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Re: **Fraudulent Misrepresentation of Campaign Authority**

Dear Mr. Hughey:

We are writing to call the attention of the Commission to what appears to be a serious, knowing and willful violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, by unknown persons. Specifically, a fraudulent press release was issued on Friday, October 29, 2010, stating, falsely, that our client, Scott Eckersley, the Democratic nominee for U.S. House of Representatives from the 7th Congressional District of Missouri, was suspending his campaign. This fraudulent press release was sent from a fraudulent yahoo.com email account set up in the name of Scott Eckersley. (A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit A). Subsequent to the dissemination of the press release, the campaign received several calls from local press, and the fake press release generated stories in the press speculating that Mr. Eckersley was dropping out of the election. (A sample of stories from the Internet websites of local press outlets is attached as Exhibit B). A copy of the press release was forwarded by our office to the Justice Department's Public Integrity Division earlier this week.

Through the media, the campaign has been able to identify the IP address from which it was sent and the general location of that IP address. The IP address is 24.14.20.113, and the general location is Glendale Heights, Illinois. (See Exhibit C attached hereto).

In addition, the Missouri political blog www.fraudupmissouri.com captured a screenshot of a Twitter "tweet" by an individual named James Harris, who is a political consultant for Mr. Eckersley's opponent, Billy Long. (A copy of that blog entry is attached as Exhibit D). It appears that this "tweet" was disseminated simultaneously with the first media report about the fake press release indicating that Mr. Eckersley was suspending his campaign. James Harris attempted to delete his original tweet, and did so, but before he did, a former employee named Shawn Bell retweeted Harris's original tweet.

The apparent timing of this "tweet" by Mr. Harris raises a question as to whether Mr. Harris, and/or possibly others associated with the Long campaign, may have had prior knowledge of this fraudulent press release.

Further, earlier last month, a blogger had alerted the Eckersley Campaign about a fraudulent Twitter account that had been set up in the name of Mr. Eckersley. The "followers" of that fake account included an entity identified as "LF Strategies," which issued its own "tweet" critical of Mr. Eckersley and encouraging individuals to follow the fake Twitter account. The fake twitter account was being followed by over 200 twitter subscribers, including Billy Long and Roy Blunt. The campaign's official twitter feed, which had been active for over six months, had only 139 followers. That "tweet" was deleted, however, immediately after the media began to report on the fraudulent press release described above. It should be noted that a company known as "Lakefront Strategies" is a political consulting firm located in Glenview Heights, Illinois, a few miles from Addison, Illinois where the fake press release originated. That firm is owned by a Patrick J. Binning, former chair of the Illinois College Republican Federation who also served as that organization's executive director, in 2009. Mr. Binning is originally from Springfield, Missouri and graduated from a small private High School with the eldest daughter of Billy Long. Soon after press reports of the fake press release emerged, Mr. Binning disabled the website of his consulting firm and the fake twitter account was immediately deleted as well (Attached as Exhibit E, please find a blog entry from a the political blog, bungalowbillscw.blogspot.com, which outlines the likely connections between Patrick Binning and the fake email and twitter accounts and the relationship between Binning and the Billy Long campaign). In addition, my client has learned that Mr. Binning had posted a message on Mr. Long's Facebook page shortly after the election that congratulated him on his primary victory and offered any assistance necessary during the general election campaign.

The attempt to send a press release in the name of the candidate that falsely states the candidate is dropping out of the race is a clear violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441h. Section 441h states, in part, that it is unlawful for any person who is a candidate for federal office or their agents of that candidate to "(1) fraudulently misrepresent himself or any committee or organization under his control as speaking or writing or otherwise acting for or behalf of any other candidate or political party or employee or agent thereof on a matter which is damaging to such other candidate or political party or employee or agent thereof; or (2) willfully and knowingly participate in or conspire in participating in any plan, scheme or design to violate paragraph (1)."

We urge the Commission to proceed immediately with an investigation into this matter and to penalize those responsible for these fraudulent campaign activities to the fullest extent of the law.

