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C/O Ruth Heilizer, Attorney
Complaints Examination & Legal Administration
Federal Election Commission
999 E. St., N.W. Sixth Floor
Washington, DC 20463

PRE-MUR # 552

Re: Complaint Against Robert Waechter

Dear Mr. Jordan,

The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office on behalf of Lourdes Ramirez, files this complaint charging violation of the Code of Federal Regulations prohibiting contributions from being made in the name of another.

On October 15th, 2012, a citizen of Sarasota County filed a report with the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office (case# 12-72529) alleging that a contribution of \$200 was fraudulently made in her name to the campaign of Keith Fitzgerald (Democratic candidate for United States Congress). A subsequent investigation was conducted by Detective Adam Kaskey of the Sheriff's Office resulting in evidence that the contribution was made by the accused, Robert Waechter. He was subsequently arrested on December 14th, 2012 on State charges of Identity Theft. Copies of the report and charging document describing the evidence collected during the course of the investigation are included with this letter.

The victim in the case confirms that she did not authorize Mr. Waechter to make the contribution on her behalf. She furthermore believes that he did so in order to influence the voting public from supporting her in the future during her possible intended campaign to be County Commissioner in Sarasota County and requests the Sheriff's Office to file this complaint with your office.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey M. Bell

Captain Jeffrey M. Bell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of December, 2012.

Nancy J. Keyser
Notary Public



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NOTARY PUBLIC
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