



Florida Elections Commission

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May 23, 2024

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Paul David Daniels
3005 23rd Ave W
Bradenton, FL 34205

RE: Case No.: FEC 24-119; Respondent: Paul David Daniels

Dear Mr. Daniels:

On May 21, 2024, the Florida Elections Commission received the enclosed complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. Section 106.25(2), Florida Statutes, states:

The respondent shall have 14 day *after receipt* of the complaint to file an initial response, and the executive director may not determine the legal sufficiency of the complaint during that time period.

Should you choose to file a response to the complaint, please send it to my attention at the address listed above. You may also send your response to my attention at fec@myfloridalegal.com. You will be notified by letter whether the complaint is determined to be legally sufficient.

Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you notify us of a new address.

Pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, complaints, investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, are confidential until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause, unless the Respondent files a written waiver of confidentiality with the Commission. The confidentiality provision does not apply to the Complainant or the Respondent.

Should you retain counsel, your attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Commission before any member of the Commission staff can discuss this case with him or her.

For additional information, please refer to the Commission's website www.fec.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Donna Ann Malphurs

Donna Ann Malphurs
Agency Clerk

Enclosure: Complaint w/ attachments

COMPLAINT

The Commission's records and proceedings in a case are confidential until the Commission rules on probable cause. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the person against whom it is brought.

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1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

Name: Keith Van Ostenbridge Work Phone: () _____
Address: 719 21st St W Home Phone: (941) 932-3782
City: Bradenton County: Manatee State: FL Zip Code: 34205

2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:

If you intend to name more than one individual or entity, please file multiple complaints. A person can be an individual, political committee, political party, electioneering communication organization, club, corporation, partnership, company, association, or other type of organization.

Name of individual or entity: Paul David Daniels
Address: 3005 23rd Ave W Phone: (941) 8074800
City: Bradenton County: Manatee State: FL Zip Code: 34205

If individual is a candidate, list the office or position sought: _____

Have you filed this complaint with the State Attorney's Office? (check one) Yes No

Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.271(2), F.S.? (check one) Yes No

Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.2715, F.S.? (check one) Yes No

3. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):

Please attach a concise narrative statement in which you list the provisions of the Florida Election Code that you believe the person named above may have violated. The Commission has jurisdiction only to investigate provisions of Chapter 104 and Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Please include the following items as part of your attached statement:

- The facts and actions that you believe support the violations you allege;
- The names/telephone numbers of persons whom you believe may be witnesses to the facts;
- A copy or picture of any political advertisement(s) you mention in your statement;
- A copy of each document you mention in your statement;
- An explanation of why you believe information you reference from websites is relevant; and
- Any other evidence supporting your allegations.

SEE REVERSE SIDE OF DOCUMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any person who files a complaint while knowing that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes.

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4. OATH:

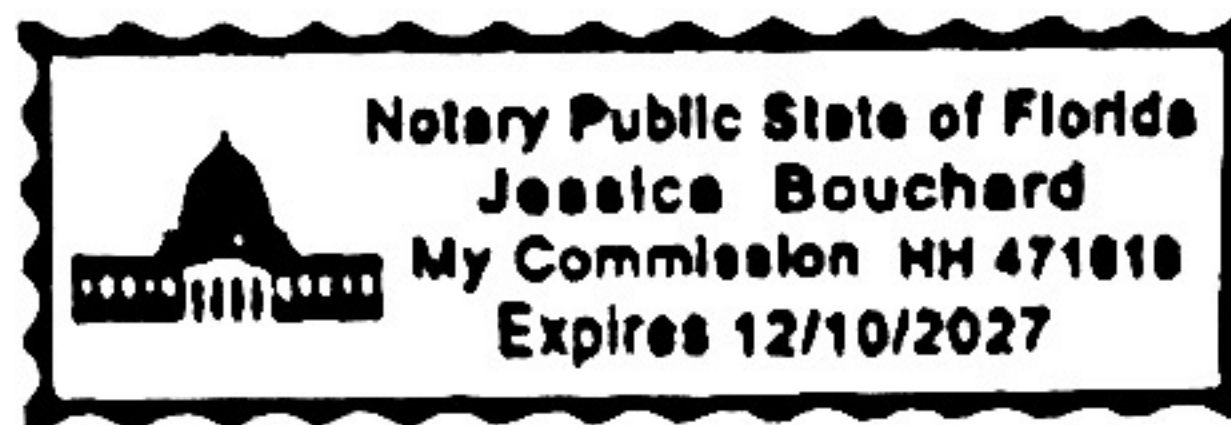
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Manatee