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The Eckersley Campaign is committed to cooperating fully with the investigation and to providing any information that it has that may be useful.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

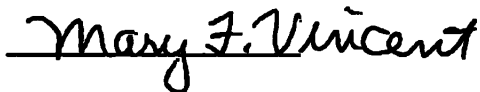
Sincerely yours,



Neil P. Reiff
Counsel to Scott Eckersley for
Congress

Signed and sworn to before me this 5 day of November, 2010

Notary Public:



My Commission Expires: March 31, 2013

MARY F. VINCENT
Notary Public, District of Columbia
My Commission Expires March 31, 2013

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Exhibit A

From: Scott Eckersley [mailto:scott.eckersley@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 7:50 AM
To: scott.eckersley@yahoo.com
Subject: For Immediate Release-Eckersley for Congress

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 7:45 A.M. CST, OCTOBER 29TH 2010---SPRINGFIELD,
MISSOURI
PRESS ADVISORY

Eckersley Suspends Campaign for Congress and Withdraws Until Further Notice

Due to Personal Matters that have arose over the last several days, Scott Eckersley who is running for Congress in the Missouri's 7th Congressional District is Suspending his campaign until further notice.

"I am saddened that I am having to do this, however at this time, this is the best decision for myself and my family" said Eckersley. "I would like to thank my supporters for all that they have done for me and I hope that they will understand my decision."

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Campaign staffer: Email stating Eckersley withdrawing from race is untrue

OCTOBER 28, 2010

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An e-mail released this morning under Scott Eckersley's name saying he has pulled out of the 7th Congressional District race "wasn't true," according to Eckersley's Deputy Campaign Staffer Danny Giddings.

Giddings said the e-mail is false and that Eckersley is not withdrawing his candidacy.

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"The rumors are all false," said Giddings.

"This is the kind of politics where you make an attack and run behind a third party. It's insidious."

Giddings said Eckersley intends to make a public statement today addressing the phony press release.

The e-mail came from an account labeled "scott.eckersley@ushgo.com".

The correct e-mail address for Eckersley's campaign Web site is:

Campaign@CheckEck.org

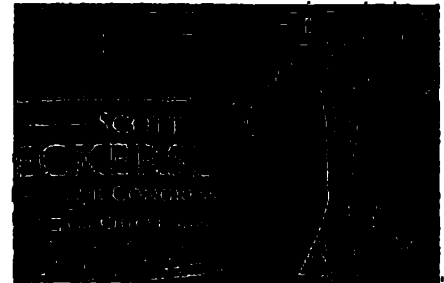
The key paragraph in the false e-mail, including several grammatical errors, states: "Due to Personal Matters that have arisen over the last several days, Scott Eckersley who is running for Congress in the Missouri 7th Congressional District is suspending his campaign until further notice."

Giddings said Eckersley's staff also reported that a bogus Twitter account had been set up in Eckersley's name.

Eckersley says email a hoax (2/29)

7th District Congressional candidate Scott Eckersley says an email distributed Friday October 29, saying he was withdrawing from the race was a hoax.

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Eckersley (News-Leader file photo, 10/29)



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Scott Eckersley, a 7th District congressional candidate, says he is not withdrawing from the race. He is running for Congress in the Missouri 7th District. (News-Leader file photo, 10/29)

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kspr.com/news/local/kspr-eckersley-blames-long-for-email-10291005730538.story

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Eckersley Blames Long For E-Mail Hoax

A fake e-mail sent under the Democrat's name claimed he was dropping his congressional bid

Ron Davis

Senior Producer

12:01 PM CDT, October 29, 2010

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.

A fake email sent under Scott Eckersley's name claimed the Democrat was suspending his campaign for U.S. Congress.

KSPR was first to report the e-mail was likely a hoax.

The e-mail -- riddled with grammatical errors and typos -- was sent shortly before 8 a.m. Friday to local media. In it, the fake Eckersley wrote:

"Due to Personal Matters that have arise (sic) over the last several days, Scott Eckersley who is running for Congress in the (sic) Missouri's 7th Congressional District is Suspending his campaign until further notice."

Eckersley was campaigning in Joplin Thursday night and was asleep when the e-mail furor erupted. He did not respond to several e-mails, calls and texts to his cell phone, campaign headquarters and personal e-mail account, heightening the initial confusion.

In a hastily called news conference, Eckersley lashed out at his Republican opponent, Billy Long, and claimed Long was behind the dirty trick. But Eckersley offered no proof to support his claim.

Long did not return repeated calls for comment.

