



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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LESTER MILLER, date of birth (DOB) [REDACTED], 1969, phone number 478-743-9517, Owner of Lester Miller Law Firm, and current President of the Board, Bibb County Board of Education was interviewed by Special Agent (SA) James E. Langdon and SA Bryan Settle (IRS-CI) at the FBI Macon office. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, INTERVIEWEE provided the following information:

MILLER began serving as a member of the Bibb County Board of Education (BOE) on January 1, 2013.

MILLER recalled the BOE having to make decisions regarding the Superintendent, ROMAIN DALLEMAND, on whether or not to accept his resignation. Shortly thereafter, it became known there were questionable deals regarding technology deals and the Macon Promise Center (MPC). The BOE was looking to vote on whether they should pursue a lawsuit against those involved. MILLER stated the vote was a 5-3 vote in favor of filing the lawsuit. MILLER indicated CLIFFARD WHITBY had recruited candidates to run against anyone on the BOE who was in favor of voting for the lawsuit.

MILLER highlighted a few members of the BOE attended a meeting with District Attorney DAVID COOKE and the US Attorney's Office, Pete Peterman. MILLER stated COOKE recused himself from looking into the matter because he was on the board for the Macon Promise Initiative.

MILLER stated his relationship with WHITBY was a love hate relationship. At times, MILLER thought WHIBTY was trying to bring him into the fold, and at times, he felt WHITBY treated him like an enemy.

MILLER stated he recalled the conversation he had with DAVID THOMPSON regarding the "feds" sneaking DALLEMAND into town because he flipped and was working with them. MILLER explained that he often took rumors and speculation, and "fluffed" it up. His purpose in doing so was to try and put pressure on WHITBY and others involved in the civil lawsuit with the BOE. MILLER often said these things to people whom he knew would go tell WHITBY what was said. MILLER stated he did not have any definitive knowledge from anyone within the prosecution team, nor did he have any

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conversations with anyone from a federal grand jury who would have had knowledge of the investigation. MILLER stated he did a lot of his own investigative work, and would often try and put things together. MILLER stated his comments about the investigation which he made to THOMPSON were nothing more than conjecture stated as fact.

MILLER stated the MPC lease was in place when he came onto the BOE. In conversations with the interim Superintendent, DR. STEVE SMITH, they decided to get rid of a part of the lease, which was for \$325,000 per year for maintenance. MILLER stated the BOE had their own maintenance crews, and did not need to pay that kind of money for those services. As a result, they simply stopped paying that fee to Central Georgia Partnership for Individual and Community Development, the owners of the MPC. MILLER stated after this happened, some people were very upset. Among them was CLIFFARD WHITBY and ROBERT REICHERT.

MILLER stated TOM TOURAND, the former Information Technology Director at Bibb County Schools, who is now deceased, had a loan for around \$15,000 that got paid off shortly after the technology deals went through. MILLER speculated that someone involved in the technology deals paid off the loan for TOURAND.