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June 1, 2022

THE HONORABLE DANA BENSON
OUACHITA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
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We are providing this report for your information and use. This investigative audit was performed in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513, *et seq.* to determine the validity of complaints we received.

The procedures we performed primarily consisted of making inquiries and examining selected financial records and other documents and do not constitute an examination or review in accordance with generally accepted auditing or attestation standards. Consequently, we provide no opinion, attestation or other form of assurance with respect to the information upon which our work was based.

The accompanying report presents our findings and recommendations as well as management's response. This is a public report. Copies of this report have been delivered to the District Attorney for the 4th Judicial District of Louisiana, the United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, and others as required by law.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "MW", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Former Deputy Clerk Diverted Public Funds to Himself

Former Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court (Clerk of Court) Deputy Clerk Donald J. Ryder, Jr. used an online money transfer system (PayPal) to divert \$344,226 of public funds from the Clerk of Court to himself from December 24, 2014 to October 10, 2018. By improperly transferring and receiving public funds he was not entitled to receive, Mr. Ryder may have violated state and federal law.

BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY

Article V, Section 28 of the Louisiana Constitution provides that each parish clerk of court is elected for a four-year term and serves as the ex-officio notary public; the recorder of conveyances, mortgages, and other acts; and shall have other duties and powers provided by law.

Deputy Clerk Donald J. Ryder, Jr. began working for the Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court (Clerk) on June 18, 2001, until his employment ended on October 11, 2018. Mr. Ryder's duties as Deputy Clerk included handling the Clerk's bookkeeping, payroll, and bank deposits. Mr. Ryder was also responsible for the Clerk's PayPal account and sometimes performed other accounting employees' assigned duties when they were absent.

We initiated this audit after receiving a complaint from the Clerk's auditor, Quint Martin, CPA, of Cameron, Hines and Company, CPAs, regarding improper transfers to Mr. Ryder's PayPal account. The procedures performed during this audit included:

- (1) interviewing Clerk officials and employees and others, as appropriate;
- (2) examining selected Clerk documents and records;
- (3) gathering and examining third parties' documents and records; and
- (4) reviewing applicable state laws and regulations.

FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Mr. Ryder was a Deputy Clerk for the Clerk of Court from June 18, 2001 until October 11, 2018. As Deputy Clerk, Mr. Ryder was responsible for the Clerk's bookkeeping, payroll, bank deposits, and sometimes performed other accounting employees' assigned duties when they were absent.

The Clerk provides web-based access to its public records for \$700 per year (365 days), \$66 per month (30 days), or \$7.50 per 24-hour period (1 day). An online subscription allows for unlimited access to viewable scanned images of conveyances, mortgages, marriage licenses, criminal records, and plats. In addition, the Clerk charges \$0.50 per page to print documents. The Clerk uses PayPal to accept online payments for its subscription service.

PayPal is an online payment company that allows account holders (users) to pay, send, or transfer money, and accept payments from other users. An email address is used to identify a user for monetary transfers to a bank account or debit card, another PayPal account, or to make purchases from online retailers. Users can electronically transfer money from their bank accounts to fund transfers and payments or PayPal can directly debit the user's bank account, debit card, or credit card if the user's account has no balance.

Louise Bond, the former Clerk of Court, told us that Mr. Ryder had sole access to the Clerk's PayPal account. Ms. Bond neither had access to the PayPal account nor did she monitor it. She was unaware of the transaction activity within the account, as Mr. Ryder never provided her with any reports. When Mr. Ryder left, Ms. Bond called Mr. Ryder to obtain the login information for the account, but Mr. Ryder refused to give her the information. The current Chief Deputy Clerk had to contact PayPal to obtain access to the account.

