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VIA EMAIL

April 27, 2022

Mr. Omar Ashmawy
Staff Director & Chief Counsel
Office of Congressional Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
425 3rd Street, S.W., Suite 1110
Washington, DC 20024

Re: *Rep. David Madison Cawthorn (R-NC) and Mr. Stephen L. Smith, Staff to Rep. Cawthorn, Ethics Rules Violations*

Dear Mr. Ashmawy:

Greetings to you from Western North Carolina.

I would like to request the Office of Congressional Ethics investigate Rep. David Madison Cawthorn (R-NC) for the following ethical violations:

1. Violation of House Rule XXIII, (1): Cawthorn has attempted to bring a loaded gun on a flight from Asheville, North Carolina, in February 2021 and from Charlotte Airport in April 2022. His actions reflect negatively upon the House. The Transportation Security Administration will have records of these infractions.
2. Violation of House Rule XXIII, (1): Rep. Cawthorn has brought a "4.45-inch dagger" to North Carolina public educational property on four documented occasions, in violation of North Carolina law. The Sheriff's Office in Henderson County, North Carolina, can confirm this.
3. Violation of House Rule XXIII, (3): Cawthorn provides free housing and travel as a gift to an employee of the House, Mr. Stephen L. Smith, in excess of \$250.00. (See attachment A)
4. Violation of House Rule XXV, (5): Rep. Cawthorn has provided loans to a member of the House staff, Mr. Stephen L. Smith, who is under his supervision. (See attachment B) The repayment by Mr. Smith has not been made and can be confirmed by reviewing Rep. Cawthorn and Mr. Smith's House financial disclosures.
5. Violation of House Rule XXVI: Rep. Cawthorn has not properly filed House financial disclosures regarding gifts and loans to Mr. Stephen L. Smith.

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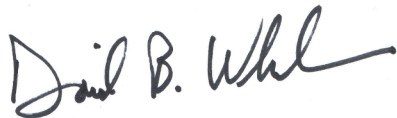
6. Violations of House Rule XXIII: The Committee is requested to investigate whether any House Rules or statutes were violated by the relationship between Rep. Cawthorn and his House employee Mr. Stephen L. Smith. Mr. Smith apparently lives with Rep. Cawthorn and various social media postings by them indicate a personal relationship between them, separate and apart from the professional relationship of employer and employee. For example, Stephen L. Smith accompanied Rep. Cawthorn on his honeymoon to Dubai, UAE, in April 2021. (See exhibit B)
7. In addition, the Committee is requested to investigate the financial relationship and activities between Rep. Cawthorn, and the Bitcoin company recently reported on by the Washington Examiner questioning whether Rep. Cawthorn violated House Ethic Rules and U.S. Statutes relating to promoting a product and profiting from that promotion. A link to the news article is here:
<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/house/madison-cawthorn-implicated-in-potential-insider-trading-scheme-experts-say>

In addition, I would like to request an ethics investigation into Mr. Stephen L. Smith, a House employee on Rep. Cawthorn's staff, for the following violations of House Ethics Rules:

1. Violation of House Rule XXIII, (3): Mr. Smith accepts free housing and travel as a gift in excess of \$250.00 from Rep. Cawthorn. (See attachment A). These were gifts to Mr. Smith by Rep. Cawthorn and neither have disclosed them.
2. Violation of House Rule XXV, (5): Mr. Smith has accepted money loans from Rep. Cawthorn. (See attachment B) The repayment by Mr. Smith has not been made and can be confirmed by reviewing Rep. Cawthorn and Mr. Smith's House financial disclosures.
3. Violation of House Rule XXVI: Mr. Smith has not properly filed House financial disclosures regarding gifts and loans from Rep. Cawthorn.

Please contact me if you would like additional information on any of these allegations.


