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Alleged Violator (Respondent):

Derrick Jackson

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Allegations: I allege a violation of the MCFA 169.257 Contributions, expenditures, or volunteer personal services; prohibitions; communication referencing local ballot questions; violation as misdemeanor; penalty. Sec. 57. (1) A public body or a person acting for a public body shall not use or authorize the use of funds, personnel, office space, computer hardware or software, property, stationery, postage, vehicles, equipment, supplies, or other public resources to make a contribution or expenditure or provide volunteer personal services that are excluded from the definition of contribution under section 4(3)(a).

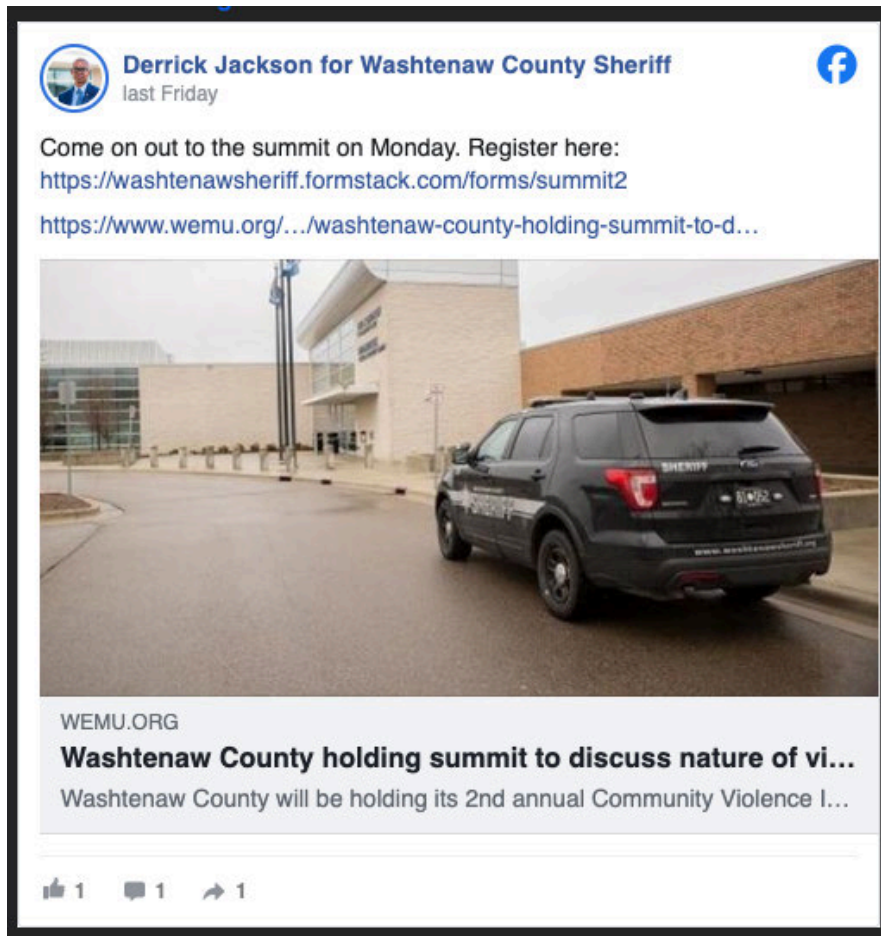
Below is documentation outlining 6 distinct types of MCFA 169.257 violations and multiple examples of the various violations committed by Candidate Jackson as part of his campaign for the office of Washtenaw County Sheriff.

Artifact 1: Community Violence Intervention Summit

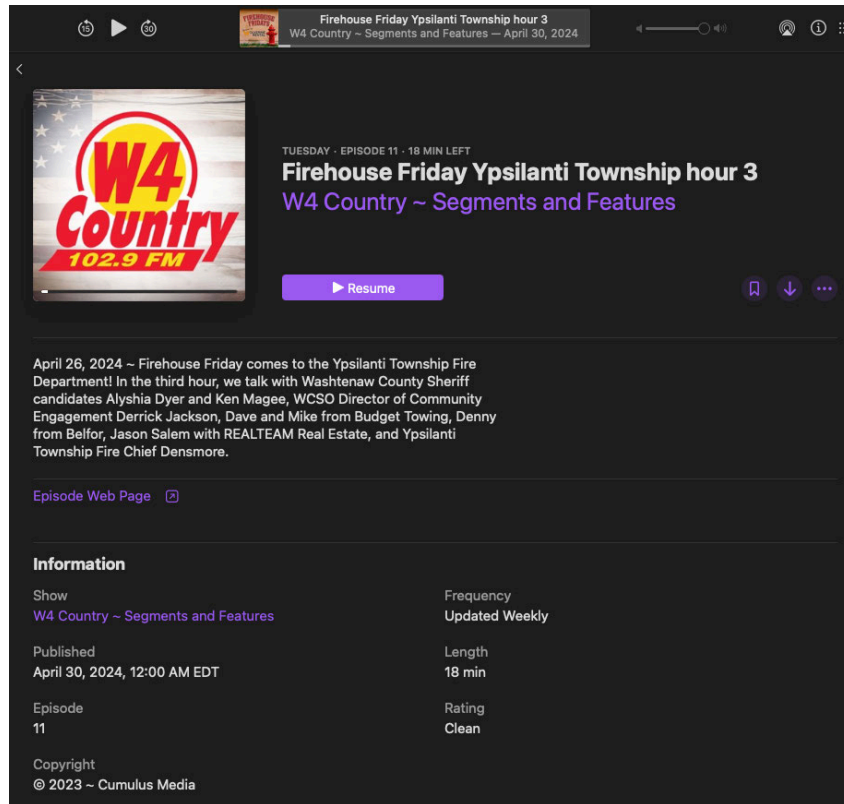
- a. Monday, April 29, 2024 Derrick Jackson for Washtenaw County Sheriff published a Facebook post (https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02H5MAJ7UzVTQyPsJSYnzRRbktjKscjJjKJ3pv9cGenVWVVLJ2qkMpeDoeyT86ZsLYI&id=100086252263756) sharing the results of the 2024 Washtenaw County Community Violence Intervention Summit. This summit was sponsored and funded by the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department of which Candidate Jackson is currently employed as the Director of Community Engagement. As this event was held on a standard workday between the hours of 7:45 AM until 4:00 PM during what would presumably be Candidate Jackson's standard work hours it would appear that Candidate Jackson's attendance, participation, and subsequent publicization of this event on his campaign Facebook page is a violation of MCFA section 169.257



