

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

COREY MICHAEL SWITZER,)
Plaintiff,) No. 26-2-00027-07
)
v.) DECLARATION OF COREY MICHAEL
) SWITZER IN SUPPORT OF MOTION
ASOTIN COUNTY, a Washington) FOR ADVERSE INFERENCE AND
municipal corporation,) SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR
Defendant.) SANCTIONS (Retaliatory Conduct
) by Undersheriff Blake Richards)
_____)

I, Corey Michael Switzer, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the following is true and correct:

1. I am the Plaintiff in the above-captioned action, appearing pro se. On or about June 1, 2026, I formed a manager-managed limited liability company in the State of North Carolina under the name **LCV Blotter** (the “Company”). The Company’s purpose is investigative journalism focused on government transparency. I have obtained a business license, an Employer Identification Number (EIN), a telephone number, and a registered agent for the Company. The Company was capitalized by a \$400 loan from a friend.

2. On June 13, 2026, I published an article on the Company’s website (www.lcvblotter.com) summarizing the procedural history of this case and noting, among other things, the graduation and certification of Undersheriff Blake Richards, who is a candidate for Asotin County Sheriff. A true and correct copy of the article is attached as **Exhibit A** (also available at <https://lcvblotter.com/@corey/article/undersheriff-blake-richards-graduation-1>).

3. Undersheriff Blake Richards maintains at least two Facebook accounts related to his public role and campaign for Sheriff. The first account is the one on which I commented on August 12, 2025, and on which he disabled comments. The second account was created in or about January 2026 and is a separate campaign account. On that second account, Richards has posted announcements of his graduation from the law enforcement academy and his certification.

4. On or about January 2026, I was blocked from accessing that second account. I do not know the precise date of the block, but I have been unable to view or interact with the second account since early 2026.

5. On June 14, 2026, immediately after I published the article described above, Richards blocked the official business page of LCV Blotter from viewing his second campaign account. True and correct copies of the Facebook block messages and the inability to access the account are attached as **Exhibit B** (links:

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid0X7cnoYvKTgE9kGmAM58wJxEmkJ76YiQHYPehTyhiwtNjfn1pQ7Eki4GmKaZi5ghal&id=61586520650460 and <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18hJLQtVuJ/>).

6. On June 13, 2026, I sent a formal demand letter to Richards (via email to his official campaign address, blake@blakerichardsforsheriff.com) asking ten specific questions under penalty of perjury regarding his failure to enforce criminal laws against Prosecutor Liedkie and Coroner Webber. A true and correct copy of that demand is attached as **Exhibit C**. As of the date of this declaration, Richards has not responded to that demand, nor has he answered any of the questions posed therein.

7. Richards' conduct – disabling comments, creating a second account, blocking me and my business page, and refusing to answer my sworn demand – is evidence of: - **Viewpoint-based retaliation** in violation of the First Amendment as articulated in *Lindke v. Freed*, 601 U.S. 187 (2024); - **Bad faith and consciousness of guilt** in the underlying PRA case; - A continuing

violation of his mandatory duty under **RCW 36.28.011**; and - **Retaliatory conduct** under RCW 42.56.550(4), warranting enhanced statutory penalties.

8. I respectfully request that the Court: - Take judicial notice of this declaration and the attached exhibits; - Draw an adverse inference that Richards' blocks and silence are evidence that he has no good-faith defense to the allegations of official misconduct; - Order Richards to produce an unredacted copy of his second campaign account's block log and any communications related to his decision to block me and my business page; and - Consider this retaliatory conduct as an aggravating factor when determining statutory penalties under RCW 42.56.550(4).

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 14th day of June, 2026, at Gibsonville, North Carolina.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE – I certify that on June 14, 2026, I served a true copy of this Declaration on Defendant's counsel via email.

/s/ Corey Michael Switzer