Sincerely,



David B. Wheeler

Attachment: Exhibit A& B

Cawthorn and Smith EXHIBIT A

Voter Search

New Search


DAVID MADISON CAWTHORN
657 N RUGBY RD
HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28791

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YOUR VOTER DETAILS

County:	HENDERSON
Status:	ACTIVE
Voter Reg Num:	000000156398
NCID:	CC132407
Party:	REP
Race:	WHITE
Ethnicity:	NOT HISPANIC or NOT LATINO
Gender:	MALE
Registration Date:	07/15/2013
NCDMV Customer:	Yes

Cawthorn appears to have lived there since 2018, when he originally purchased the property:

Henderson County
North Carolina

Property Summary
Data last updated on: 4/24/2022 Ownership current as of: 4/8/2022 Tax Year: 2022

REID 1003658
Location Address
657 N RUGBY RD
Property Owner
CAWTHORN, DAVID MADISON

PIN # 9641-90-6389
Property Description
RIDGEVIEW AT SWEETWA LO56 PLSLD-5978
Owner's Mailing Address
657 N RUGBY RD
HENDERSONVILLE NC 28791

Print Property Info Search Results New Search

[Parcel](#) [Buildings](#) [Misc Improvements](#) [Land](#) [Deeds](#) [Notes](#) [Sales](#) [Photos](#) [Tax Bill](#) [Map](#)

Administrative Data

Plat Book & Page	SLD-5978
Old Map#	
Market Area	163A
Township	NA
Planning Jurisdiction	COUNTY
City	
Fire District	MOUNTAIN HOME
Spec District	
Land Class	RES-SINGLE FAMILY
History REID 1	
History REID 2	

Transfer Information

Deed Date	06/04/2018
Deed Book	003206
Deed Page	00143
Revenue Stamps	880.00
Package Sale Date	06/04/2018
Package Sale Price	\$440,000
Land Sale Date	
Land Sale Price	

Property Value

Total Appraised Land Value	\$100,000
Total Appraised Building Value	\$337,300
Total Appraised Misc Improvements Value	

Other Exemptions

Exemption Desc	
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Use Value Deferred

Historic Value Deferred	
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Improvement Summary

FEC
FORM 1STATEMENT OF
ORGANIZATION

Office Use Only

1. NAME OF
COMMITTEE (in full)☐(Check if name
is changed)Example: If typing, type
over the lines.

ADDRESS (number and street)

☐(Check if address
is changed)

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

COMMITTEE'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

☐(Check if address
is changed)

Optional Second E-Mail Address

COMMITTEE'S WEB PAGE ADDRESS (URL)

☐(Check if address
is changed)

2. DATE

3. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ▶

4. IS THIS STATEMENT

☐

NEW (N)

OR

☐

AMENDED (A)

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Treasurer

Signature of Treasurer

Date

NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Statement to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g.
ANY CHANGE IN INFORMATION SHOULD BE REPORTED WITHIN 10 DAYS.Office
Use
OnlyFor further information contact:
Federal Election Commission
Toll Free 800-424-9530
Local 202-694-1100FEC FORM 1
(Revised 06/2012)

David Madison Cawthorn	657 N Rugby Rd Hendersonville, North Carolina 28791		12/20/2019	Candidate In-kind - Filing Fee	1740.00			
David Madison Cawthorn	657 N Rugby Rd Hendersonville, North Carolina 28791		01/15/2020	Candidate In-kind - Yard signs	3831.27			
David Madison Cawthorn	657 N Rugby Rd Hendersonville, North Carolina 28791		01/20/2020	Candidate In-kind - supplies for cmpn si	59.18			
David Madison Cawthorn	657 N Rugby Rd Hendersonville, North Carolina 28791		01/23/2020	Candidate In-kind - Radio Buy	660.00			
David Madison Cawthorn	657 N Rugby Rd Hendersonville, North Carolina 28791		01/23/2020	Candidate In-kind - Hotel on Cpmn Trave	143.19			
David Madison Cawthorn	657 N Rugby Rd Hendersonville, North Carolina 28791		01/23/2020	Candidate In-kind - Hotel for Cpmn Trave	140.32			
David Madison Cawthorn	657 N Rugby Rd Hendersonville, North Carolina 28791		02/03/2020	Candidate In-kind - yard signs	1000.00			
David Madison Cawthorn	657 N Rugby Rd Hendersonville, North Carolina 28791		02/06/2020	Candidate In-kind - food/bev for FR even	1337.50			
David Madison Cawthorn	657 N Rugby Rd Hendersonville, North Carolina 28791		02/06/2020	Candidate In-kind - FR event space renta	1000.00			
David Madison Cawthorn	657 N Rugby Rd Hendersonville, North Carolina 28791		02/12/2020	Candidate In-kind - T-shirts, Business ca	2302.54			



Legal Name

SPQR Holdings, LLC

Information

SosId: 1875213

Status: Admin. Dissolved ⓘ

Date Formed: 8/1/2019

Citizenship: Domestic

Annual Report Due Date: April 15th

Annual Report Status:

Registered Agent: [Cawthorn, David Madison](#)

Addresses

Reg Office

657 North Rugby Rd
Hendersonville, NC 28791

Reg Mailing

657 North Rugby Rd
Hendersonville, NC 28791

Company Officials

All LLCs are managed by their managers pursuant to N.C.G.S. 57D-3-20.

