CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**	**DATE: 2/25/2021**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**	**DOCKET #:**

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Patricia "Pat" Gilley
Office: District Attorney, 1st Judicial District Court
Parish: CADDO
Election Date: 11/3/2020
Level of Office: Major

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 30-P
Original Due Date: 10/5/2020
Date Filed: 10/14/2020
Activity Receipts: $ 12,260.00
Expenditures: $9,678.00
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: $2,582.00

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: $900
Days Late: 9
Late Fee Order Received: 11/4/2020
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 11/24/2020
Waiver Request Received: 11/23/2020
Additional Information Requested:
- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Patricia Gilley request a waiver and states the following: She faxed a completed copy of the 30-P Report on October 5th. She then received a letter dated October 6th informed that filing via facsimile was insufficient and that her Report would not be considered "filed" until it was filed "electronically" Of course, that letter was sent via "snail mail," and did not receive it for quite a few days due to the problems with our Postal Service and "voting by mail" ballots. She received a second letter via certified, dated October 8, 2020, indicating the 30-P Report had still not been received. She really doesn't know when that letter was signed for because the U S Postal Service leaves all certified on the 1st floor mail boxes without anyone ever signing the green cards. The 30-P report was electronically filed on October 14, 2020.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:
Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

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November 23, 2020

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Re: Late Fee assessment for 11-03-2020
30-P Campaign Finance Disclosures Report filed 9 days late

Dear Ms. Horn:

Please consider this letter my official dispute to the above-referenced assessment. It is my inattention to appeal directly to the Board of Ethics. I hope that the following explanation will convince the Board Members that I had good cause for not officially filing my report as required by the applicable statute.

This dispute involves my filing of Form 30-P (30 days prior to the primary held on Nov. 3, 2020.) According to the Schedule of Reporting and Filing Dates, that report was due no later than October 5, 2020. As your letter dated October 6, 2020, reflects, I had faxed a completed copy of the 30-P Report to your offices at the fax number found on your letterhead on October 5th.

Your letter of October 6th, also informed that filing via facsimile was insufficient and that my 30-P Report would not be considered "filed" until it was filed "electronically." Of course, that letter was sent via "snail mail," and I did not receive it for quite a few days due to the problems with our Postal Service and "voting by mail" ballots.

I received a second letter from your offices, (this one was via certified mail) which was dated October 8, 2020. In that letter I was informed that my 30-P Report had still not been received. I really don't know when that letter was signed for because the U.S. Postal Service leaves all certified mail for our 5-story office building in the 1st floor mail boxes without anyone ever signing the green cards (as far as I know.)

I can truthfully say that at that point in the campaign and with all that was transpiring in my law practice, I don't know when I actually became aware of the delinquency in my filing the 30-P Report. I do know that on October 14, 2020, with the assistance of one of the most helpful and respectful women I have ever had the pleasure of talking with by telephone when I had a really big problem, I did electronically file my 30-P Report.

Your review of the electronically filed report and my faxed repot will reflect I had no reason to delay or hide any of the data requested on the 30-P report. There was no intent to obfuscate any of the information you folks may have felt the need to know on October 5th.

The total of my campaign filings will give you a picture of a campaign that was run not from a personal motive, but from a civic obligation. I believed the community deserved to know the major deficiencies in the office of the Caddo Parish District Attorney. They deserved to have a choice when they voted for such an important position. I committed to use $10,000.00 of my own money and the meager $2,500.00 I received as donations from supporters, to help get my message out. At the end of the day on November 3rd, I received over 32,000 votes constituting 36% of the total votes cast in the DA's race.

During the course of the race, I was forced to contend with an opponent whose minions removed and/or destroyed many of my few yard signs. They then replaced them with signs for the incumbent as well as for another judicial candidate who was caught doing the same thing to her opponent. No idea why incumbents with multiple decades in their jobs would feel the need to take this kind of approach against "virtual nobodies."