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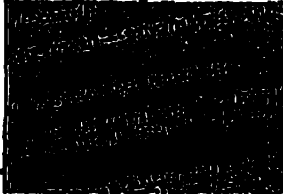
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Eckersley Denies Reports of Suspending Campaign

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(Springfield, Mo) — Democratic Scott Eckersley is shooting back after a fake campaign email stated he was backing out of Missouri's Seventh District race.

The email, which was sent from Scott.Eckersley@yahoo.com (a phony, non-campaign account) just before 3 a.m. Friday stated, "Due to Personal Matters that have arose over the last several days, Scott Eckersley who is running for Congress in the Missouri 7th Congressional District is Suspending his campaign until

further notice."

Nevertheless, Eckersley, who is running against Republican Billy Long, issued a statement saying the email was not sent from his campaign.

He also accuses the Billy Long campaign's involvement with the email release. Long's campaign has denied involvement.

At least one Springfield TV station initially reported that Eckersley was suspending his campaign, then withdrew the report. KOLR 6 did not report the fake email.

Eckersley said he'll be issuing a statement at 2 p.m. Friday to refute the phony press release. Reporter Brian Richardson sat down with Eckersley this morning and will have his reaction on KOLR 10 News at 5 and 6.

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Eckersley is not withdrawing from congressional race; e-mail message was fake



By KY3 News
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10/29/2010 10:38 PM
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SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Scott Eckersley's office says an e-mail message stating the Democratic Party candidate is withdrawing from the 7th Congressional District race is a hoax. A source says the message was sent Friday morning from a fake e-mail.

The message should have been easily identified as a hoax. It came from a Yahoo.com account with the text in the body of the message. Eckersley's campaign says it would never release the e-mail message, but it was posted on the Web.

Eckersley is running against Republican Greg Long, Lieutenant Gov. Craig, and write-in candidate. Michael Lohmeyer and D. Coy. They're vying to replace Rep. Ray Claitor, the Republican candidate for U.S. House.

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Eckersley is not withdrawing from congressional race; e-mail message was fake

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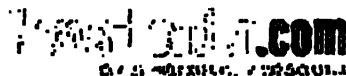
SPRINGFIELD, Mo. -- Scott Eckersley's office says an e-mail message stating the Democratic Party candidate is withdrawing from the 7th Congressional District race is a hoax. A staffer says the message sent out Friday morning was a fake.

The message should have been easily identified as a fraud. It came from a Yahoo.com account with the text in the body of the message. Eckersley's campaign sends out e-mailed news releases in .pdf attachments, and often doesn't put much text, if any at all, in the body of the e-mail message. The message was sent at 7:50 a.m. Friday.

Eckersley is running against Republican Billy Long, Libertarian Kevin Craig, and write-in candidates Nicholas Ladendorff and D. Day. They're vying to replace Rep. Roy Blunt, the Republican candidate for U.S. Senate.

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E-mail purporting to be from Eckersley campaign appears to have originated near Chicago

OCTOBER 29, 2010

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The e-mail purporting to be from Scott Eckersley's campaign appears to have originated from a Chicago suburb.

The e-mail, which was sent out this morning, falsely said Eckersley was dropping out of the race.

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Campaign states: Email stating Eckersley was dropping from race is untrue

The e-mail came from an account labeled "scott.eckersley@yahoo.com."

The News-Leader's technical staff addressed that was included in the headers of the e-mail to Addison, Ill.

Using several different online lookup tools, as well as the standard Internet utility program, the News-Leader was able to confirm this through several different methods:

The key paragraph in the false e-mail, including several grammatical errors, stated: "Due to Personal Matters that have arisen over the last several days, Scott Eckersley, who is running for Congress in the Missouri 7th Congressional District is suspending his campaign until further notice."

The correct e-mail address for Eckersley's campaign Web site is:

Campaign@ChapEck.com

Chap Eckersley's staff also reported that a bogus Twitter account has been set up in Eckersley's name.

Eckersley says email a hoax (2/26)

7th District Congressional candidate Scott Eckersley says email distributed Friday October 23, saying he was withdrawing from the race was a hoax.