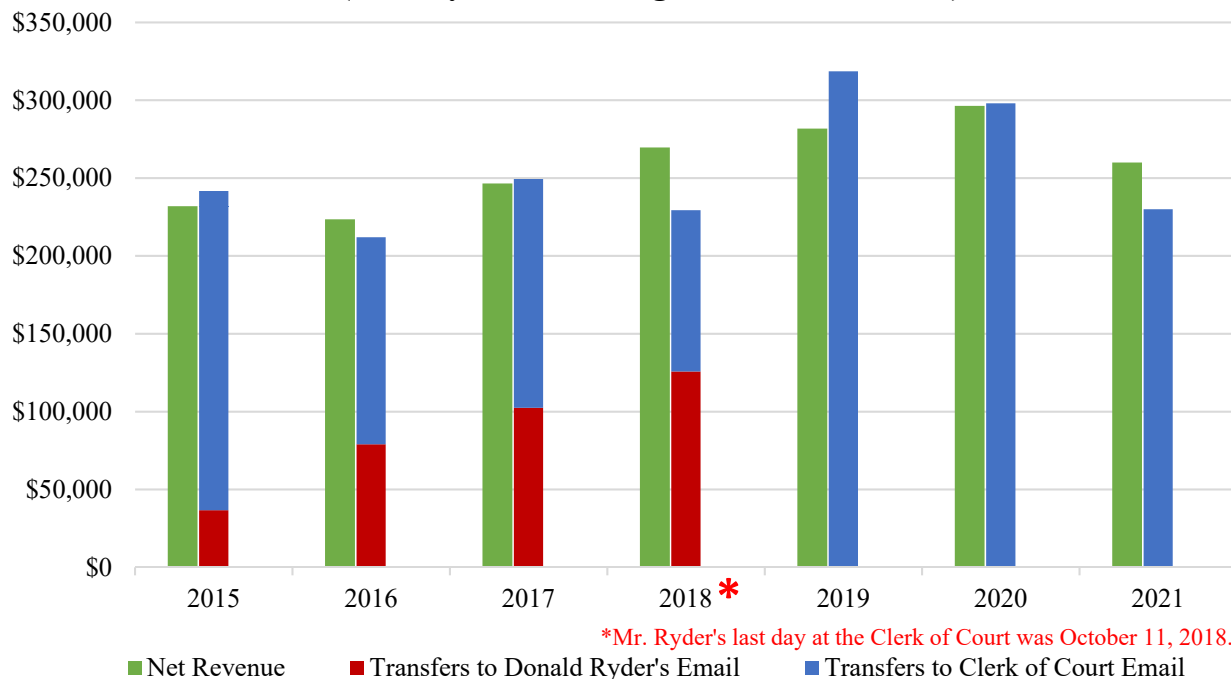
We obtained the Clerk's PayPal records from December 21, 2014^A to December 20, 2021 and evaluated account transactions during the period of Mr. Ryder's employment. The Clerk had net revenue^B of \$928,144 between December 21, 2014 and October 11, 2018. The PayPal records show 46 transfers to a Clerk of Court email address totaling \$588,500 as "General

^A PayPal did not have records prior to December 21, 2014.

^B Net revenue consists of payments for the Clerk's online subscription service less refunds, chargebacks, payment reversals, account corrections, and adjustments.

Withdrawal” from the Clerk’s PayPal account that were deposited in the Clerk’s bank account throughout this period. We also found 232 additional withdrawals^C to Mr. Ryder’s email address totaling \$344,226^D that were classified as “General Payment.” Mr. Ryder’s Human Resources file includes a form, signed by Mr. Ryder, where he listed the same email address.

**Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court PayPal Summary
(January 1, 2015 through December 20, 2021)**



We obtained records of Mr. Ryder’s PayPal transactions and confirmed the \$344,226 of “General Payment” from the Clerk’s PayPal account went to Mr. Ryder’s PayPal account. Mr. Ryder’s PayPal account also included transfers from Mr. Ryder’s personal bank account and additional deposits unrelated to the Clerk. The \$344,226 deposited to Mr. Ryder’s PayPal account was used as follows:

Mr. Ryder’s PayPal Summary (December 24, 2014 through October 10, 2018)		
Number of Transactions	Type of Payment	Amount
189	Withdraw Funds to Personal Bank Account	\$259,357
265	Various Purchases	49,124
116	Personal Payments Sent	33,745
1	Transfer to Tat Gear ^E PayPal Account	2,000
571	Total Transactions	\$344,226

^C The first withdrawal occurred on December 24, 2014. The last withdrawal occurred on October 10, 2018, one day before Mr. Ryder’s last day of employment, October 11, 2018.

^D Transfers from the Clerk’s email to Mr. Ryder’s email ranged from \$2,000 per month to \$18,500 per month.

^E According to Secretary of State records, Mr. Ryder is a Manager and Member of Tat Gear LLC.