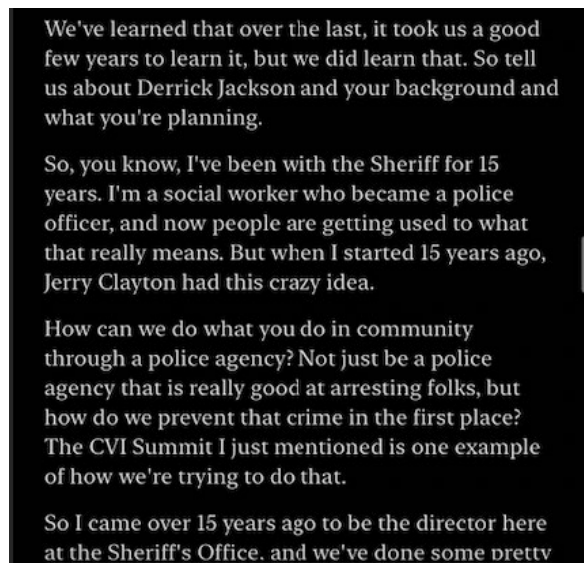
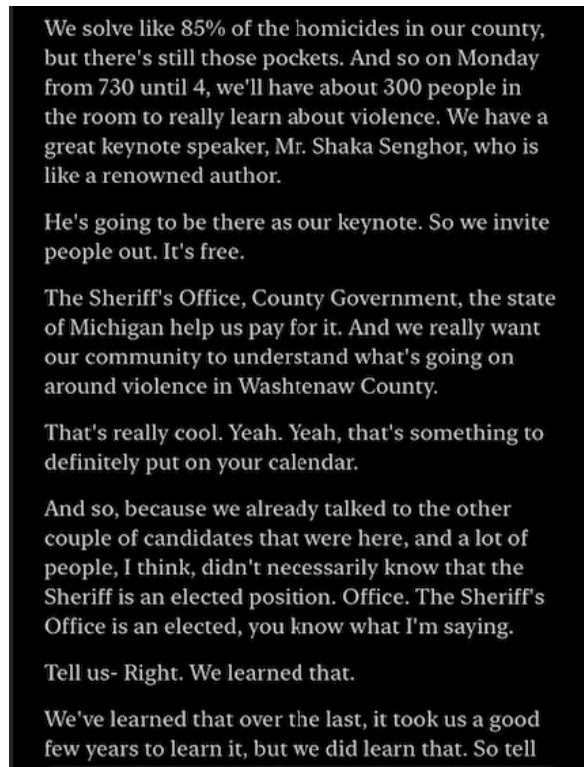
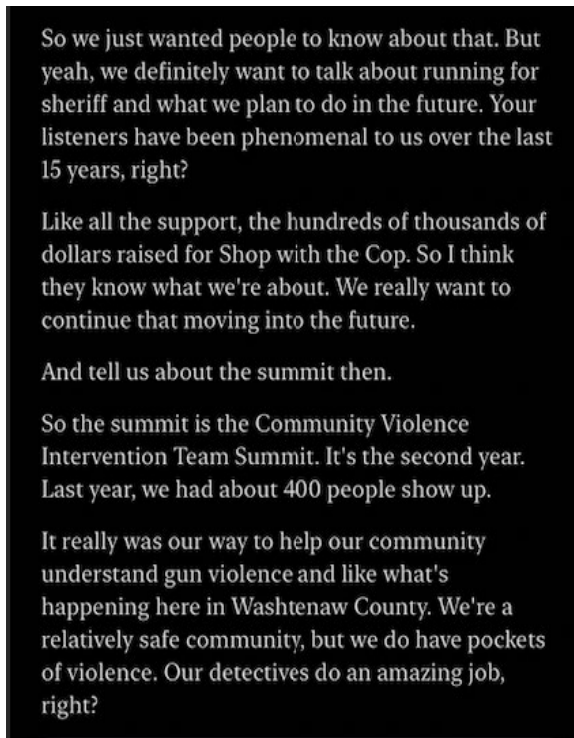
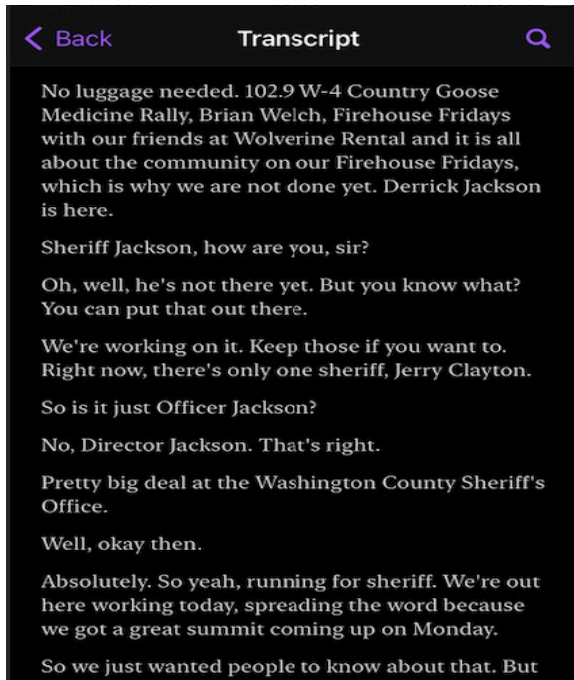
- b. Friday, April 26, 2024 Derrick Jackson for Washtenaw County Sheriff published a Facebook post (https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wemu.org%2Fwemu-news%2F2024-04-26%2Fwashtenaw-county-holding-summit-to-discuss-nature-of-violence-and-how-to-prevent-it&_AT0016ntFS59GUpmDIYgS_9UqAGGJ8_-URJKaVCY3jxfJLW52i_IDU4-1PyhQMfwkV2YuprK2mNKeZ5oDlqkVAZgoGw770B3uPg9IASvVibtT7U_vvZhA9gnOaLXXkffL2fKQ&s=1) promoting the 2024 Washtenaw County Community Violence Intervention Summit. The post include a link to the event registration hosted on the Washtenaw Sheriff Formstack (https://washtenawsheriff.formstack.com/forms/summit2?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR15A09HdaKLwaXvac3CkfGhYoL3Q-JzaJM_AFaRCNiIsUYjDYiV_jaRaCw_aem_AcdxXINKOtrkxJh_5V_BGjL1ta41qkMhNv7W74u5LzgD5dbU5GbUtiRZ03IPm2KFz3tnmLMQTE1OcCAiJSEZVADJd) and a link to a news piece by WEMU89.1 (https://www.wemu.org/wemu-news/2024-04-26/washtenaw-county-holding-summit-to-discuss-nature-of-violence-and-how-to-prevent-it?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR3WMoK3W-tEXFXQpml-Ghht5M7emDwCTR6MgHnQgnA-Ms_wnhfc9rhC00_aem_Acfpyjbc6TPK41N-m9WbLR41XymrOAwWt4W0wdXdjvemujaq2Q3j5iKBNSAAFwUTZ5YKhDSSnTXY_RBZpk5PLIt0) featuring a quote from Candidate Jackson where he is identified as the Sheriff's Office Director of Community Engagement. This post bolsters the argument made in Artifact 1 making it clear that Candidate Jackson's involvement in the event was performed under the auspices of his publicly funded position at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department and a violation of MCFA section 169.257