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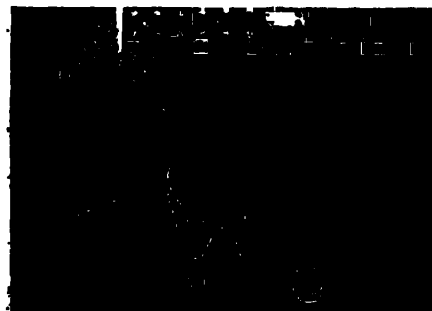


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Scott Eckersley, Democratic candidate for U.S. House, says email that was e-mailed to him last Oct. 23 was a hoax.

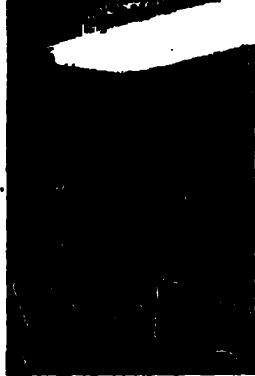
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False media release says Eckersley suspending campaign

By

Ell Miller

October 29, 2010 Posted in: 7th Congressional District



Eckersley campaigning in Joplin Thursday night. (TF) Photo/Natalie Frexton

UPDATED: Harris says he had "absolutely no involvement" in fake Twitter, E-Mail.

(SPRINGFIELD, Mo.) Rumors began circulating Democrat Scott Eckersley would be dropping out of the seventh congressional race against Republican Billy Long after an email was sent to reporters by a fraudulent "Scott Eckersley" email account.

"I am saddened that I am having to do this, however at this time, this is the best decision for myself and my family" said the email. "I would like to thank my supporters for all that they have done for me and I hope that they will understand my decision."

The Eckersley campaign denied the claim.

"This is the kind of politics where you make an attack and can defend a third party. It's sneaky," said Deputy Campaign Manager Danny Giddings.

"This is the worst kind of negative campaigning - when a campaign hides while they have others do their dirty work. I am sure Billy would love to have me out of the race, but this isn't the way to go about it," said Eckersley. "This thing isn't over until November 2nd."

Just last night, he went on a campaign swing through Joplin, speaking with College Democrats and the Democratic Women's club.

The Eckersley campaign, of course, "suspects" the Long campaign is involved.

Long consultant James Harris was requested pulling the rumor on his Twitter page this morning saying Eckersley had dropped out, but he apparently deleted the tweet.

When asked who was involved in the fake email release, sent from "scott.eckersley@yahoo.com," not Eckersley's personal or campaign email, Harris said in an email, "For Billy Davis," mimicking Billy Long's response when he thinks Eckersley is lying.

"Absolutely no involvement," he says in the fake account.

The Long campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Earlier this week, a fake Twitter account, @SEckersleyMO was created in Eckersley's name, which was deleted by Twitter last Friday morning.

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Exhibit C

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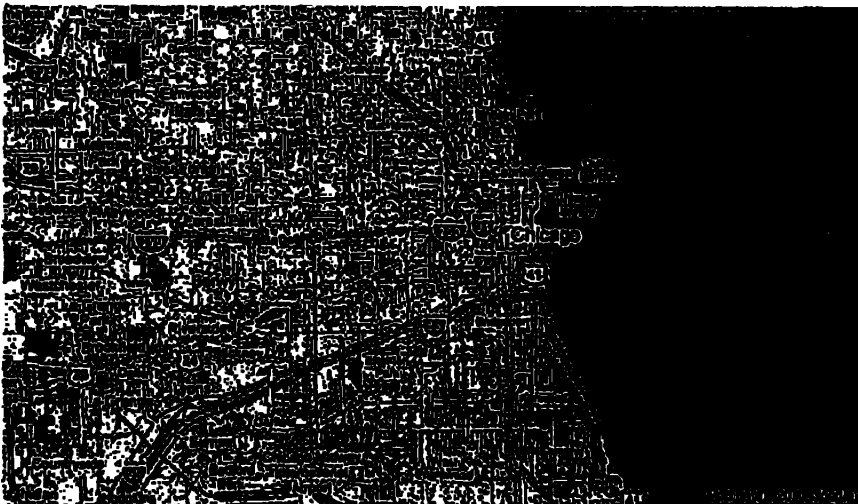


