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## FEC RELEASES NINE INVESTIGATIVE FILES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on nine matters it has had under review (MURs). This release contains only summary information. Closed files should be thoroughly read for details, including the FEC's legal analysis of the MUR. Please see footnote at the end of this release. Summary files of closed cases are available in the Public Records Office. They are as follows:

### MUR NO.

#### 1. 2810

RESPONDENTS: (a) Free the Eagle, Inc., Howard Segermark, managing director (DC);  
(b) Coalition for a Winning Ticket, Kim R. Pearson, treasurer;

COMPLAINANT: Department of Justice referral  
SUBJECT: Corporate contributions; failure to file a statement of organization and disclosure reports; disclaimer

DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation agreement: \$2,500 civil penalty\*  
(b) Conciliation agreement: \$3,500 civil penalty\*

#### 2. 3099

RESPONDENTS: (a) Gulf Power Corporation (FL);  
(b) Ben Kickliter, Gulf Power vice president (FL);  
(c) Doug Knowles, Gulf Power employee (FL);  
(d) Charles Lambert, Gulf Power public relations director (FL);  
(e) Ray Yarborough, Gulf Power manager (FL);  
(f) Hemmer & Yates Corporation (FL);  
(g) Cooper Yates (FL);  
(h) Dick Leonard Group II, Inc. (FL);  
(i) Dick Leonard, chairman, DLG II (FL);  
(j) Whitney Babcock, president, DLG II (FL);  
(k) William Bush, executive director, DLG II (FL);  
(l) John Appleyard Agency (FL);  
(m) Carolyn Appleyard (FL);  
(n) Diane Appleyard (FL);  
(o) Eleanor Appleyard (FL);  
(p) Richard Appleyard (FL);  
(q) Fred Suttles, Jr. (FL);

COMPLAINANT: Department of Justice referral  
SUBJECT: Corporate contributions; contributions in the names of others

DISPOSITION: (a)-(g) Reason to believe but took no further action\*  
(h)-(i) Joint conciliation agreement: \$1,000 civil penalty\*  
(j) Conciliation agreement: \$500 civil penalty\*  
(k) Conciliation agreement: \$500 civil penalty\*  
(l)-(q) Reason to believe but took no further action\*

#### 3. 3140

RESPONDENTS: (a) Zimmer for Congress, Maria Holliday, treasurer (NJ);  
(b) Friends of Dick Zimmer, Judith A. Allen, treasurer (NJ);  
(c) Suzanne Kalafer (NJ);  
(d) Donald Fennelly (NJ);

COMPLAINANT: Raymond Babinski, treasurer, Chandler for Congress (NJ)  
SUBJECT: Excessive contributions; improper transfers

DISPOSITION: (a)-(b) Reason to believe but took no further action\*  
(c)-(d) No reason to believe\*

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4. 3445

RESPONDENTS: (a) Frank Riggs (CA);  
 (b) Frank Riggs for Congress Committee, Daniel Jacob Christensen, treasurer (CA);

COMPLAINANT: Cindy Claymore Watter (CA)

SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour contribution notices; inaccurate disclosure

DISPOSITION: (a) No reason to believe  
 (b) 1. Reason to believe but took no further action\* [re: disclosure]  
 2. No reason to believe\* [re: other allegations]

5. 3454

RESPONDENTS: Al Brown for Congress Committee, Nancy Lampton, treasurer (KY)

COMPLAINANT: Ladonna Y. Lee on behalf of Eddie Mahe Company (DC)

SUBJECT: Failure to report disputed debt; inaccurate disclosure; failure to file disclosure report

DISPOSITION: 1. Reason to believe but took no further action\* [re: filing report]  
 2. No reason to believe\* [re: other allegations]

6. 3504

RESPONDENTS: Independent Republicans of Minnesota, John Burger, treasurer (MN);

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure report timely

DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$5,000 civil penalty\*

7. 3521

RESPONDENTS: (a) Gloria Ochoa (CA);  
 (b) Gloria Ochoa for Congress (CA);  
 (c) Friends of Gloria Ochoa, David L. Peri, treasurer (CA);

COMPLAINANT: Michael A. Thomas (CA)

SUBJECT: Use of government facilities and funds

DISPOSITION: (a)-(c) No reason to believe\*

8. 3529

RESPONDENTS: (a) Deddeh for Congress, Barbara Hunsaker, treasurer (CA);  
 (b) Deddeh for Senate, Barbara Hunsaker, treasurer (CA);

COMPLAINANT: Bob Filner (CA)

SUBJECT: Corporate contributions; failure to disclose contributions

DISPOSITION: (a)-(b) Reason to believe but took no further action

9. 3548

RESPONDENTS: Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee, Robert Goldberg, treasurer (RI)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated

SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure report timely

DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$2,000 civil penalty\*

\*Following a complaint, the FEC may make a "reason to believe" finding which may trigger an investigation. Subsequently, the FEC may find "probable cause to believe" violation(s) occurred. An affirmative vote of at least four of the six Commissioners is required for any action. At this stage the conciliation process could begin. If conciliation fails the FEC may institute a civil action for relief. The Commission may close a case at any point. For a complete explanation of the enforcement process - contact the FEC Press Office.

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