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September 13, 2018

Delivered electronically to "msnpjn@comcast.net"

Subject: PDC Case 38732

Dear Mark Nelson:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Dean Stafford concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted below to Dean Stafford, the PDC will not be conducting a more formal investigation into these allegations or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabatha Blacksmith at (360) 586-8929, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

/s _____
Tabatha Blacksmith
Compliance Coordinator

Endorsed by,

/s _____
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September 13, 2018

Delivered electronically to "deans98632@yahoo.com"

Subject: Complaint regarding Sheriff Mark Nelson, PDC Case 38732

Dear Dean Stafford:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on July 31, 2018. Your complaint alleged that Sheriff Mark Nelson may have violated RCW 42.17A.555 by promoting a campaign at a public event on county property.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations and, as a result of staff's initial review, we found the following:

- Sheriff Nelson purchased, at the regular advertised price, sponsorship advertising (flag & banner) to be displayed at the Thunder Mountain Pro Rodeo in Cowlitz County.
- Thunder Mountain Pro Rodeo advertising/sponsorship opportunities are made available to any member of the public on a non-discriminatory, equal access basis.
- Per WAC 390-05.271, a public agency may make facilities available on a non-discriminatory, equal access basis for political uses if such action is a part of its regular and normal conduct; and the use of such access does not violate RCW 42.17A.555.

Based on these initial findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, no evidence supports a finding of a violation warranting further investigation.

The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing further enforcement action in this case.

If you have questions, you may contact Tabatha Blacksmith at 360-586-8929, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at Tabatha.Blacksmith@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

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cc: Sheriff Mark Nelson