Even more disturbing to me was the fact anonymous telephone calls were received by several of my supporters who were local businessmen who permitted me to put up signs on their premises. I replaced the signs once. It was then that these stalwart businessmen received calls advising them they were in "Stewart Country" and it was in their best interest not to let any opponent place her signs on their property. My signs were no longer welcome on their property. (Can you believe one of those gentleman is a 38-year old retired Navy Seal?!) To me this goes to show I am spot on when it comes to the evil cabal that is trying to maintain control of this community.

But it didn't stop there. I was to feel the wrath of the Bossier Parish District Attorney who was one of the top supporters of my opponent, DA James Stewart. The Bossier DA filed a motion to compel me to appear in the 26 JDC and defend myself against a charge of contempt of court. It seems my assertions in pleadings filed in a recent murder case he had handled left him feeling disrespected and maligned. Obstruction of justice and threatening a witness were the thrust of my assertions.. The Bossier DA convinced the district court judge I could have used nicer words to get my thoughts across in my pleadings. He never did deny the truth of the assertions. When I refused to recant what I had stated, I was found guilty of contempt of court and was given the choice of paying a $100.00 fine or serving 24 hours in Bossier Max. I advised the court that I had a campaign to fund and was not going to pay the $100 fine, so he better direct the bailiff to take me off to jail – which he did.

Unsatisfied with that rebuke, the Bossier DA combined efforts with local attorney and the incumbent's long time supporter, attorney Ron Miciotto and his cohort, New Orleans attorney Scott Sternberg to jump on his bandwagon. The three of them have each filed individual complaints against me with the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board. It seems in their opinions, I am "an infamous criminal defense attorney" who is "dangerous to the public and the profession" and "in need of discipline" for my many transgressions.

I have attached a copy of the front page of a local tabloid following my incarceration lest you doubt anything so outlandish actually took place.

And so I reach the end of my saga. By the requirements of the applicable statute, I was untimely in filing the 30-P Report. But I ask you – What harm or deception was caused by my untimely filing? It was not a case of thumbing my nose at you or the system. I was one lone voice out in the toxic environs of Caddo Parish Louisiana. All I wanted to do was give the residents of this parish a choice when they voted for their next district attorney. As a woman soon to celebrate her 73rd birthday and campaigning during a raging pandemic, it was hard enough to make as many "zoom" meetings as possible and to reach out my hand to as many residents with one of my push cards as possible as I walked neighborhoods. Is it really necessary to also make me pay for untimely filing of relatively inconsequential reports?

Please grant me a waiver of the $1,000.00 that I am currently charged with owing the State of Louisiana.

Respectfully,

Patricia A. Gilley

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Enclosure: Newspaper clipping

Elect EDWIN BYRD JUDGE
Election Day is Tuesday, Nov 3, 2020
Paid for by Committee to Elect Edwin Byrd

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Suspect injures woman with credit card scanner

A business customer injured a female employee with a credit card scanner during a dispute last week.

On Sept. 24, 41-year-old Demetria Lashun Flowers of 108 South Greenbrook Loop entered Brock's Collision & Repair Center at 8752 Business Park Drive, where she allegedly got into a verbal dispute with a female employee.

Flowers allegedly said several times, "I'll beat your ass," then pushed the credit card scanner into the employee, striking her in the upper part of her chest and falling to the desk. The scanner broke when it hit the desk.

Flowers

The scanner is valued at $2,000.

There is also video of Flowers pushing the scanner off the desk.

Flowers was arrested on a charge of simple battery and simple criminal damage to property and on a fugitive warrant.

Man found with firearm at Bossier City motel

A man is behind bars after he was found to be in possession of a firearm at a Bossier City motel.

On Sept. 15, Bossier City police officers responded to 3101 Hilton for suspicious activity based on a 911 caller's description

officer safety. Brooks said he had a magazine in his front shorts pocket.

A magazine with live rounds was located.

The officer also

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