "Reason to believe" stage
3. "Probable cause" stage
4. Conciliation stage
It takes the votes of at least four of the six Commissioners to take any action. The FEC can close a case at any point after reviewing a complaint. If a violation is found and conciliation cannot be reached, then the FEC can institute a civil court action against a respondent.

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