- c. Friday, April 26, 2024 Candidate Jackson appeared at W4country's Firehouse Friday at the Ypsilanti Township Fire Department located at 222 S. Ford Blvd wearing his Washtenaw County Sheriff Department uniform. His visit was purported to be an opportunity to publicize the 2024 Washtenaw County Community Violence Intervention Summit, his interview doubled as a campaign stop as documented in the transcript of the podcast shared by [W4Country - Segments and Features](https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/firehouse-friday-ypsilanti-township-hour-3/id1742303208?i=1000654067706) on Apple Podcasts (<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/firehouse-friday-ypsilanti-township-hour-3/id1742303208?i=1000654067706>) and is a violation of MCFA section 169.257



The following screenshots of Candidate Jackson's conversation with the W4Country radio personalities further belies the campaign stop nature of his radio appearance:



So I came over 15 years ago to be the director here at the Sheriff's Office, and we've done some pretty phenomenal things. Jerry is the longest serving sheriff in our county's history. So with his full support, we want to continue that great work we've done.

I got a one-year-old and a two-year-old that I just dropped off at daycare. My wife, her head is spinning right now. If we were finished, if the Sheriff's Office was perfect, I'd be at home with them right now.

I wouldn't be out here doing this. So the issues are really important. I keep telling people that I feel like I discovered the secret, that I can't yell out enough for people to hear, that change within policing is possible.

And we do great work here in Washtenaw County. We have phenomenal staff. We are like the premier police agency in the state of Michigan right now.

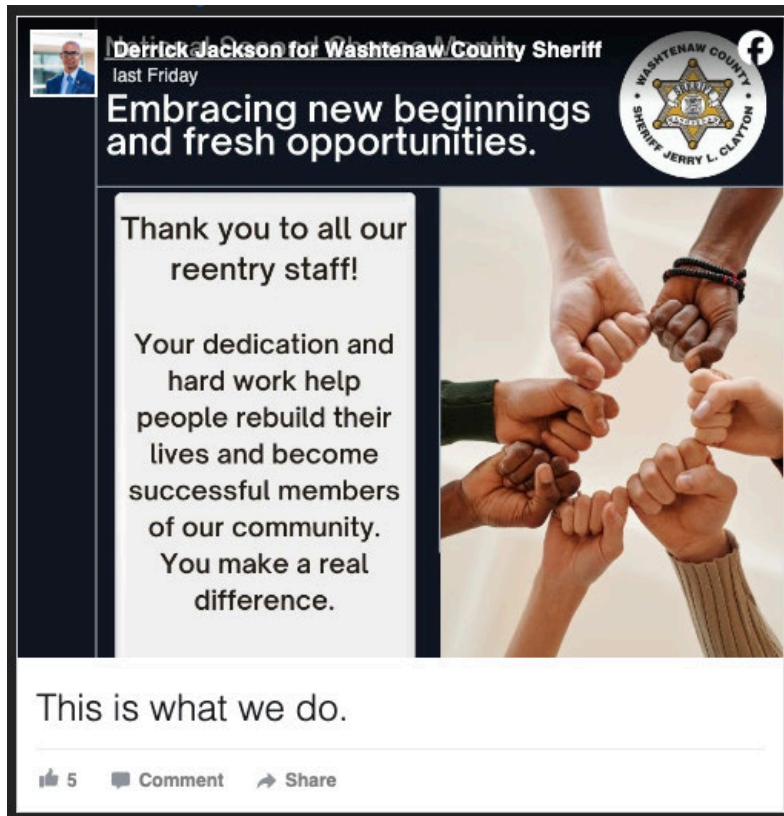
And so that's what I want to continue.

