

STATE OF INDIANA)
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COUNTY OF ELKHART)
STATE OF INDIANA)
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-vs-)
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CHRISTOPHER S. DICKINSON)
DOB: 1/25/1968)

IN THE ELKHART SUPERIOR COURT 4
CAUSE NO. 20D04-2212-CM
AFFIDAVIT TO SHOW
PROBABLE CAUSE

Comes now the undersigned Affiant, a law enforcement officer for the Indiana State Police District 24, and after being duly sworn upon his oath states as follows:

1. THAT Ben Werner is a duly authorized and appointed officer for the Indiana State Police.
2. THAT Officer Werner received a complaint regarding a violation of the election rules, specifically, that an elected official, the Concord Assessor, the Defendant, CHRISTOPHER DICKINSON, had used the Facebook account of the Concord Assessor's Office to advocate for a candidate. It was reported that the post was made on August 27, 2022, and that the post had later been deleted.
3. THAT a screenshot of the post was provided, which showed that the Concord Assessor's Office had posted, "Amy Stine Obviously you like paying more taxes than you should... I don't agree with the mismanagement of the school district and the deception of the 4.1 million dollar bond on top of the lost referendum which was announced 1 day after the failed referendum. Crystal Kidder for school board".
4. THAT Officer Werner met with CHRISTOPHER DICKINSON on September 16, 2022, and, after being advised of his Miranda rights, CHRISTOPHER DICKINSON agreed to speak to Officer Werner. CHRISTOPHER DICKINSON stated that he was currently the elected assessor for Concord Township, and had been for the last seven (7) years. He stated that he and Mandy Lloyd had access to the Concord Assessor Facebook site, and confirmed that he had made the Facebook post using his personal phone at his home in Elkhart County, Indiana. He stated that he had four (4) Facebook accounts, and believed that he was using a different Facebook account to respond to Amy Stine.
5. THAT CHRISTOPHER DICKINSON stated that everyone started having a fit about his post, that he then realized that he was on his Concord Assessor Facebook account, and that he then took the post down. However, the Facebook post clearly stated that it was coming from the Concord Assessor's Office, and had a logo with a building with the words "Concord Township Assessor" and "Elkhart County" underneath it.
6. THAT all of the aforesaid facts occurred in Elkhart County, Indiana, and are within my personal knowledge or the personal knowledge of the aforementioned persons. And, that the aforesaid information has been corroborated by independent observations and investigation by said officers and the Indiana State Police District 24, and, accordingly, I believe the aforesaid information is reliable and credible.

I AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY AS SPECIFIED IN I.C. § 35-44.1-2-1, THAT THE FOREGOING REPRESENTATIONS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.


Affiant