## STATE OF GEORGIA

## **COUNTY OF BIBB**

## AFFIDAVIT OF DAVID D. THOMPSON

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, DAVID D. THOMPSON who after being duly sworn, deposes and states on oath the following:

- 1. My name is David D. Thompson. I am over the age of twenty-one (21) years, and am otherwise competent to give this Affidavit.
- 2. I give this Affidavit based on my personal knowledge of the facts and circumstances contained herein.
- 3. In the week or weeks leading up to the week of June 5, 2017, I received more than one text message from Lester M. Miller ("Mr. Miller"), a current member of the Bibb County School District Board, representing District 4, in which he requested an in-person meeting with me.
- 4. Sometime during the week of June 5, 2017, I personally met with Mr. Miller at his office located at 563 Walnut Street in downtown Macon, Georgia.
- 5. During the course of the approximately hour-long meeting, discussions turned to the subject of former Bibb County School District Superintendent Romain Dallemand. Mr. Miller shared that Mr. Dallemand had recently been "snuck into town" to avoid the press and that Mr. Dallemand had met with "the Feds." Mr. Miller said that he "believed Dallemand would flip and would indict others."
- 6. Mr. Miller also specifically discussed Issac Culver and his partner, and that the next "round" would include an indictment against Issac Culver and his partner because of the computer purchase scheme, the wire transfers associated with the computer purchases, and kickbacks to Dallemand.

- 7. Mr. Miller said that "more indictments were coming" and specifically cautioned that I keep my distance from Cliffard Whitby.
- 8. As it turns out, I am aware that Mr. Culver was formally indicted by the U.S. Attorney on June 13, 2017, the week after my face-to-face meeting with Mr. Miller.
- 9. Mr. Miller alluded to the Promise Center being a problem to which I responded that three (3) people whom I respect had all examined the records and concluded that there were no irregularities. Mr. Miller then proceeded to try and discredit those individuals.
- 10. We then discussed Cliffard Whitby and the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority. Mr. Miller told me that the "feds" knew about Mr. Whitby's trip to New York the prior week and that the "feds" had Mr. Whitby under surveillance and that "the feds" were "wire-tapping" him. Mr. Miller said that he had "seen the information" allegedly linking Mr. Whitby with Progressive Communication and that it was "just a matter of time."
- 11. I pushed back saying that the Industrial Authority was much cleaner than what I had heard about in the past.
- 12. Mr. Miller was unwilling to believe that Mr. Whitby was not mismanaging the Industrial Authority. Mr. Miller said that "too much money was missing" and "money was being pushed to Issac and Progressive."
- 13. We ended the meeting with a discussion regarding upcoming SPLOST.
- 14. In the weeks since that meeting, I have continued to receive text messages from Mr. Miller that I took to be simply texts designed to reach out or check in with me. I did not respond to any of those text messages.

- 15. On Monday, July 24, 2017, I received another text message from Mr. Miller stating, in part, ". . . You may want to distance yourself from certain people . . more stuff coming down pipeline . ."
- 16. Two days later, I learned about a document production request made to Cliffard Whitby. FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

DAVID D. THOMPSON

Dated this 27 day of July, 2017.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of July, 2017.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 01 19 2021

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MARSH L. GILLESPIE
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My Commission Expires January 19, 2021