Mr. Ryder told us that he used his personal email address to transfer Clerk of Court funds to his PayPal account from the Clerk's PayPal account and that the payments were authorized by the former Clerk Louise Bond to compensate him for operating the website. Mr. Ryder provided us with a letter dated September 24, 2012 (see Attachment A) with Ms. Bond's signature where Mr. Ryder was authorized to receive a maximum of \$2,500 per month from PayPal for operating the website. The bottom of the letter contains a handwritten note, dated October 18, 2012, noting a verbal agreement with Ms. Bond to ensure \$10,000 per month was deposited.

Mr. Ryder told us the handwritten note was his handwriting and that he was to be paid \$2,500 per month to transfer \$10,000 per month from the Clerk's PayPal into the Clerk's bank account. He also told us the note was meant to explain that as long as the Clerk received \$10,000 per month from the PayPal account, he was to be paid any excess. Further, Mr. Ryder told us Ms. Bond has a copy of the letter approving the PayPal transfers to him and a copy of the letter should be in his employee file that Ms. Bond kept in her office.

We discussed the letter with Ms. Bond and she told us that she has never seen the letter and did not make any type of agreement to pay Mr. Ryder for operating the Clerk's PayPal account. She further said the signature on the letter looks like her signature, but she does not believe that she signed the letter; however, she had a signature stamp and said it may have been a signature stamp.

Ms. Bond also told us she did not take any Clerk or employee records with her when she retired and that all records from her tenure as Clerk are with the current Clerk, Dana Benson. Ms. Benson found the employee records in a box under Ms. Bond's desk when she became Clerk. We reviewed the employee records and did not find any records concerning Mr. Ryder. We also reviewed Mr. Ryder's human resources file and did not find a copy of the letter from Ms. Bond to Mr. Ryder. Further, the amounts transferred from the Clerk's PayPal account to Mr. Ryder's PayPal account were not included in Mr. Ryder's Wage and Tax Statement (W-2) for the years 2015 through 2018.

By transferring and receiving \$344,226 of public funds he was not entitled to receive, Mr. Ryder may have violated state and federal law.^{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9}

Recommendations:

We recommend that the Clerk consult with its legal counsel to determine the appropriate actions to take, including recovery of improper payments. In addition, the Clerk should:

- (1) periodically monitor the PayPal account transactions;
- (2) ensure multiple employees are notified when withdrawals or changes are made to the Clerk's PayPal account; and
- (3) reconcile PayPal withdrawals to the Clerk's monthly bank statements.

EXHIBIT

Attachment One
(Provided by Mr. Ryder)

SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

MEMO TO: WOODY RYDER, BOOKKEEPER
FROM: LOUISE BOND – CLERK OF COURT

WOODY....


THIS IS TO AUTHORIZE YOU AS OF THIS DATE FOR YOU TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO YOU FROM PAYPAL....

THIS IS FOR OPERATING THE WEBSITE.... TRANSFER WILL NOT EXCEED \$2500 PER MONTH....



LOUISE BOND

CLERK OF COURT

Verbal w/ clerk
on 10/18/2012 @ 9:45 am
Make sure 10K is
deposited - said
that would leave 120K yearly
advised she would note on
her copy. 

LEGAL PROVISIONS

¹ **Louisiana Revised Statute (La. R.S.) 14:67(A)** provides, “Theft is the misappropriation or taking of anything of value which belongs to another, either without the consent of the other to the misappropriation or taking, or by means of fraudulent conduct, practices, or representations. An intent to deprive the other permanently of whatever may be the subject of the misappropriation or taking is essential.”

² **La. R.S. 42:1461(A)** provides, “Officials, whether elected or appointed and whether compensated or not, and employees of any "public entity", which, for purposes of this Section shall mean and include any department, division, office, board, agency, commission, or other organizational unit of any of the three branches of state government or of any parish, municipality, school board or district, court of limited jurisdiction, or other political subdivision or district, or the office of any sheriff, district attorney, coroner, or clerk of court, by the act of accepting such office or employment assume a personal obligation not to misappropriate, misapply, convert, misuse, or otherwise wrongfully take any funds, property, or other thing of value belonging to or under the custody or control of the public entity in which they hold office or are employed.”

³ **La. R.S. 14:134(A)** provides, “Malfeasance in office is committed when any public officer or public employee shall: (1) Intentionally refuse or fail to perform any duty lawfully required of him, as such officer or employee; or (2) Intentionally perform any such duty in an unlawful manner; or (3) Knowingly permit any other public officer or public employee, under his authority, to intentionally refuse or fail to perform any duty lawfully required of him, or to perform any such duty in an unlawful manner.”

