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FEC RELEASES ONE INVESTIGATIVE FILE

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on one matter 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. It is as follows:

MUR NO.

1. 3528

RESPONDENTS: (a) Mike Synar (OK);
(b) Mike Synar for Congress Committee, Gene Moffitt, treasurer (OK)
COMPLAINANT: W. A. Edmondson
SUBJECT: Failure to submit employer and occupation information for certain contributors
DISPOSITION: (a) No reason to believe*
(b) Conciliation agreement: $2,000 civil penalty*

*There 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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