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I am reporting that the Gerald Hatcher for Benton County Sheriff has several PDC violations under RCW 42.17A sections.

1. Violation of spending General election money during Primary.

According to PDC website Gerald Hatcher has earmarked all of his donations towards General election. Gerald Hatcher is also reporting he spent \$9090.43 on signs and \$83.40 on sign framing. I noticed back in early May that dozens of large 8ft by 4ft, Jerry Hatcher for Sheriff, signs have gone up all over Benton County, I also see that Jerry Hatcher is putting up the small yard signs. It is my understanding from the PDC website section on spending general election funds; “Alternatively, the candidate may use the \$500 during the primary election to pre-pay for radio or TV airtime, signs, or other print political advertising that will be used only in the general election. (Other goods and services may qualify for pre-payment in this manner, so long as the candidate is prepared to document that the goods and services were not used for the primary election.)”

2. Violation of In-kind donation. Almost all of the Jerry Hatcher for Sheriff signs (8ft by 4ft) have been put up on one side Markel property signs, covering the Markel Property sign on that side. I notice on the PDC reporting website that no in-kind donation or expense from Jerry Hatcher has been reported for the use of advertising space.

3. Violation of reporting expenses. In early May at least six 8ft by 4ft signs have gone up in West Richland Washington. West Richland Municipal code WRMC 19.04.020 – Political signs greater than Sixteen square feet in area shall require a sign permit for each individual sign. Under the WRMC payment schedule for signs it is \$100 per sign permit. I do not see any expenditure reporting for payments to West Richland for signs in any amount.

4. Violation of Public office or agency facilities in campaign, RCW 42.17A.555. On Jerry Hatcher's official campaign Facebook page; facebook.com/jerryhatcherforsheriff, he is routinely using video shots

inside the Benton County Jail while in uniform, while on duty to promote on his Facebook page.

5. Violation of Sign placement. RCW 47.42. Highway Advertising Control Act There are several Jerry Hatcher for Sheriff signs around Benton County that are attached to WSDOT fencing along the highways in and out of the Tri-Cities.