

Complaint Description

[Glen Morgan](#) (Tue, 16 Jul 2019 at 11:09 PM)

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that Matthew Stroe in his 2018 campaign for Walla Walla Sheriff violated Washington State's campaign finance laws (**RCW 42.17A**).

1) Accepting Illegal Over limit Anonymous Contributions (Violation of RCW 42.17A.220 (4))

Sheriff Stroe violated Washington State's campaign finance laws by accepting more than \$300 in anonymous contributions from donors. Specifically, it appears that he accepted \$1,250 in anonymous contributions, which is \$950 more than the allowable anonymous contribution limit defined in **RCW 42.17A.220 (4)**.

Upon reviewing the expenditures by this candidate's political committee, there is no evidence supporting any claim these funds were eschewed to the Treasury of the State of Washington as is required in law. Therefore this is a violation of the statute, and these funds should be immediately forfeited to the Washington State Treasury.

I've attached the relevant C3 contribution reports which detail all the anonymous contributions received by this committee during the 2018 calendar year. **This PAC must forfeit \$950 to the Washington State Treasury immediately.** In this way, these funds can be squandered along with the rest of the general fund tax dollars, but at least this forfeiture of anonymous dark money funds may discourage others from doing the same in the future.

This candidate and the campaign committee should be warned about not taking secretive, dark money anonymously to fund political campaigns. This is a serious violation of Washington's State campaign finance laws and counter to the spirit and intention of transparency in the political process.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions on this matter.

Best Regards,

Glen Morgan

What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

The public has a right to have candidates for political office who do not fund their political campaigns by secretive, anonymous dark money funding as this campaign chose to do. This campaign must forfeit these illegal dark money funds and send them to the Washington State Treasury where they can be squandered with the rest of the General Fund. At least it will send

a message to future dark money anonymous donors that their money is not welcome, even in campaigns like this one.

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found.

See attached

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.

Matthew Stroe, his treasurer and campaign committee

Complaint Certification:

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**CASH RECEIPTS
 MONETARY
 CONTRIBUTIONS**

C3
 (1/02)

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE USE
 100867425
 10-19-2018

Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Use full name.)
MATTHEW J STROE (Committee to Elect Matthew J Stroe Sheriff)

Mailing Address
PO Box 2443

City Walla Walla, WA Zip + 4 99362 Office Sought (candidates) COUNTY SHERIFF Election Date 2018

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT

Date Received		Amount	Total
10/04/18	a. Anonymous	\$450.00	\$600.00
	b. Candidate's personal funds deposited in the bank (include candidate loans in 1c).....		
	c. Loans, notes, security agreements. Attach Schedule L		
	d. Miscellaneous receipts (interest, refunds, auctions, other). Attach explanation		
09/26/18	e. Small contributions \$25.00 or less not itemized and number of persons giving <u>2</u> (persons)	\$20.00	

2. CONTRIBUTIONS OVER \$25.00

Date Received	Contributor's Name, Address, City, State, Zip	Contributions of more than \$100: Employer's Name, City and State	P R I	G E N	Amount	Aggregate* Total
09/26/18	DORIS SHELTON 2332 Frazier Dr. Walla Walla, WA 99362			X	\$50.00	\$50.00
	Occupation					
10/04/18	JAMES MCCARTHY 1503 Ironwood Dr. Walla Walla, WA 99362			X	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Occupation RETIRED					
10/04/18	DALE SCHROEDER 77 Prospect Ave. Dixie, WA 99329			X	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Occupation					
10/04/18	MIKE STROE 1711 Fern Ave. Walla Walla, WA 99362			X	\$250.00	\$750.00
	Occupation RETIRED					
10/04/18	DAVE BATEMAN 316 Catherine St. Walla Walla, WA 99362			X	\$50.00	\$50.00
	Occupation					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if additional pages are attached	Sub-total			\$1,020.00	*See reverse for details.
		Amount from attached pages			\$2,350.00	
3. TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITED TO ACCOUNT Sum of parts 1 and 2 above. Enter this amount in line 1, Schedule A to C4.					\$3,370.00	

4. Date of Deposit: 10/04/18

Treasurer's Daytime Telephone No.: (509)520-2884

I certify that this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge

Treasurer's Signature: Darleen K Dozier Date: 10-19-2018

RECEIPTS CONTINUATION SHEET (Attachment to C-3 Form)

Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Use full name.) MATTHEW J STROE (Committee to Elect Matthew J Stroe Sheriff)	Deposit Date 10/04/18
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Date Received	Contributor's Name, Address, City, State, Zip	Contributions of more than \$100:* Employer's Name, City and State	P R I	G E N	Amount	Aggregate Total*
10/04/18	PENELOPE BACKBURN 15 Country Club Rd. Walla Walla, WA 99362	, Occupation RETIRED		X	\$200.00	\$200.00
10/04/18	THE MAIDEN COMPANY 1644 Plaza Way, #504 Walla Walla, WA 99362	Occupation		X	\$200.00	\$200.00
10/04/18	JIM ABAJIAN 1261 Country Club Rd. Walla Walla, WA 99362	, Occupation RETIRED		X	\$250.00	\$250.00
10/04/18	JERRY VOTENDAHL 2455 Fairfield Dr. Walla Walla, WA 99362	Retired Walla Walla, WA Occupation RETIRED		X	\$500.00	\$750.00
10/04/18	DAN WEATHERS PO BOX 100 Dixie, WA 99329	Occupation		X	\$100.00	\$100.00
10/04/18	SUSAN WEATHERS PO BOX 100 Dixie, WA 99329	Occupation		X	\$100.00	\$100.00
10/04/18	DOUG BAYNE 850 Clay St. Walla Walla, WA 99362	, Occupation RETIRED		X	\$25.00	\$125.00
10/04/18	KAREN BAYNE 850 Clay St. Walla Walla, WA 99362	, Occupation RETIRED		X	\$25.00	\$125.00
10/04/18	GARY BERGEVIN 2265 Crosshaven Dr. Walla Walla, WA 99362	Occupation		X	\$50.00	\$50.00
10/04/18	SHARI BERGEVIN 2265 Crosshaven Dr. Walla Walla, WA 99362	Occupation		X	\$50.00	\$50.00
10/04/18	JIM HENDERSON 619 Clay St. Walla Walla, WA 99362	, Occupation RETIRED		X	\$50.00	\$200.00

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10/04/18	SONJA HENDERSON 619 Clay St. Walla Walla, WA 99362	, Occupation RETIRED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00	\$150.00
10/04/18	TOM COOPER 765 Village Way Walla Walla, WA 99362	Walla Walla County Walla Walla, WA Occupation WALLA WALLA JAIL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00	\$350.00
10/04/18	GENNY COOPER 765 Village Way Walla Walla, WA 99362	Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00	\$50.00
10/04/18	JOHN KLITZKE 1060 Williams Pl. Walla Walla, WA 99362	Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	\$100.00
10/04/18	SHERRI KLITZKE 1060 Williams Pl. Walla Walla, WA 99362	Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	\$100.00
10/04/18	DON HAMLIN 1810 Fairway Dr. Walla Walla, WA 99362	Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	\$100.00
10/04/18	STEPHANIE HAMLIN 1810 Fairway Dr. Walla Walla, WA 99362	Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	\$100.00
10/04/18	BRADLEY JOHNSON 274 Summers Circle Walla Walla, WA 99362	, Occupation RETIRED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$125.00	\$125.00
10/04/18	JANICE JOHNSON 274 Summers Circle Walla Walla, WA 99362	, Occupation RETIRED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$125.00	\$125.00
		Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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11-07-2018

Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Use full name.)
MATTHEW J STROE (Committee to Elect Matthew J Stroe Sheriff)

Mailing Address
PO Box 2443

City: **Walla Walla, WA** Zip + 4: **99362** Office Sought (candidates): **COUNTY SHERIFF** Election Date: **2018**

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT

Date Received		Amount	Total
11/02/18	a. Anonymous	\$800.00	\$1,250.00
	b. Candidate's personal funds deposited in the bank (include candidate loans in 1c).....		
	c. Loans, notes, security agreements. Attach Schedule L		
	d. Miscellaneous receipts (interest, refunds, auctions, other). Attach explanation		
	e. Small contributions \$25.00 or less not itemized and number of persons giving _____ (persons)		

2. CONTRIBUTIONS OVER \$25.00

Date Received	Contributor's Name, Address, City, State, Zip	Contributions of more than \$100:*	P R I	G E N	Amount	Aggregate* Total
11/02/18	TOM HODGINS 1600 Graylynn Dr. Walla Walla, WA 99362			X	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Occupation					
	Occupation					
	Occupation					
	Occupation					
	Occupation					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if additional pages are attached	Sub-total			\$900.00	*See reverse for details.
		Amount from attached pages			\$0.00	

3. TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITED TO ACCOUNT
 Sum of parts 1 and 2 above. Enter this amount in line 1, Schedule A to C4.

\$900.00

4. Date of Deposit
11/02/18

Treasurer's Daytime Telephone No.: **(509)520-2884**

I certify that this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge

Treasurer's Signature: **Darleen K Dozier** Date: **11-07-2018**