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From: Michael <adairso1109@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 10:53 AM
To: BURTON, MICHAEL D SSgt USAF ANG 123 SFS/SFO
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Interview request

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From: Mike Burton <mburtonforsheriff@gmail.com>
Date: April 27, 2022 at 9:52:49 AM CDT
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From: Jennifer Moonson <jupitermoonsong@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, Apr 27, 2022 at 6:45 AM
Subject: Re: Interview request
To: Mike Burton <mburtonforsheriff@gmail.com>

Thank you for your replies.

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On Apr 26, 2022, at 9:35 PM, Mike Burton <mburtonforsheriff@gmail.com> wrote:

In a February 26 Facebook post by David Irwin, which describes your candidacy as a "well thought out plan" he posted a picture of a contract dated November 1, 2021. This was for a rental property, reflected on your campaign page as your address, at 8250 Glasgow Road. However, according to the papers filed a month later on December 1, your address was a single wide trailer on highway 70 owned by Janice Ennis.

If you had a rental contract in place on November 1 for a home on Glasgow Road, why was it necessary to use another address to file a month after that fact?

On average how many nights a week do you stay at the 8250 Glasgow Rd. address, and do your wife and children reside there with you, rather than at the home PVA records show you own on Fox Trail in Glasgow?

At which address do you receive important mail, such as your W2s or annual tax forms?

I have heard it said that you were fired from your job at the Metcalfe County sheriff's office. I also heard you quit. However, I filed an open records request and obtained a copy of a letter sent to you by the department.

According to that letter, you abandoned your job without giving notice or explaining your absence. Would you like to comment on this?

In July of 2021 David and I discussed running for sheriff. In September of 2021 again, we discussed the idea of me running for sheriff. David, at this time told me that he and his wife were moving to Glasgow and that his house would be available to rent with the option to buy if I would be interested in that option. My wife and I took some time to discuss the idea of me moving and what this would look like for our family. After carefully considering everything, we decided to proceed with contacting David Irwin and letting him know that we would like to rent his house with the option to buy. I spoke again with David, he let me know he was unsure when he would be finished moving, this obviously made my move in date unknown at the time. After my discussion with David about the unknown move in date, I spoke with a family member who agreed to let me reside at their house until the residence at 8250 Glasgow Rd. was ready for me to move in. I had already changed my address to Knob Lick Sulphur Well before I heard from David that the house would be ready for me to move in on Nov. 1st. When I filed my candidacy I was under the impression I had to use the address that was on my drivers license, so that's what I did. I had not yet received mail at 8250 Glasgow Rd. so I could not change my drivers license. I did, however, change my voter registration and paperwork with the state for financial reporting for candidacy to my home address at 8250 Glasgow Rd. A change of address was not submitted for 8250 Glasgow Rd with the post office due to the fact that I would be leaving for a three month school for the USAF. It was a choice I made so that my mail would not be sitting in my mailbox for such a long period of time. Immediately after returning from my schooling I submitted my change of address. I receive all mail at my house, 8250 Glasgow RD. I reside at 8250 Glasgow Rd in Edmonton. My wife and children do still reside in the home we own in Glasgow. This was part of our initial discussion about me moving. We have children still in school and did not want to move them in the middle of the school year. This was a choice my wife and I made for the best interest of our children. KRS 118.015(8) The word "resident" used in reference to a candidate in a state, district, county, or city election shall mean actual resident, without regard to the residence of the spouse of the candidate

I work 12 hour night shifts in Louisville and there obviously are nights that I stay with my family at their home so that I can visit with them. To average things for you, 4-5 days per week I am home at 8250 Glasgow Rd. I sleep here, eat here, leave for work from here, come home from work here and my family also comes to visit here as well.

To touch on the question about being fired or quitting... it was neither, I went on military leave. Lonnie knew I was going, he even tried to talk me out of it and went as far as talking to other deputies about it. In one conversation about me taking the Military leave Lonnie stated that if I voluntarily took the Military orders, then that would mean I voluntarily quit my position as Deputy. I mentioned that I was protected from losing my job by SCRA (Service Member Civil Relief Act) to which he responded, "Sue me, I probably won't be here anyway". As you can see I made Lonnie aware that I was taking Military leave and he knew well in advance. I even, as a courtesy, sent the office manager, Lynn Lunz an email the day before my Military leave began reminding her to switch my status to Military leave at which time she responded any further communication needs to be directed towards the sheriff. The letter that Lonnie sent was addressed to the 123rd, where I was currently serving my Military orders. If he didn't know my whereabouts or what I was doing, the question then arises as to how he knew to send the letter there instead of my home address? I have never nor would I ever abandon my post!!! I also would like it to be known that I had to file a complaint with the Labor board after not receiving my final pay from the Sheriff's office which was illegally held for three months. Taking the Military orders allowed me to exit the hostile work environment that was created by Sheriff Lonnie Hodges. As Deputies we would receive verbal abuse in the form of emails. I have attached a few examples along with the labor board complaint and the addressed envelope as proof that he knew I was on Military orders!

Thank you for the opportunity to tell my side and let the truth out!!

Mike Burton

On Tue, Apr 26, 2022 at 10:30 AM Jennifer Moonsong
<jupitermoonsong@yahoo.com> wrote:

Thank you.

Below are my questions, obviously if he chooses to not answer any of these I understand.

Thank you both for your time.

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On Apr 25, 2022, at 10:46 PM, Mike Burton <mburtonforsheriff@gmail.com> wrote:

That sounds perfect, thank you.

On Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 10:27 PM Jennifer Moonsong <jupitermoonsong@yahoo.com> wrote:

Rachel,

Thank you for the reply.

My deadline is Friday. I can do the interview via email.

I could give you the questions tomorrow, and I would need replies via email by Friday at noon, and that would allow a few days time. That way rather than trying to schedule something at a busy time, you all can answer at your convenience. There will be 4-6 questions.

Jennifer

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On Apr 25, 2022, at 2:18 PM, Mike Burton <mburtonforsheriff@gmail.com> wrote:

Jennifer,

I spoke with Mike and he has agreed to do your interview. We do ask that you send the questions at least 5 days prior to the interview date.

Next week will work best for his schedule. He will be available Wednesday or Thursday 9a-1p.

Thanks,
Rachel Burton

On Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 8:51 AM Jennifer Moonsong <jupitermoonsong@yahoo.com> wrote:

Mr. Burton,

I would like to interview you regarding your candidacy.

Please let me know if/ when you are available to be interviewed.

Thank you,

Jennifer Moonsong
Division Publisher

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