Public Resources used in the three examples highlighted in Artifact 1:

- **County Personnel:** The Director of Community Engagement for the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department (Candidate Jackson)
- **Public Employee Time:** The Community Violence Intervention Summit and two proceeding events publicizing the event were executed during a traditional administrative workday (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday) during the course of a standard 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM work schedule
- **Public Office Space:** office space inside a public building owned, maintained, or used exclusively by the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department was used for the radio interview and to create the online campaign media posts.
- **Public Computer Hardware or Software:** a computer, cell phone, or portable device owned by Washtenaw County connected to a network paid for and maintained by Washtenaw County was used to plan and prepare the Summit were also used to cross-promote Candidate Jackson's political aspirations.
- **Official County Uniform denoting authority:** The wearing of a uniform not proven to be purchased with personal funds in an advertisement for a political campaign is a violation of MCFA section 169.257

Artifact 2: Using Washtenaw County Sheriff Department programs on Campaign Facebook Page

- a. Friday, April 26, 2024 Derrick Jackson for Washtenaw County Sheriff published a Facebook post (<https://www.facebook.com/washtenaw.sheriff/posts/pfbid02rNHufUxAzm6tC7bGmUGXC5L4uhcTLmJXAPDsNfEj2kLQD646dbH64uUroCtX6gmQl>) promoting the Washtenaw Sheriff Reentry Program with the quote “This is what we do.” This post permits Candidate Jackson to leverage his contemporaneous, publically funded employment as the Director of Community Engagement for the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department and the logo of the Washtenaw County Sheriff department in his personal political campaign social media page and another violation of MCFA section 169.257.



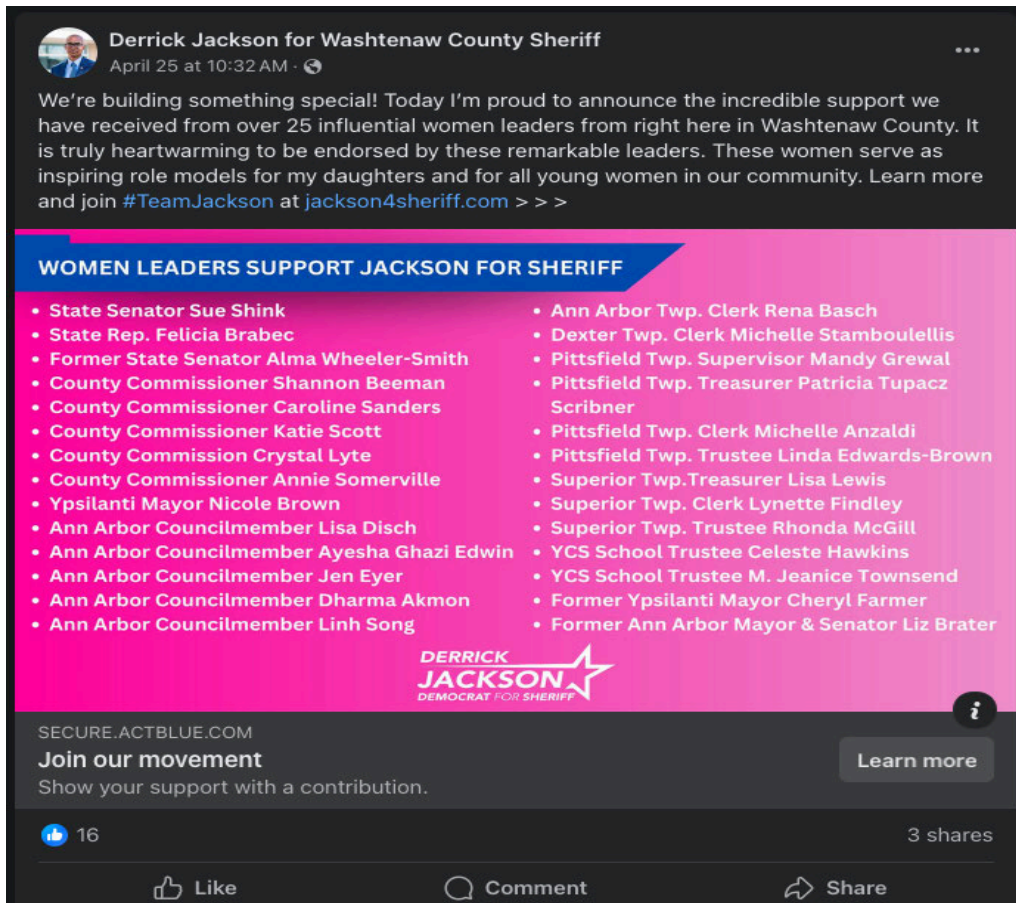
Public Resources used in Artifact 2:

- **County Personnel:** The Director of Community Engagement for the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department (Candidate Jackson)
- **Public Employee Time:** the Community Violence Intervention Summit and two proceeding events publicizing the event were executed during a traditional administrative workday (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday) during the course of a standard 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM work schedule
- **Public Office Space:** office space inside a public building owned, maintained, or used exclusively by the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department was used for the radio interview and to create the online campaign media posts.