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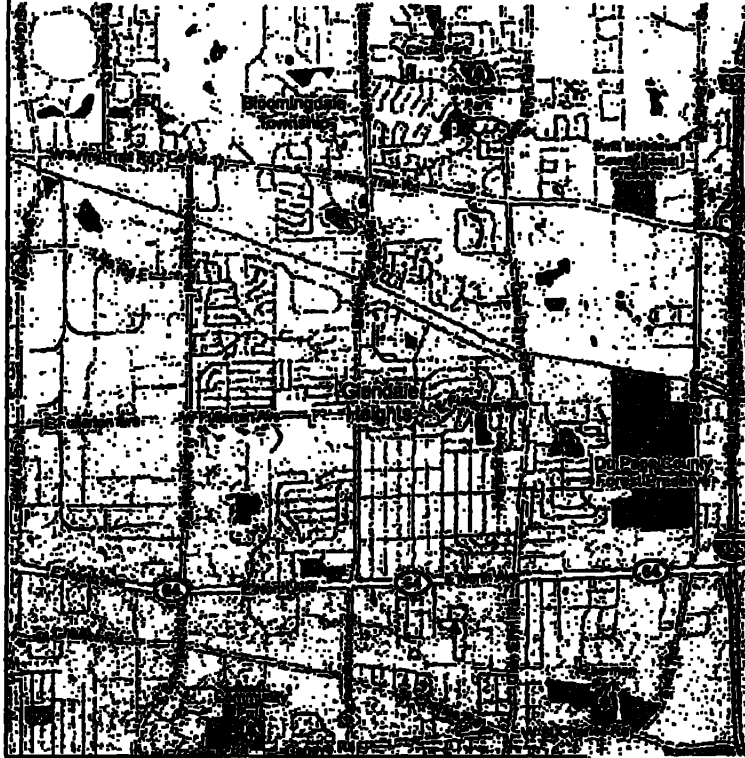
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COUNTY	ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS
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Proxy: None detected

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Assignment: Dynamic IP

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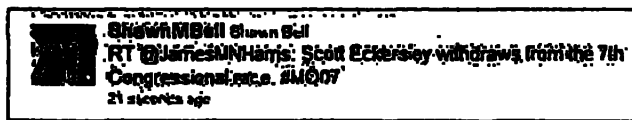
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Billy Long Consultant James Harris Pushes False Rumor About Scott Eckersley

UPDATE: Bell has also deleted his tweet (screenshot below) without issuing an apology or correction.

Sorta special person distributed a site press release this morning declaring the Democratic candidate Scott Eckersley is withdrawing from the 7th Congressional District the Friday before Election Day. A couple of clues that it was a fake? It came from a Yahoo.com email address no one has heard of and contains multiple grammatical errors.

But Billy Long consultant James Harris was happy to push the rumor anyway, because he's a totally unrepentant troll.



(And yea, this rumor is from the same Shawn Bell who worked for Harris and was on the wrong end of a Rep. Brian Nieves freak out because he thought Harris was behind a letter accusing Nieves of having extramarital affairs with lobbyists.)

Harris has since deleted his original tweet -- and has not published a correction or apology -- but the trolls remember.

Look at this tolog comment.

