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FEC FILES SUIT AGAINST CANDIDATE

WASHINGTON - July 13 - The Federal Election Commission today revealed that it has filed a civil suit in United States District Court for the District of New Jersey to compel Tony Grandison to comply with the reporting requirements of the Federal Election Act.

Grandison was a Republican candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, 10th District, New Jersey, on the general election ballot, November 2, 1976.

In its suit, the FEC ordered Grandison to file the report required 30 days after the November 2 general election.

The FEC also asked the court to assess a penalty of not more than \$5,000 against Grandison for "failing and refusing to comply with the Act."

The Commission stated in its court complaint that prior to filing suit it had sent at least two notices to the candidate concerning the failure to file the post-election report.

In Grandison's case, the FEC sent notices about the 30-day post-election report on December 10 and 20, 1976.

Under FEC compliance procedures, the first notice informed the candidate that the Commission found "reason to believe" a violation of the Act may have occurred, and the second notice informed the candidate that the Commission found "reasonable cause to believe" a violation of the Act may have occurred. Prior to filing suit, the Commission voted to find "probable cause" to believe a violation of the Act may have occurred.

Previously, the Commission filed suit against 30 Federal candidates for failure to comply with the reporting requirements of the Act.