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Artifact 3: Online Campaigning Using Washtenaw County Sheriff Department Resources

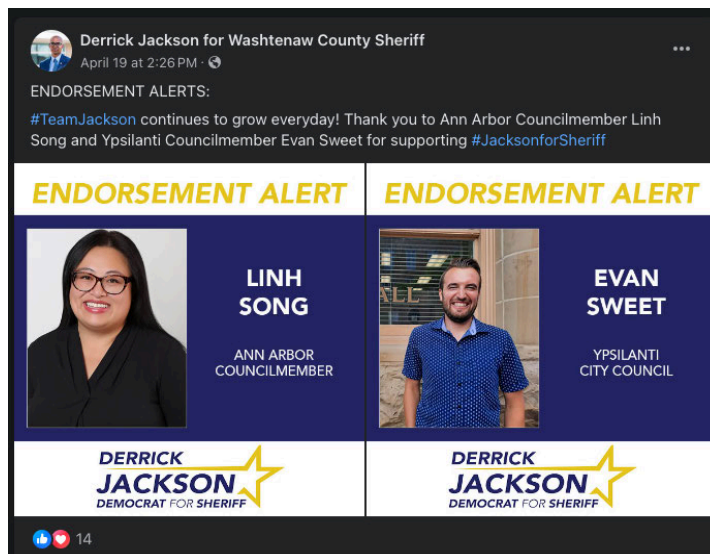
- a. Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 10:54 AM Derrick Jackson for Washtenaw County Sheriff published a Facebook post
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 sharing endorsements for his campaign with a direct link to his ActBlue political fundraising site
 (https://secure.actblue.com/donate/wwjackson?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2iSCkFLcR1F rhwbowPD_iLMJFDCm3nYFUF6NdajSIUyfS91kRVzvG12y4_aem_AceYudFyartBKxDeztK56Zak ndpqK0CobSKfmbfHIEGtHNBhTEbkHJlaavEAduyk-Xa4_KxKr9VILn666hgTMGmW)



- b. Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 2:41 PM Derrick Jackson for Washtenaw County Sheriff published this Facebook post promoting his campaign speech at the UAW 1A CAP Conference (https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02xeqRTzFstnoYGKKtCiPEjEy2SxojzUWCffzt7pXz423MrpRapQ7LhMaGDhD3n877I&id=100086252263756)



- c. Friday, April 19, 2024 at 2:26 PM Derrick Jackson for Washtenaw County Sheriff published this Facebook post promoting two campaign endorsements (https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid0t9VoKTIaPo3VhBvJC5oK8fapdLj91qrdoZ3Vo5HSUYArtQVowhE2EViyMnJB2vRI&id=100086252263756):



- d. Friday, April 12, 2024 at 1:00 PM Derrick Jackson for Washtenaw County Sheriff published this Facebook post promoting his campaign's IBEW Local 252 endorsement (https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid0bB5RHNtsQvKpGC2dEy86PzMAHoneFr7GTjwTNNXbrhiiEvveQ2c5Rndq76Tig5K1&id=100086252263756):



- e. Friday, April 12, 2024 at 8:35 AM Derrick Jackson for Washtenaw County Sheriff published this Facebook post promoting a campaign endorsement from the Library Board Trustee Aidan Sova (https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02XWE4APf4Rstb5QXpmpXKrFojuFhg4d4Psbpdzk7DoXKQbqgFuEovGvFYQBcPuygGI&id=100086252263756):



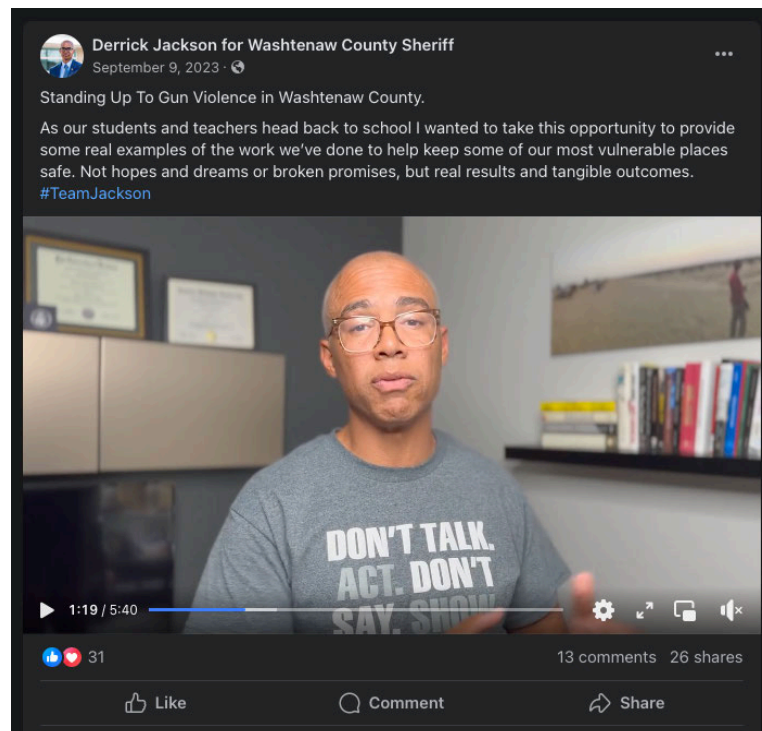
The persistent use of the public resources of Personnel, Time, Office Space, and Computer Hardware or Software to generate the aforementioned campaign posts is a violation of MCFA section 169.257.

