

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

## VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Davante Earl Damon Lewis

JUN - 4 2018

Newnan, GA 30263

RE: MUR 7312

Dear Mr. Lewis:

The Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in your complaint received on January 23, 2018 and the supplemental to your complaint received on February 8, 2018. On May 30, 2018, based upon the information provided in the complaint, and information provided by the respondents, the Commission found no reason to believe the allegations as to Committee to Elect Rusty Oliver and Michiel Victor Cameron, in his official capacity as treasurer, and closed its file in this matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on May 30, 2018. A copy of the Factual and Legal Analysis, which more fully explains the basis for the Commission's decision, is enclosed.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003) and Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General Counsel's Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg. 66132 (Dec. 14, 2009).

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Lisa J. Stevenson Acting General Counsel

BY:

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Enclosure Factual and Legal Analysis

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

## FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

2 3 Committee to Elect Rusty Oliver and MUR 7312 **RESPONDENTS:** Michiel Victor Cameron in his official capacity as treasurer 4 5 6 This matter was generated by a complaint alleging violations of the Federal Election 7 Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act") and Commission regulations by the Committee 8 to Elect Rusty Oliver and Michiel Victor Cameron in his official capacity as treasurer ("the 9 Committee"). It was scored as a low-rated matter under the Enforcement Priority System, by 10 which the Commission uses formal scoring criteria as a basis to allocate its resources and decide 11 which matters to pursue. 12 The Complainant alleges that the Committee failed to file its October 2017 Quarterly Report or its 2017 Year-End Report.<sup>1</sup> The Committee asserts that it had not raised or spent 13 more than \$5,000 by the end of 2017, and was therefore not required to file either disclosure 14 report.2 15

Within fifteen days of becoming a candidate,<sup>3</sup> the candidate must designate a principal
campaign committee by filing a Statement of Candidacy.<sup>4</sup> The principal campaign committee
must then file a Statement of Organization no later than ten days after designation by the

- <sup>2</sup> Resp. at 1 (Mar. 26, 2018).
- <sup>3</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 30101(2); 11 C.F.R. § 100.3.
- 52 U.S.C. § 30102(e)(1); 11 C.F.R. § 101.1(a).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Compl. at 1 (Jan. 23, 2018); Suppl. Compl. at 1 (Feb. 8, 2018). The Complaint suggests that the candidate was required to file disclosure reports with the Commission because he registered as a candidate and accepted contributions.

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candidate.<sup>5</sup> If the individual seeking federal office has not attained candidate status, his or her
principal campaign committee may choose to, but is not required to, file disclosure reports.<sup>6</sup>
There are no available facts showing that the Committee was required to file a 2017
October Quarterly Report or 2017 Year-End Report, and the Committee denies that it passed the
reporting threshold for either period. Therefore, the Commission finds no reason to believe that
Committee to Elect Rusty Oliver and Michiel Victor Cameron in his official capacity as treasurer
violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) or 11 C.F.R. § 104.1.

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<sup>5</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 30103(a); 11 C.F.R. § 102.1(a).

<sup>6</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a); 11 C.F.R. § 104.1(b).