I swear or affirm that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

[Signature]
Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of
May, 2024

[Signature]
Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oaths or Notary Public



(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)
Personally Known X Or Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____

5. IMPROPERLY COMPLETED COMPLAINT FORMS MAY BE RETURNED:

- You **MUST** submit this completed complaint form in order to file a complaint.
- You **MUST** complete **ALL FOUR** of the above sections of this form. **DO NOT** leave any blanks.
- You **MUST** submit the **ORIGINAL** complaint form. Copied/faxed/emailed forms are returned.
- Each complaint can only be filed against **ONE PERSON** or **ENTITY**. If you wish to file against multiple parties, you **MUST** submit a complaint form for **each party** you wish to file against.
- **DO NOT** submit multiple complaint forms with one set of attachments applying to multiple complaints. You **MUST** attach copies of attachments to **each** complaint to which they apply.
- **MAKE SURE** the alleged violation(s) of Chapters 104 or 106 occurred within the last **2 years**.
- **MAKE SURE** your complaint is sworn and there is no defect to the notarization in Section 4.

Paul David Daniels violated election laws in Manatee County, Florida, by purchasing non-endorsed signs that disparage Commissioner Kevin Van Ostenbridge, a filed candidate running for re-election for Manatee Board of County Commissioners, District 3. Daniels intends to sway voters and influence the outcome of the election. Daniels has urged District 3 residents to display these illegal signs in their yards. Despite Florida's regulations mandating disclaimers disclosing sponsorship and candidate approval, Daniels posted that he created the signs from a template on a yard sign website. He ordered 10 signs and offered them for free to District 3 residents, further exacerbating the violation. At least a dozen signs have been spotted around the District. Additionally, Daniels is a registered Republican and financially donated to Commissioner Van Ostenbridge opponent's campaign.

A recent post on Nextdoor (shown below) shows his clear intent to influence the outcome of the election. Additional information is from the Facebook Page of Paul David Daniels, also known as David Daniels.

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What's on your mind, neighbor?



David Daniels

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On April 16, our County Commissioners held a "special meeting" alleged to address immigration. The meeting was likely requested by District 3 Commissioner Kevin VanOstenbridge so he could turn the stunt into a series of campaign mailers touting himself as Manatee's border patrol. Sure enough, VanOstenbridge didn't hesitate to use part of the \$210K that developers have loaned their puppet commissioner (he'll pay them back with votes) to make yet another misleading flier. This one claims that "illegal aliens" are storming Manatee County beaches. I think we can all agree that the US



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aliens" are storming Manatee County beaches. I think we can all agree that the US immigration policy is not working and needs to be addressed. But the US Constitution mandates that immigration is a Federal responsibility. VanOstenbridge is disrespecting voters. He thinks we are idiots who can't see he is trying to jump on the border fear bandwagon for votes. What VanOstenbridge is not talking about is the dust storms that are a result of allowing developers to bulldoze every turtle nest, burn every tree, clear cutting 100's of acres in a few days because it's cheaper than acting responsibly. He is not talking about the 50 minutes it takes to drive 10 miles to reach I-75 from his district. He is not talking about his vote to allow development beyond the Future Development Boundary Line - which is supposed to be the line in the sand for utility infrastructure. He doesn't talk about his vote that eliminated wetland protection. He is voting FOR greed and against Manatee County's future.