Public Resources used in the examples documented in Artifact 3:

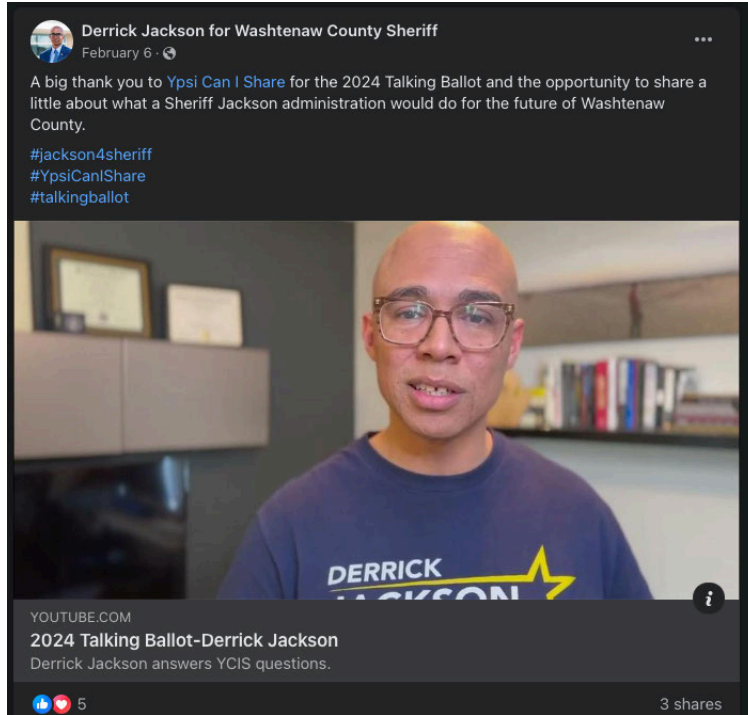
- **County Personnel:** The Director of Community Engagement for the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department (Candidate Jackson)
- **Public Employee Time:** All of the aforementioned social media posts were published on Candidate Jackson's campaign social media account during a traditional administrative workday (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday) during the course of a standard 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM work schedule
- **Public Office Space:** office space inside a public building owned, maintained, or used exclusively by the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department was used for the radio interview and to create the online campaign media posts.
- **Public Computer Hardware or Software:** a computer, cell phone, or portable device owned by Washtenaw County connected to a network paid for and maintained by Washtenaw County was used to plan and prepare the Summit were also used to cross-promote Candidate Jackson's political aspirations.

Artifact 4: Campaign Videos filmed inside office space inside a public building owned, maintained, or used exclusively by the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department

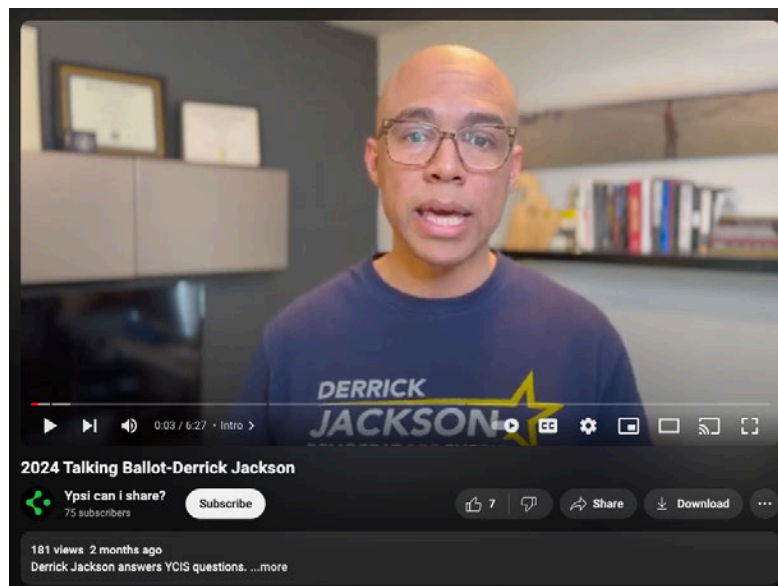
- a. Saturday, September 23, 2023 Candidate Jackson for Washtenaw County Sheriff published a video filmed in an office space inside a public building owned, maintained, or used exclusively by the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department on the topic of gun violence (<https://fb.watch/rQMdyIYyw-/>)



- b. Tuesday, February 6, 2024 Candidate Jackson for Washtenaw County Sheriff first published a campaign video filmed in an office space inside a public building owned, maintained, or used exclusively by the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department on his campaign Facebook page (<https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FIClxa7Tvlrg%3Fsi%3DMnOdUlyoOj3jLFpW&h=AT07vi2LT3u6vqpfMI0W-4eeeMwQFfGUI6EUw-HGv-h68zoaVUK2Rs7uBd5963JButzDJJxDxkiL2TlxC1A1aJF0DP00FKnL-VSXfvpzRbPpWzISLtwWisca8dGTHminJVM6yA&s=1>)



The same video was also posted on the Derrick Jackson For Sheriff YouTube channel (<https://youtu.be/IClxa7Tvlrg?si=zLCcbWymE1pL6078>)



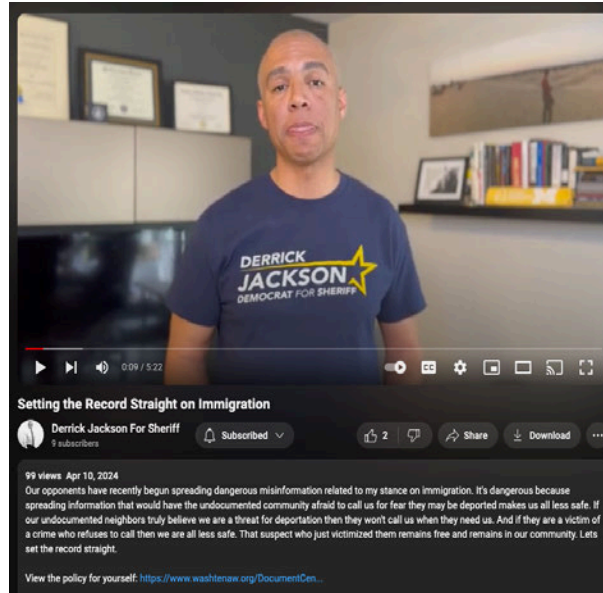
- c. Monday, March 24, 2024 Derrick Jackson for Washtenaw County Sheriff again published campaign video filmed in an office space inside a public building owned, maintained, or used exclusively by the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department on his campaign Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/shareypsi/posts/pfbid02xfvnjFSj1xCMgEVnyqgbGRKzathRtvR2W61ur5BeYa4wLbqo8N1s4g4ubkXxWWSol>)