Written/Ready version

Submitted by . Seen on October 29, 2010. 12:11pm

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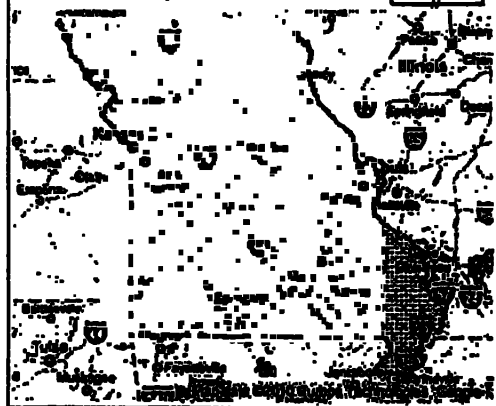
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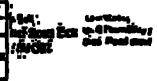
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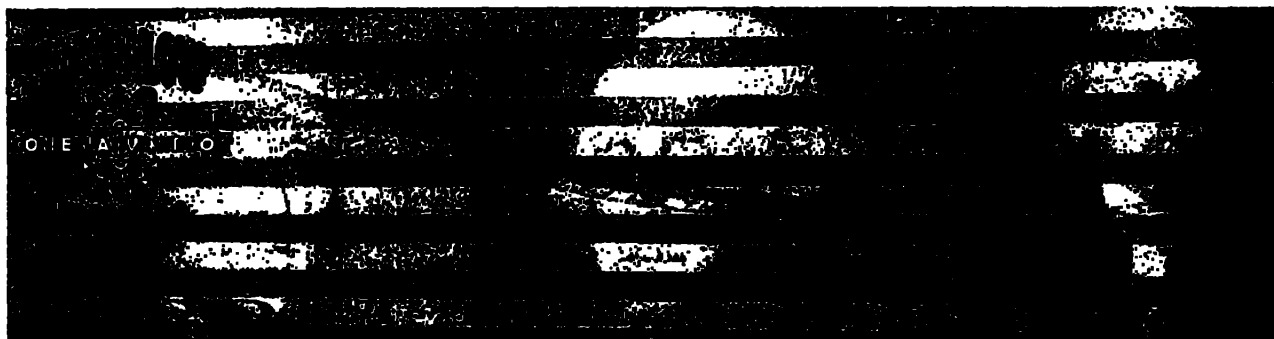
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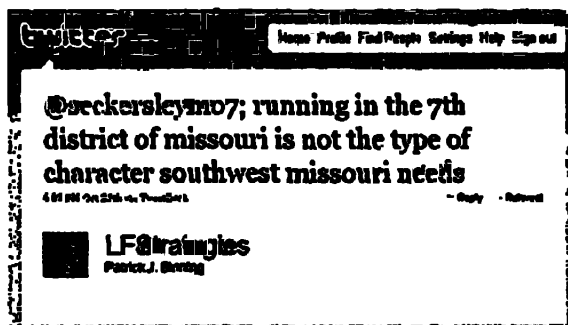


Friday, October 29, 2010

Is Chicagoland's Lakefront Strategies Behind the Fraudulent Scott Eckersley E-Mail?: Billy Long Connections to Fraudulent E-Mail

The Springfield News-Leader reports the fraudulent Scott Eckersley suspends campaign e-mail originated from an ISP located in Addison, Illinois. So that opens a question, why would someone from Chicagoland be interested in our Congressional race in Southwest Missouri?

Earlier this week, bloggers began talking about a fraudulent Scott Eckersley twitter account that was sending out tweets misrepresenting Eckersley's position on the issues. A closer look at the followers of the fake Scott Eckersley for Congress Twitter account identified a curious follower known as LFStrategies. LFStrategies tweeted the following encouraging people to take a look at why Eckersley is bad for Southwest Missouri.



Interestingly enough, that tweet, which was at the following link <http://twitter.com/LFStrategies/status/28739191567>, has been removed as has the fake Scott Eckersley twitter account shortly after news broke the Eckersley campaign was prepared to press criminal charges against whoever wrote the e-mail.

It was noted earlier today, that Billy Long's campaign strategist James Harris quickly tweeted about the fraudulent e-mail without ever verifying its accuracy. As well, Shawn Bell, who Fired Up Missouri identified as once working for Harris, and who was accused of using similar letter writing tactics against Alan Nieves, tweeted and removed their tweets within the hour. Bell is now calling bloggers begging them to remove his name from the story trying to distance himself from James Harris, Billy Long and this story about the e-mail. Jim Lee, who writes Busplunge spoke to a nervous Bell about 2:30 this afternoon. Lee recorded the conversation, and I listened to the tape of Bell distancing himself from James Harris and Billy Long. Why did Bell feel the need to call bloggers who quickly announced Bell's tweet and



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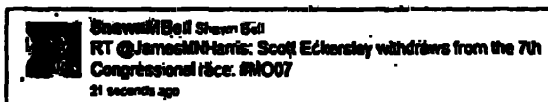
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his connection to James Harris? What is Bell afraid of?



Let's go back to LFStrategies, and look at why they may have deleted their tweet promoting the fake Scott Eckersley twitter account, and let's also ask was LFStrategies behind the fake Scott Eckersley twitter account.



LFStrategies

Followed by @Conservative01, @RoyBlunt, and @scylay

As mentioned earlier, the e-mail's ISP shows that it originated in Addison, IL. It turns out that just a couple miles away is Lakefront Strategies (LFStrategies on Twitter) in Glendale Heights. Coincidentally, the current Missouri 7 Representative and US Senate candidate Roy Blunt follows Lakefront Strategies on Twitter and so does Billy Long.

