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FEC RELEASES ONE INVESTIGATIVE FILE

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on one matter previously under review (MUR). This release contains only summary information. Closed files should be thoroughly read for details, including the FEC's legal analysis of the case. Please see footnote at the end of this release. Closed MUR files are available in the Public Records Office. It is as follows:

MUR NO.

1. 3850

RESPONDENTS: M. Larry Lawrence (CA)
COMPLAINANT: Sua Sponte
SUBJECT: Exceeded \$25,000 annual contribution limit
DISPOSITION: Conciliation agreement: \$7,179 civil penalty*

*There are four administrative stages to the FEC enforcement process:

1. Receipt of proper complaint
 2. "Reason to believe" stage
 3. "Probable cause" stage
 4. Conciliation stage
- It takes the votes of at least four of the six Commissioners to take any action. The FEC can close a case at any point after reviewing a complaint. If a violation is found and conciliation cannot be reached, then the FEC can institute a civil court action against a respondent.

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