- d. Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 11:31 AM Derrick Jackson for Washtenaw County Sheriff published a video to quote “set the record straight on immigration” on Facebook (<https://fb.watch/rQJGOGUphV/>)

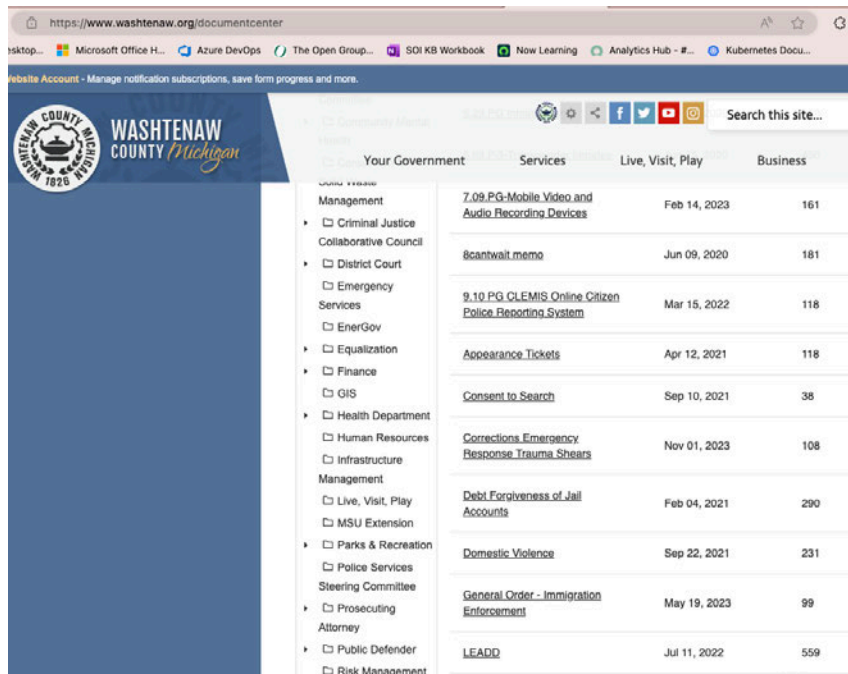


The same campaign video was also posted on the Derrick Jackson For Sheriff YouTube channel (https://youtu.be/2961woNcbm4?si=ijVXDE_gbroRUCVZ)



Both video postings also include a link to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office General Order - Immigration Enforcement Reference Number: 1.14.GO published and hosted on Microsoft OfficeApps Servers owned and maintained by Washtenaw County ([1.14 Immigration Enforcement: 2023 revision: Final_202305191304567296.doc \(live.com\)](https://www.washtenaw.org/DocumentCenter/View/114/1.14%20Immigration%20Enforcement%202023%20revision%20Final%20202305191304567296.doc))

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During his video monologue Candidate Jackson also disparages his opponents in the Washtenaw County Sheriff Election and states “that when I was asked to craft this policy many, many years ago” while the document linked in his campaign video does not include Derrick Jackson as the prepared by, issued by, or issuing authority of this document issued on May 8, 2023, barely one year ago.

1.14 Immigration Enforcement; 2023 revision; Final_202305191304567296

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Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office
General Order – Immigration Enforcement
Reference Number: 1.14 GO



Jerry L. Clayton, Sheriff

Subject: Immigration Enforcement
Chapter: Professional Standards
Status: Revised
Compliance: Class 2
Supersedes: All Previous Directives
Standards Reference: CALEA 1.1.4, 1.2.7, 1.2.9
Prepared by: Kurt Schiappacasse, Commander
Issued by: Mark A. Ptaszek, Undersheriff
Issuing Authority: Jerry L. Clayton, Sheriff
Date of Issue: May 8, 2023
Public Facing: Yes

I. PURPOSE

A. To provide the Sheriff's Office policy position and basic procedures regarding immigration enforcement.

II. SCOPE

This General Order applies to all full and part-time Sheriff's Office employees who make or have investigative, enforcement, or custodial contact with individuals and the incarcerated population as a part of their assigned duties.

III. POLICY

A. The Sheriff's Office will comply with all requirements of federal immigration law that apply to local law enforcement agencies including but not limited to the treatment and rights of foreign nationals. (See [4.03RR Detention of Foreign Nationals](#))

The persistent use of the following public resources of Personnel, Time, Office Space, and Computer Hardware or Software to generate the aforementioned campaign posts is a violation of MCFA section 169.257.