⁴ **La. R.S. 14:73.5(A)** provides, “Computer fraud is the accessing or causing to be accessed of any computer, computer system, computer network, or any part thereof with the intent to: (1) Defraud; or (2) Obtain money, property, or services by means of false or fraudulent conduct, practices, or representations, or through the fraudulent alteration, deletion, or insertion of programs or data.”

⁵ **La. R.S. 14:70.8(A)** provides, “Whoever with intent to defraud either transmits, attempts to transmit, causes to be transmitted, solicits a transmission, or receives a transmission, by wire or radio signal, any stolen or fraudulently obtained monetary funds shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than ten years, or fined not more than one hundred thousand dollars, or both.”

⁶ **La. R.S. 14:230(B)** provides, “It is unlawful for any person knowingly to do any of the following: (1) Conduct, supervise, or facilitate a financial transaction involving proceeds known to be derived from criminal activity, when the transaction is designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or the control of proceeds known to be derived from such violation or to avoid a transaction reporting requirement under state or federal law. (2) Give, sell, transfer, trade, invest, conceal, transport, maintain an interest in, or otherwise make available anything of value known to be for the purpose of committing or furthering the commission of any criminal activity. (3) Direct, plan, organize, initiate, finance, manage, supervise, or facilitate the transportation or transfer of proceeds known to be derived from any violation of criminal activity. (4) Receive or acquire proceeds derived from any violation of criminal activity, or knowingly or intentionally engage in any transaction that the person knows involves proceeds from any such violations. (5) Acquire or maintain an interest in, receive, conceal, possess, transfer, or transport the proceeds of criminal activity. (6) Invest, expend, or receive, or offer to invest, expend, or receive, the proceeds of criminal activity.”

⁷ **18 U.S.C. §1343** provides, in part, “Whoever, having devised or intending to devise any scheme or artifice to defraud, or for obtaining money or property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises, transmits or causes to be transmitted by means of wire, radio, or television communication in interstate or foreign commerce, any writings, signs, signals, pictures, or sounds for the purpose of executing such scheme or artifice, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

⁸ **18 U.S.C. §1344** provides, “Whoever knowingly executes, or attempts to execute, a scheme or artifice- (1) to defraud a financial institution; or (2) to obtain any of the moneys, funds, credits, assets, securities, or other property owned by, or under the custody or control of, a financial institution, by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises; shall be fined not more than \$1,000,000 or imprisoned not more than 30 years, or both.”

⁹ **18 U.S.C. §1956(a)(1)** provides, “Whoever, knowing that the property involved in a financial transaction represents the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, conducts or attempts to conduct such a financial transaction which in fact involves the proceeds of specified unlawful activity—(A)(i) with the intent to promote the carrying on of specified unlawful activity; or (ii) with intent to engage in conduct constituting a violation of section 7201 or 7206 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or (B) knowing that the transaction is designed in whole or in part—(i) to conceal or disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, or the control of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity; or (ii) to avoid a transaction reporting requirement under State or Federal law, shall be sentenced to a fine of not more than \$500,000 or twice the value of the property involved in the transaction, whichever is greater, or imprisonment for not more than twenty years, or both. For purposes of this paragraph, a financial transaction shall be considered to be one involving the proceeds of specified unlawful activity if it is part of a set of parallel or dependent transactions, any one of which involves the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, and all of which are part of a single plan or arrangement.”

APPENDIX A

Ms. Dana Benson's Response



OUACHITA PARISH CLERK OF COURT

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Dear Mr. Waguespack,

I would like to personally thank our auditor, Quint Martin, CPA, of Cameron, Hines and Company, CPAs, regarding his findings within the Clerk's Office. Without his extensive work and expertise in his field, this may have gone unnoticed. I would also like to thank the Louisiana State Legislative Auditors for their due diligence to work alongside the Clerk's Office to bring this matter to resolve.

In response to the investigative audit report on the Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court's Office, I would like to let you know of some things that we have implemented.

1. As Clerk, I will periodically monitor the PayPal account transactions;
2. There are multiple employees that are notified when withdrawals or changes are made to the Clerk's PayPal account; and
3. The PayPal account withdrawals are reconciled to the Clerk's Office monthly bank statements.

