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Dear Mr. Jordan,

In regards to the documentation the FEC has been provided by the complainant, I wish to inform you the information they have is not what they think it is. Please let me explain.

The Center for the American Future (CAF) engaged a web designer to develop a website for the organization which was to include a donation page.

The website including the donation page was hosted at the time on a non-secured server as it was only for CAF and the developer to work and collaborate on the development of the website.

I was as surprised as anyone with the blog written by Lee Stranahan on February 27th 2014 in which he claimed donations to CAF were directed to the Stockman campaign. I was under the understanding our donation page wasn't live and CAF didn't even have a credit card processor at the time. Making it impossible to accept and process credit cards.

So I immediately called our web developer and demanded an explanation. It was at this time I was informed by the web developer:

He was using a templet for the donation page he had used for many clients.

The donation page was not live and CAF had not received any donations or directed any donations to anyone else.

The data set on CAF site at the time Mr. Stranahan claims to have stolen data was a dummy set he (the web developer) was

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using to test the page to ensure everything was working properly.

Had Mr. Stranahan done what he claimed, he would committed credit card theft which is itself a crime.

All these reasons was why the web developer did not contacted me to advise CAF seek criminal charges against Mr. Stranahan. He simply couldn't have what he thought he had.

In fact it wasn't until about two month after the Texas primary elections CAF moved the donation page to a secured web server, engaged a credit card processor, and began to accept donations via our website. Our first donations via the website came into us on May 6th 2014.

Here for you is a copy of the report I ran on February 27th and 28th 2014 to verify for myself indeed the donation page was not live.

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5970341810	5310e20a8c736	General Error	28-Feb-2014 14:22:51	sadfsdf, sadfasd	V	XXXX1111	USD 23.00	28-Feb-2014 16:48:08	USD 23.00	
5970320592	5310e0d2adaf2	General Error	28-Feb-2014 14:17:39	sadfsdf, sadfasd	V	XXXX1111	USD 23.00	28-Feb-2014 16:48:08	USD 23.00	
5967571979	530fcd09c552a	General Error	27-Feb-2014 18:40:58	R. Stranahan, Lee	V	XXXX5492	USD 1.00	28-Feb-2014 16:48:08	USD 1.00	
5967571080	530fccf544d4d	General Error	27-Feb-2014 18:40:38	Stranahan, Lee	V	XXXX5492	USD 1.00	28-Feb-2014 16:48:08	USD 1.00	
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Here is the report from May 6th 2014, our first donation via the website.

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6154283394	53693f489bd42	Settled Successfully	06-May-2014 16:00:09	Hashiguchi, James	M	XXXX2917	USD 25.00	06-May-2014 16:52:17	USD 25.00		
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6154195581	5369398d5790e	Settled Successfully	06-May-2014 15:35:41	Campbell, Charles	D	XXXX4557	USD 15.00	06-May-2014 16:52:17	USD 15.00		



You'll forgive me if I'm at a bite of a lost as to proved how something didn't happen. I'm not sure what else to do or say to defend CAF in this matter.

But I would point out the only proof Mr. Stranahan has ever produced the records in question came from the CAF website is his word. The documents he has produced don't indicate from where they originated as far as I can tell. How can I or anyone else be sure he didn't take these from somewhere else or simply create them himself?

Furthermore, none of the donations Mr. Stranahan presents come close to the maximum legal limit set by the FEC. One has to ask why they would need to funnel a \$100, \$50, or \$5 donation through a third party. I find it hard to believe any of these people would have maxed out their ability to legally donate to the Stockman Campaign.

It just simply doesn't make since.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I'm sorry Mr. Stranahan has wasted both your time and mine on this. Had he only done due diligence he could have discovered all this for himself, but sadly he was in such a hurry to scoop the story on election eve he failed to adhere to the high standards freedom of the press requires.

Cordially,

Jason Posey
President
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