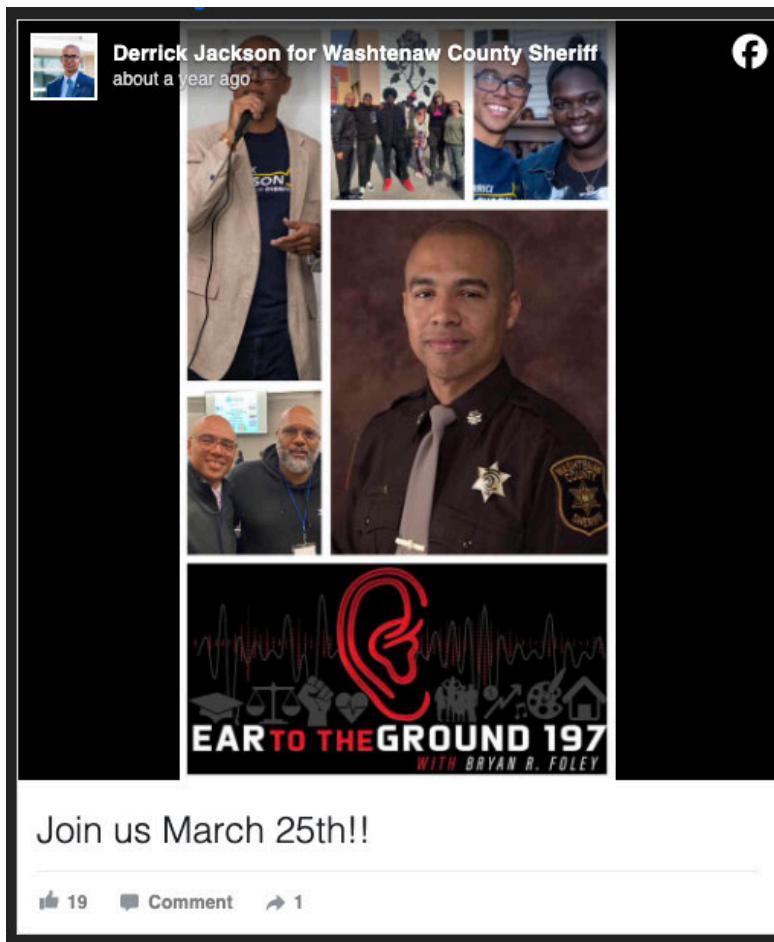
Public Resources used in the four examples highlighted in Artifact 4:

- **County Personnel:** The Director of Community Engagement for the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department (Candidate Jackson)
- **Public Employee Time:** the aforementioned social media posts were posted to Candidate Jackson's campaign account during a traditional administrative workday (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday) during the course of a standard 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM work schedule

- **Public Office Space:** office space inside a public building owned, maintained, or used exclusively by the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department was use for the radio interview and to create the online campaign media posts.
- **Public Computer Hardware or Software:** a computer, cell phone, or portable device owned by Washtenaw County connected to a network paid for an maintained by Washtenaw County was used to plan and prepare the Summit were also used to cross-promote Candidate Jackson's political aspirations.
- **Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office work products and intellectual property.**

Artifact 5: Misuse of Washtenaw County Sheriff uniform in campaign event publications and public events

- a. Saturday, March 9, 2024 Derrick Jackson for Washtenaw County Sheriff published a campaign graphic featuring him wearing the official uniform and badge of the Washtenaw County Sheriff on Facebook
 (<https://www.facebook.com/bryan.foley2/posts/pfbid02WrYm6UGp9971Nhk9xfvNVWzfZQAS7rXxA9QxJDhkEzSAtsWTsK3u2y8fDBw1Nymyl>)



- b. Friday, April 26, 2024 Candidate Jackson appeared at W4country's Firehouse Friday at the Ypsilanti Township Fire Department located at 222 S. Ford Blvd wearing the official uniform and badge of the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department. Although his visit was executed as a guise to publicize the 2024 Washtenaw County Community Violence Intervention Summit, his interview doubled as a campaign stop as documented the transcript of his conversation with the media as documented in Artifact 1, Point c of this complaint.
- c. Friday, April 26, 2024 Candidate Jackson appeared at Ford Lake in Ypsilanti Township for the [EMU unveiling of their new rowing course](#) wearing the official uniform and badge of the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department where he was photographed and the picture was posted on Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/p/C6RXMoGrIMP/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==) tagging his campaign account [@jackson4sheriff](#) (<https://www.instagram.com/jackson4sheriff/>)



The use of the following public resources of personnel, time, and official Washtenaw County Sheriff Department uniform in conjunction with an individual political campaign is a violation of MCFA section 169.257.

Public Resources used in the three examples highlighted in Artifact 5:

- **County Personnel:** The Director of Community Engagement for the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department (Candidate Jackson)

- **Public Employee Time:** All of the events visited by Candidate Jackson were held during a traditional administrative workday (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday) during the course of a standard 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM work schedule
 - **Official County Uniform denoting authority:** The wearing of the a uniform not proven to be purchased with personal funds in an advertisement for a political campaign is a violation of MCFA section 169.257
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Artifact 6: Display of Official Law Enforcement Badge during Campaign Debate

Saturday, April 6, 2024 during a Monthly Meeting of the Washtenaw County Democratic Party featuring a panel of the democratic candidates for the office of Washtenaw County Sheriff Candidate Jackson displayed his official law enforcement badge to the assembled audience. Below is an account of this campaign indiscretion.

While Candidate Magee was standing with his back to the two other candidates making his closing remarks, Candidate Jackson removed his Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department Badge, an official symbol of government and the authority of the police, and prominently displayed it to the crowd of 100 plus federal, state, and local elected officials. He vigorously and comically waved the badge and elicited laughs from the audience in a clear attempt to sway public opinion and distract from the candidate that was earnestly addressing the crowd.

When Candidate Jackson's badge appeared, Candidate Dyer told him, "Put that shit away." to which Candidate Jackson flippantly replied "I just couldn't help myself."

This is an egregious violation of MCFA section 169.257.

Certification: I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, formed after a reasonable inquiry under the circumstances, each factual contention of this complaint is supported by evidence.

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May 17, 2024