I will also be consulting with our general legal counsel to determine the appropriate actions to take, including recovery of any and all improper payments.

If there is anything further that I can do to assist, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dana Benson
Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court

APPENDIX B

Ms. Louise Bond's Response

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May 24, 2022

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VIA E-MAIL AND
U.S. MAIL

RE: My client: Louise Bond

Dear Mike:

Thank you for your letter of May 16 and the draft of your investigative "Findings and Recommendations" regarding Donald J. Ryder, Jr., former deputy clerk for the Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court. I am attaching the letter from Louise Bond to you regarding the draft that you sent to us. After you review Ms. Bond's letter I would appreciate if you would give me a call. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


LARRY ARBOUR

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Enclosure

May 24, 2022

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RE: Donald J. Ryder, Jr.,
Former Deputy Clerk for the Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court

Dear Mr. Waguespack:

I have received and reviewed your May 16 letter sent to me via e-mail c/o my attorney, Larry Arbour, regarding Donald J. Ryder, Jr. While I was Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court, Mr. Ryder was an employee of the clerk's office. His duties as deputy clerk included handling the clerk of court's bookkeeping, payroll, bank deposits and the clerk's Paypal account. The Paypal account was used to accept online payments for any persons who subscribed to the online web-based access to the Ouachita Parish records of conveyances, mortgages, marriage license and other documents. Payments for this subscription service were made via Paypal through the clerk of court's Paypal account.

In your letter of May 16, you asked that I review the draft of your investigative audit report and to let you know if I feel there are any material facts that are misstated. Therefore, the following are my comments regarding the draft of your investigative audit report:

- (1) In Paragraph 3 on the first page of the "Findings and Recommendations" you have listed what the Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court subscription service fees were per year, per month and per day for web based access to public records. I have no recollection as to whether the fees you have listed are the actual fees that were being charged by my office when I was clerk of court and just wanted you to be aware of that. I am not saying that the fees in your report are incorrect, it is just that I do not remember what the exact fee schedule was.
- (2) In the 5th paragraph of your "Findings and Recommendations" in the fourth sentence you state:

"When Mr. Ryder left, Ms. Bond called Mr. Ryder to obtain the login information for the account, but Mr. Ryder refused to give her the information."

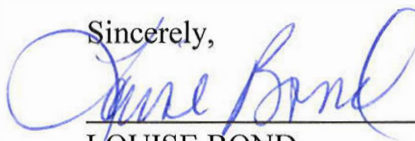
I did not personally call Mr. Ryder at any time to obtain the login information for the clerk's Paypal account. I assigned that duty to my then Chief Deputy Clerk, Dena Peters. Ms. Peters did call Mr. Ryder to request all information for the Paypal account but he refused to give her any information.

- (3) In the 6th paragraph on page 1 of your "Findings and Recommendations", which paragraph carries over onto page 2, you have a detail of the total net revenue collected by the clerk of court's office thru Paypal from December 21, 2014 to December, 2021. This paragraph also shows the total for how much of that total net revenue was transferred by Mr. Ryder to himself and what amount of that net revenue was transferred to the clerk of court's bank account. I am not disputing that your figures are correct but I simply do not have any reports or information available to verify those amounts.
- (4) Mr. Ryder was on a fixed salary. In the last paragraph of page 2 of the "Findings and Recommendations" which paragraph carries over onto page 3, I deny that I ever told Mr. Ryder that he would receive any compensation for operating the Paypal account used for the online subscription services. All amounts that Mr. Ryder were paid are shown on the W-2 forms that were issued to Mr. Ryder during the time he worked for the clerk of court's office. At no time did I authorize Mr. Ryder to pay himself any money above his salary or to take money from the clerk's bank/Paypal account. I deny that I signed the letter dated September 24, 2012 which is an exhibit attached to your report and which letter you received from Mr. Ryder. I had never seen that letter of September 24, 2012 prior to the beginning of this investigation. During the time I was Clerk of Court I had a signature stamp and I suspect Mr. Ryder used that signature stamp on the September 24, 2012 letter.
- (5) I deny that I ever had any agreement with Mr. Ryder that he could receive a maximum amount of \$2,500 per month from Paypal for operating the clerk of court's website. I also deny that I ever told Mr. Ryder that as long as the clerk of court received \$10,000 per month from the Paypal account, he could pay himself any excess above the \$10,000.

