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Ms. Burgod:

The South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation acknowledges receipt of your correspondence requesting information concerning the "complaint and/or investigation" referenced in your letter. Specifically, you requested:

- The date the complaint was received;
- The agency or official who received it;
- The general nature of the allegations;
- The status of any resulting investigation or review;
- The statutory or legal authority under which the matter is being handled;
- Copies of any nonconfidential portions of the complaint and related records; and
- The identity of the agency or official responsible for the matter.

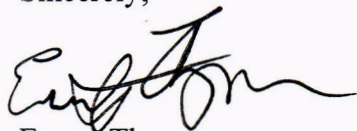
In response, the Attorney General's Office provides the following summary of its involvement.

The matter was referred to the South Dakota Attorney General's Office by Edmunds County State's Attorney Vaughn Beck on July 20, 2026. Mr. Beck reported concerns that address listed on your nominating petition for county commission, which requires you to be a residence of the county district pursuant to SDCL 7-8-2 did not match the address listed on your owner-occupied application for tax purposes under SDCL 10-13-40. He referred the matter due to a stated conflict of interest arising from your potential role as a county commissioner. DCI was asked to review the matter to determine whether a false or forged instrument had been filed in relation to an election. Any questions regarding how Mr. Beck became aware of the discrepancies should be directed to his office.

After DCI concluded its review, all materials were forwarded to the South Dakota Department of Revenue for further consideration regarding the owner-occupied status of one of the addresses. Neither the Attorney General's Office nor DCI has any pending action related to you or to Mr. Beck's referral.

Regarding your request for copies of investigative materials or records developed or received as part of DCI's involvement, those records constitute confidential criminal justice information under SDCL 23-5-11 and SDCL 1-27-1.5(5) and cannot be disclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ernest Thompson', with a stylized, flowing script.

Ernest Thompson
Deputy Attorney General