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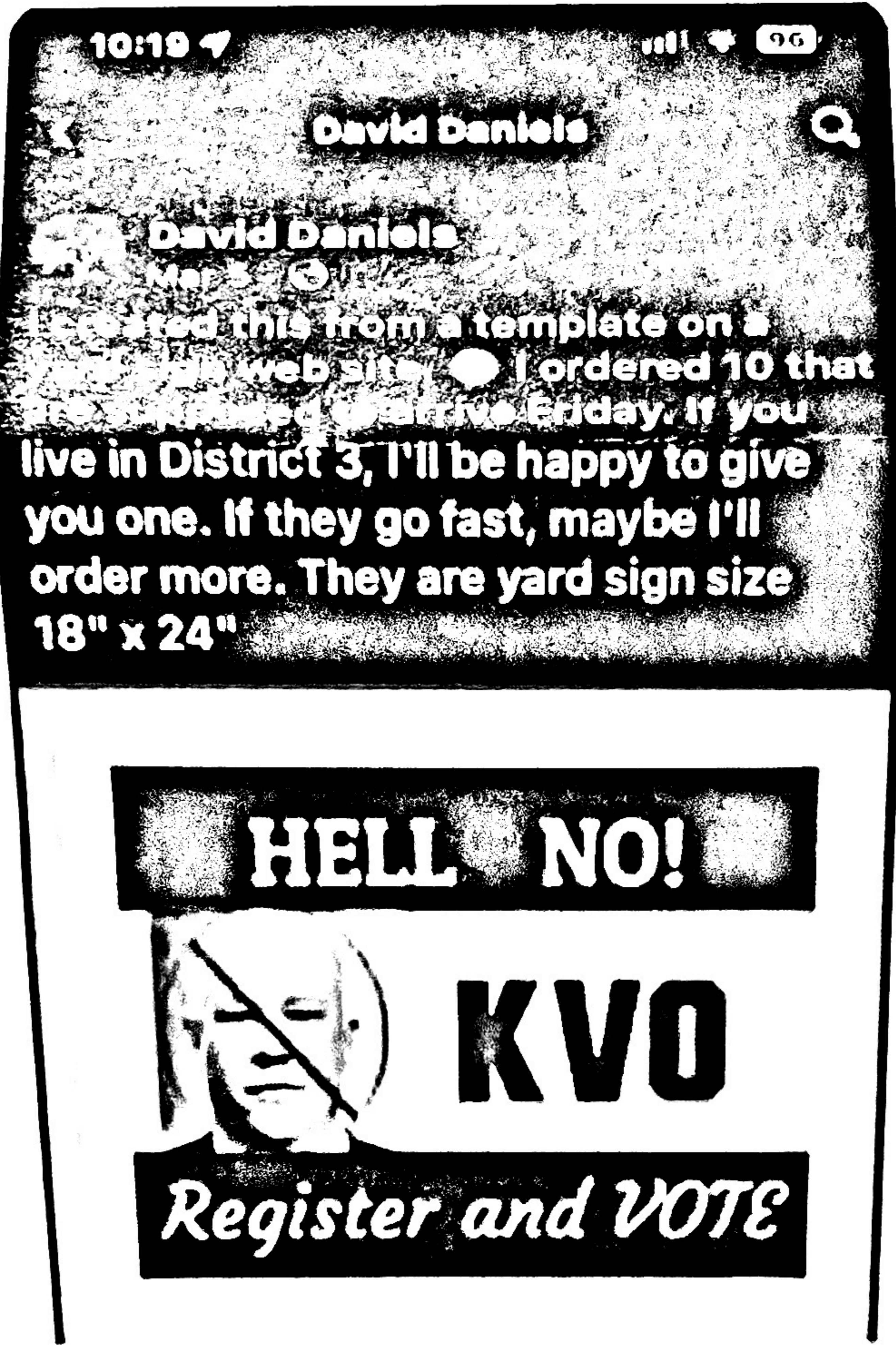
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3005 23rd Ave W Bradenton. I keep at least 2 in my yard by the road. Just take one. No need to knock. They are FREE. If I run out, I will order more. My only request is that you post the sign. We need to VOTE HIM OUT on August 20, 2024. Register and vote.

<https://thebradentonjournal.substack.com/p/the-only-thing-to-fear-is-how-low>



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I created this from a template on a web site. I ordered 10 that arrived on Friday. If you live in District 3, I'll be happy to give you one. If they go fast, maybe I'll order more. They are yard sign size 18" x 24"

HELL NO!



KVO

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Keith Van Ostenbridge
719 21st St. W
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