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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. 3234

RESPONDENTS: New York State Conservative Party, Michael R. Long, chairman

COMPLAINANT: Moynihan for Seante Committee

SUBJECT: Acceptance and use of prohibited funds; failure to timely register and file disclosure reports; disclaimer

DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$30,000 civil penalty*

2. 3618

RESPONDENTS: TGI Friday's Incorporated Employees Political Action Committee, Daniel Thompson Cronk, treasurer (TX)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure reports timely

DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$4,225 civil penalty*

*There are four administrative stages to the FEC enforcement process:

1. Receipt of proper complaint

3. "Probable cause" stage

2. "Reason to believe" 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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