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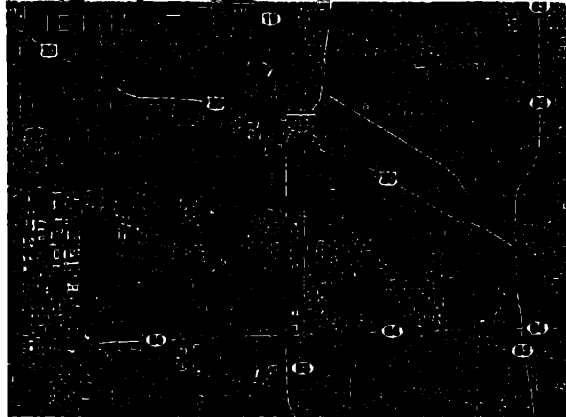
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It's very possible the e-mail may have been sent from Lakefront Strategies. Considering how we see back scratching works in politics, especially in Jeff Roe's world with the Mike Huckabee's endorsement of Billy Long, which was a political favor for Roe's work in the 2008 Huckabee for President campaign, is Lakefront Strategies helping the Kansas City strategists out—a political favor so to speak?

Consider the closeness of Glendale Heights, Illinois, to Addison, IL. Here's a map of the two Chicago suburbs:



Addison borders Glendale Heights and is divided by Interstate 355 formerly known as the North South Tollway now called Veterans Memorial Tollway. It's very possible Lakefront Strategies Internet server is located in Addison.

Here's some basic information about Lakefront Strategies. It's a political strategy organization like Jeff Roe's Adm Strategies. It's owned by Patrick J. Binning.

Patrick J. Binning's Facebook page says he is from Springfield, Missouri. It also ties him to Re-Max, a real estate company, which is enforced on his Linked In page. Is this a coincidence, or does this suggest there could be a very real tie to Billy Long?

Patrick J. Binning Addison, Illinois

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Patrick J. Binning
 Director of Career Development at Refillix All-Pro and Great American North
 Greater Chicago Area



Current

- Director of Career Development at Refillix All-Pro and Great American North
- Principal and CEO at Lakefront Strategies

Past

- Web Consultant at Web Works
- QA (Counter Intelligence Agent) at Geek Squad
- Director of Operations at DeKalb County Republican Central Committee

Education

- Northern Illinois University
- Missouri State University

Connections 138 connections

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Patrick J. Binning's Summary

Took a Statewide Political Organization from a \$0 to a six figure budget in 3 months

Increased membership and fund raising by 100% in 3 months

Patrick J. Binning's Specialties:
 Campaign Management, Opposition Research, Data Research and Fundraising, Volunteer and GOTV Planning and Execution, Crisis Management, Speech Writing, Debate Preparation, Issue Development

Patrick J. Binning's Experience

Director of Career Development
 Refillix All-Pro and Great American North
 (Real Estate industry)
 October 2018 — Present (1 month)
 Recruiting and Developing New and Top Performing Real Estate Agents

Principal and CEO
 Lakefront Strategies
 (Political Organization industry)
 July 2016 — Present (2 years 4 months)
 Lakefront Strategies is a full service Political Consulting Firm that

A closer look at Patrick J. Binning's education shows he went to Greenwood Laboratory School from 1991 to 2004. Considering his age, that puts him at the school about the same time Billy Long's daughters would have attended Greenwood.

Patrick J. Binning's Education

Northern Illinois University
 B.A., Political Science, Politics and Campaigns, Public Administration
 2004 — 2008

Activities and Societies: College Republicans

Missouri State University
 Grade and High School, Greenwood Laboratory School, 1991 — 2004


Activities and Societies: Basketball, FCA, Model UN, Ozark Science and Engineering Fair.

As well, Binning has been very active in Republican party politics starting in college. His Facebook page reads:

While at NIU, I was elected Chairman of the Illinois College Republican Federation in 2007. In 2008 I was appointed as Executive Director of the same organization. I also served briefly as Director of Operations for the DeKalb County Republican Central Committee.

Considering all these coincidences, did Patrick J. Binning write the e-mail to the media that claimed Scott Eckersley was suspending his

campaign?

Considering Shawn Bell's nervousness to distance himself from James Harris and Billy Long, did Billy Long's strategists pay Patrick J. Binning to write the e-mail that caused the controversy today?
Posted by Bungalow Bill at 29.10.10 

2 comments:

Anonymous said...

Too bad the News-Lender aren't as through as you are.

