

TROYCE W. THORLA

15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

VERSUS

DOCKET NO.:

MARK T. GARBER

LAFAYETTE PARISH, LOUISIANA

AFFIDAVIT OF TROYCE W. THORLA

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF LAFAYETTE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared:


Troyce W. Thorla

Who after being first duly sworn did depose and state:


- (1) In the matter of Troyce W. Thorla vs. Mark Garber, regarding the opening of Mark Garber's sealed divorce records, I, Troyce W. Thorla, was approached by and did collaborate with Lafayette Parish City Marshal Brian Pope and David Prejean to initiate the suit.
- (2) Prior to filing, while at a private luncheon, Marshal Pope and Mr. David Prejean advised me that they were supporting Chad Leger for Lafayette Parish Sheriff and believed a civil action against Mr. Mark Garber about his recently filed divorce proceeding would discredit Mr. Mark Garber and provide a benefit to the Chad Leger campaign.
- (3) Marshal Brian Pope and Mr. David Prejean said because of our mutual support of Chad Leger for Sheriff of Lafayette Parish and considering I had recently moved to Lafayette Parish, Pope and Prejean stated they believed I would be a good candidate to sue Mark Garber to force the opening of his sealed divorce records in and effort to reveal the details of his divorce to the public.
- (4) Marshal Pope told me he believed there to be a CD in the file which held a video that could prove to be damaging to Mr. Garber's campaign for Sheriff of Lafayette Parish.
- (5) After collaboration with Marshal Brian Pope and Mr. David Prejean, I did personally file said civil action in an attempt to discredit Mr. Garber and negatively impact his campaign for Sheriff of Lafayette Parish.
- (6) When discussing the preparation of the suit for filing, I advised Marshal Pope that I had no attorney and could not afford the proceedings.
- (7) Marshal Pope stated he would arrange for the legal documents to be prepared by attorneys at the law office of Goforth & Lilley, 109 Stewart St., Lafayette, LA.
- (8) At a later date and at the direction of Marshal Pope, I traveled to the office of Goforth & Lilly accompanied by David Prejean and was provided an envelope containing prepared legal documents for filing with the Lafayette Parish Clerk of Court.
- (9) Brian Pope personally provided the money required for filing the documents with the Lafayette Parish Clerk of Court to initiate the suit.
- (10) After Mr. Garber was elected to the office of Sheriff of Lafayette Parish, I wished to discontinue the suit. On numerous occasions I spoke with Marshal Pope asking how to discontinue the suit. He continually advised me the

proceedings could not be stopped and instructed me to continue to the conclusion.

- (11) Within days before my court appearance for the aforementioned civil action, I spoke with Marshal Pope, again asking to stop the proceedings before going to trial. Marshal Pope reiterated the action could not be stopped and instructed me to proceed to trial so as to determine the contents of Mr. Garber's personal divorce records.
- (12) I did attend the proceedings against Mr. Garber and did report the outcome to Marshal Pope.
- (13) I regret the actions I have taken against Mr. Garber and feel that due to my ignorance of the political environment in the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's race coupled with my lack of fully understanding the ramifications of such a suit, I was manipulated by Marshal Pope and David Prejean in an effort to discredit and impugn the reputation of Mr. Mark Garber.


Troyce W. Thorla

WITNESSES:

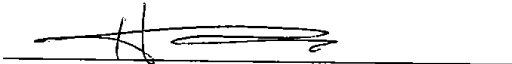

Witness No. 1 - Signature

Lilly Castillo
Witness No. 1 - Printed Name


Witness No. 2 - Signature

Lisa Law
Witness No. 2 - Printed Name

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME,
THIS 5th DAY OF April, 2016



NOTARY NAME: H. Glenn Marcentel, Jr.

NOTARY NO: 17671

NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: with life