When I retired as clerk of court, I did not take any employee records or documents from the clerk of court's office regarding Mr. Ryder or any other employee.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this letter. If you have any questions or need to contact me about anything else, please contact my attorney, Larry Arbour.

Sincerely,



LOUISE BOND

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APPENDIX C

Mr. Donald J. Ryder, Jr.'s Response



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May 27, 2022

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Re: Donald J. Ryder, Jr.

Dear Mr. Waguespack:

I write in response to your letter of May 16, 2022, regarding the draft of your audit report on the Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court. Mr. Ryder stands by his statements to your investigator, Mr. Kelly, that all transfers to him from the Clerk of Court's PayPal account were authorized by the clerk herself. These transfers should be reflected in the internal audits that were done monthly by CPA George McGuffee. The internal audits were provided to the clerk and as such, the payments to Mr. Ryder we're obviously known to her.

Your draft states the former clerk, Mrs. Bond, claims that she had never seen the letter provided to you by Mr. Ryder. Your investigator, Mr. Kelly, had told me this several weeks ago, so I asked Mr Ryder to undergo a polygraph test on the issue of whether Mrs. Bond gave him that letter. In the polygraph, the examiner concluded that Mr. Ryder was being truthful when he states Mrs. Bond gave him the letter. I am attaching a copy of the polygraph report to this response.

Yours Very Truly,

H. Cameron Murray

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Polygraph Report

May 5, 2022

On May 4, 2022 Donald Ryder Jr. was administered a polygraph examination. The purpose of the test was to determine his truthfulness, regarding his employment and method of payment of his wages, by the Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court Office.

Pre-test Statement

During the pre-test portion of the polygraph examination Mr. Ryder made the following statements:

I worked for the Clerk of Court's Office in Ouachita Parish for 18 years. When Mr. Bill Heard retired as Clerk of Court, Ms. Louise Bond became acting Clerk and a little later the Clerk of Court. She had already been elected to the Office but her regular elected term hadn't started. I had a meeting with Ms. Bond during her time as acting Clerk on September 12, 2012, to discuss my salary and my method of payment. We whereby agreed; I would transfer my salary from the Clerk's account to myself. She wrote this agreement down in the form of a letter and gave it to me that day.

The office was audited several times over the next six years and my method of payment was never discussed as any problem with me, by Ms. Bond or the Auditors. I was aware Ms. Bond received copies, of these audits from 2012 to 2018 when I resigned.

Polygraph Examination

The polygraph technique utilized in the testing of Mr. Ryder was the Utah Zone technique. This technique is one, which has been approved by American Polygraph Association, as having an accuracy rating in the

ninety percentile. This technique has three relevant questions, three control questions, a sacrifice relevant question, a symptomatic question and three irrelevant questions.

The test was conducted utilizing a Limestone Computerized Polygraph Instrument. There were four tracings collected on the polygraph charts as follows: two pneumographic tubes monitoring the breathing pattern, two galvanic skin response plates attached to the fingers, monitoring the galvanic skin response, a blood pressure cuff, monitoring heart rate and blood pressure and a movement cushion, monitoring any counter measures which may be attempted by the Examinee.

Three charts were collected during the actual testing phase.

During the actual polygraph examination Mr. Ryder was asked the following listed relevant questions followed by his response to those questions:

1. Are you deliberately lying, when you say Ms. Bond gave you written permission to transfer payments to yourself? Answer "NO"
2. Are you deliberately lying, when you say you had a meeting with Ms. Bond on September 24, 2012, in which she signed the letter regarding your compensation? Answer "NO"
3. Did Ms. Bond ever speak to you from 2012 to 2018 about the manner in which you were being paid? "NO"

Conclusion

After careful analysis of the polygraph charts both manually and by means of the computerized scoring algorithms of the polygraph, it is the opinion of this Polygraph Examiner that Mr. Ryder displayed no deception when answering the above listed questions as indicated above. The charts were well within the no deception indicated range (NDI). There was no indication in the movement cushion tracing of any attempt at counter measures. The Objective Scoring System – Version 3 scored the charts 0.040 Probability this result was produced by a deceptive person ,with no significant responses to the relevant questions. Which means that there was a greater than 96.0% probability Mr. Ryder was truthful. This is a very high score, in the truthful range, in this computerized scoring algorithm.

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