

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
BEFORE THE RHODE ISLAND ETHICS COMMISSION**

**In re: Stephen Tetzner,  
Respondent**

**Complaint No. 2014-15**

**ORDER**

This matter having been heard before the Rhode Island Ethics Commission on January 13, 2015, pursuant to Commission Regulation 1011, and the Commission having considered the Complaint herein, the arguments of the parties, and the proposed Information Resolution and Settlement, which is incorporated by reference herein, it is hereby

**ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED**

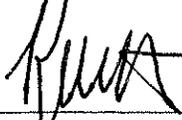
THAT, the Commission approves the Informal Resolution and Settlement as submitted; and

THAT, the Commission incorporates by reference herein the Findings of Fact and Admissions, and the Conclusions of Law, set forth in the Informal Resolution and Settlement; and

THAT, the Respondent failed to timely file Financial Disclosure Statements for calendar years 2011 and 2013 with the Commission, in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16(c); and

THAT, the Respondent is ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300).

ENTERED as an Order of this Commission,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

Dated: 1/13/15

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
BEFORE THE RHODE ISLAND ETHICS COMMISSION**

In re: Stephen Tetzner,  
Respondent

Complaint No. 2014-15

**INFORMAL RESOLUTION AND SETTLEMENT**

The Respondent, Stephen Tetzner, and the Rhode Island Ethics Commission (“Commission”) hereby agree to a resolution of the above-referenced matters as follows:

**I. FINDINGS OF FACT & ADMISSIONS**

1. The Respondent was a candidate for State Representative in calendar years 2012 and 2014. The Respondent was unsuccessful in both bids for state elected office.

2. As a candidate for state elected office during calendar year 2012, the Respondent was required to file a 2011 Financial Disclosure Statement (“Statement”) with the Commission on or before August 30, 2012.

3. The Respondent did not file a 2011 Statement with the Commission until October 15, 2014, subsequent to the filing of the instant Complaint.

4. As a candidate for state elected official during calendar year 2014, the Respondent was required to file a 2013 Statement with the Commission on or before July 25, 2014.

5. The Respondent did not file a 2013 Statement with the Commission until October 15, 2014, subsequent to the filing of the instant Complaint.

## II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As a candidate for state elected office in both 2012 and 2014, the Respondent was required to timely file Statements covering calendar years 2011 and 2013 with the Commission, pursuant to § 36-14-16(c).

2. By failing to file a 2011 Statement with the Commission until October 15, 2014, the Respondent violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16(c).

3. By failing to file a 2013 Statement with the Commission until October 15, 2014, the Respondent violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16(c).

## III. SETTLEMENT

Pursuant to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the parties hereby agree, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-13(d) and Commission Regulation 1011, to the following:

1. The Commission shall enter an Order and Judgment that the Respondent failed to timely file his 2011 and 2013 Statements with the Commission, in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16(c).

2. The Commission shall impose a civil penalty of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for the Respondent's violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16(c).

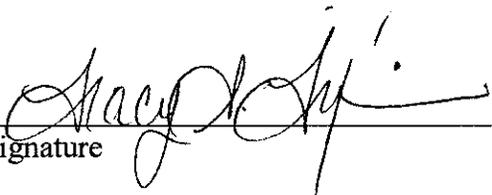
3. The above terms represent the full and complete Informal Resolution and Settlement for Complaint No. 2014-15.

  
Katherine D'Arezzo, Esq. (Bar No. 5410)  
Commission Prosecutor  
Dated: 1/13/15

  
Stephen Tetzner  
Respondent  
Dated: 1/13/15

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Tracy A. Teixeira, hereby certify that on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015, I forwarded a copy of the Order and Informal Resolution and Settlement via US mail, postage prepaid, to: Stephen Tetzner, 216 Wood Hill Road, Narragansett, RI 02882 and Sam Bell, 168 Elmgrove Avenue, #1, Providence, RI 02906.

  
Signature