Manager

[David Madison Cawthorn](#)

657 North Rugby Rd
Hendersonville NC 28791

Member

[David Madison Cawthorn](#)

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STEPHEN LAWRENCE SMITH
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Race:	WHITE
Ethnicity:	UNDESIGNATED
Gender:	MALE
Registration Date:	01/24/2020
NCDMV Customer:	No

YOUR JURISDICTIONS

Precinct:	RUGBY
Congress:	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 11
NC Senate:	NC SENATE DISTRICT 48
NC House:	NC HOUSE DISTRICT 117
Superior Court:	29B SUPERIOR COURT

Smith also receives campaign payments registered to Smith's address at the home Cawthorn owns, per Cawthorn's FEC filings. One of many disbursements:

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) B. SMITH, STEPHEN, , ,		Date of Disbursement M M / D D / Y Y Y Y 12 / 30 / 2021	
Mailing Address 657 N RUGBY RD		FEC Identification Number C	
City HENDERSONVILLE	State NC	Zip Code 28791-9044	Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 2800.00
Purpose of Disbursement SALARY		001	Transaction ID : B23FF7AB5B5C24AE2B7E
Candidate Name		Category/ Type	Memo Item
Office Sought:	<input type="checkbox"/> House <input type="checkbox"/> Senate <input type="checkbox"/> President	Disbursement For: 2022 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▼	
State:	District:		

Cawthorn and Smith Ethics Complaint Exhibit B



Cawthorn and Smith social media post.

They are seen in this video, which was distributed on Twitter among various people, discussing suggestive subjects and touching inappropriately:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ypnjy_17FjdZ5_XqAlGrgELw8koUzmzw/view?usp=embed_facebook&usp=embed_facebook

2:58

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STEPHEN_SMITH22
Posts

Follow



stephen_smith22
Mills River, North Carolina



334 likes

stephen_smith22 Snow day in North Carolina! 🇺🇸

View all 6 comments

January 18

In addition, here they are together on a “snow day”.

3:05

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STEPHEN_SMITH22

Posts

Follow



290 likes

stephen_smith22 Smoking cigars, in a cabana, on a beach in Mexico? I would say it's been a pretty good birthday week with my best friend.

View all 34 comments

madisoncawthorn @gra_c22 he talks about you in his sleep.

madisoncawthorn @celeste.calvert and even better he is now a father on two continents! He is so good with his little bi-lingual babies 🥰

March 8, 2019

9:26

Wi-Fi



Comments



stephen_smith22 It really is the most wonderful time of the year! I couldn't be happier in life and I can't wait to see what doors are opened next year!

Edited · 122w



ha.nia3000 Give me one gift 🥺🥺

91w Reply



_reguz Very cute ! Sending you lots of love ✨

121w Reply



sandytotherow You make my heart sing!

122w 1 like Reply



stephen_smith22 @sandytotherow you're the best ever! Love you:)

122w 1 like Reply



madisoncawthorn Just wrap yourself up man, you are the gift!

122w 7 likes Reply



madisonobarsky 🥰🥰

122w 1 like Reply



VENMO Payment History Between Cawthorn and Smith

- Feed
- Between You



Madison Cawthorn paid Stephen Smith
Jan 9, 2019

Breaking and entering

2



Stephen Smith paid Madison Cawthorn
Dec 18, 2018

Gettin low



Stephen Smith paid Madison Cawthorn
Dec 13, 2018

Nudes



Madison Cawthorn paid Stephen Smith
Dec 13, 2018

Get it

- Feed
- Between You



Stephen Smith paid Madison Cawthorn
Jun 25, 2018

For loving me daily and nightly



Madison Cawthorn paid Stephen Smith
Jun 22, 2018

The quickie at the airport



Madison Cawthorn paid Stephen Smith
Jun 21, 2018

The stuff we did in Amsterdam



Madison Cawthorn paid Stephen Smith
Jun 17, 2018

Getting naked for me in Sweden