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Jenny said...

Did anybody else notice that the person who wrote the "press release" seems to have some of the same word capitalization issues (capitalizing words/phrases that don't need capitalization) as the person who tweets under twitter.com/auctor1 and twitter.com/BillysFEDUP?

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Patrick J. Binning Removes Linked In Profile With Key Information That Could Tie Him to Billy Long and Controversial E-Mail

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 I am currently unemployed and looking for work.
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Patrick J. Binning continues to cover his electronic tracks on the Internet. As mentioned earlier today, his LFStrategies Twitter account was removed after it was exposed he promoted the fake Scott Eckersley Twitter account and the ISP of the fake Scott Eckersley e-mail claiming Eck was dropping out of the race.

Binning's LinkedIn page showed his Springfield, Missouri connection, his involvement in GOP politics, and that he graduated from Greenwood probably about the time of Billy Long's daughter. As well, he owns a political consulting firm located just a couple miles from Addison, IL, where the IP address says the e-mail came from.

I will be sending the Eckersley campaign the saved Linked In profile so Eckersley's attorney can look at the evidence and make a decision whether or not to press charges. There does seem to be a Billy Long connection with this e-mail at the moment, and someone is working hard to mess their tracks.

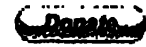
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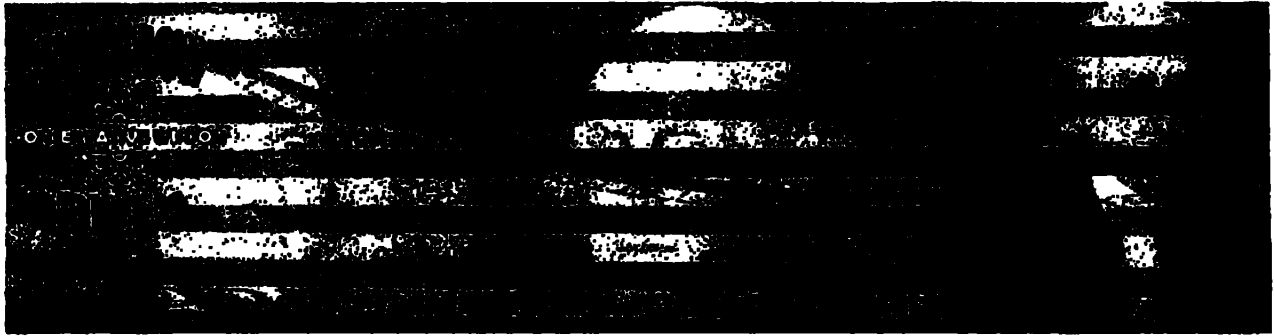
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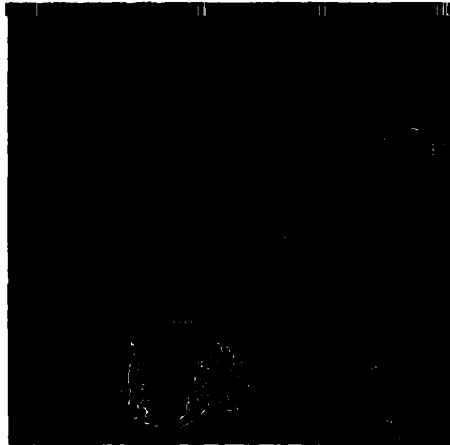
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Sunday, October 31, 2010

Billy Long's Daughter Would Have Graduated With Patrick J. Binning at Greenwood



In a series of interviews with Billy Long, Sarah Steelman asks Billy Long about his family. Long notes his daughters are 21 and 24 years old. This means the oldest daughter graduated from Greenwood with Patrick J. Benning. Benning of course is the CEO of Lakefront Strategies, who some believe is behind the false Scott Eckersley e-mail that shook up the campaign on Friday that announced Eckersley was dropping out of the race.

Without any verification, its being reported that even Billy Long himself started calling supporters announcing that Eckersley had quit the race early Friday morning. There appears to be a strong connection to the e-mail and the long campaign, and the age of Long's daughters mean both of them attended school at Greenwood with Patrick J. Binning.

Binning has been busy since the Eckersley campaign announced the FBI was investigating the e-mail removing his digital footprint from the Internet.

Posted by Bungalow Bib at 31.10.10

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