

COMPLAINT - SUMMONS

COMPLAINT NUMBER				<i>THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY</i> <i>VS.</i> JOHN CESARO	
1424	S	2019	000400		
COURT CODE	PREFIX	YEAR	SEQUENCE NO.		
MORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL COURT P.O. BOX 150 MORRISTOWN NJ 07963-0150 973-292-6687 COUNTY OF: MORRIS				ADDRESS:	
# of CHARGES 1	CO-DEFTS	POLICE CASE #: 201804104		DEFENDANT INFORMATION	
COMPLAINANT NAME: ROSS PORTNER 25 MARKET ST P O BOX 085 TRENTON NJ 08625			SEX: EYE COLOR: DOB: DRIVER'S LIC. #: SOCIAL SECURITY #: SBI #: TELEPHONE #: () LIVESCAN PCN #:		

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in violation of:

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Place Committed: _____				Defendant Desires Counsel: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Date of First Appearance: 01/15/2020		<input type="checkbox"/> Advised of Rights by _____		

Prosecuting Attorney Information				Defense Counsel Information					
Name:				Name:					
State	County	Municipal	Other	None	Retained	Public Def	Assigned	Waived	Other

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Waiver Indt/Jury			
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Adjudication (* see code)	Finding Code: _____ Date: _____	Finding Code: _____ Date: _____	Finding Code: _____ Date: _____
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Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Certification by Police Regarding Complaint-Summons
	I certify that I served the complaint-summons by delivering a copy to the defendant personally.
	I certify that I personally served the complaint-summons by leaving a copy at the defendant's usual place of abode with a competent member of the household of the age 14 or over _____ Name of family member over 14 years of age
	I certify that I mailed a copy of the complaint-summons by ordinary mail to the defendant at his or her last known address. _____ Defendant's last known address
	I certify that I served the complaint-summons by delivering a copy to a person authorized to receive service of process on the defendant's behalf. _____ Name and title of authorized person
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other manner of service: I certify that I served the complaint-summons in the following manner: ELECTRONICALLY SERVICE TO ATTORNEY
	I certify that I was unable to serve the complaint-summons.

Signed: ROSS PORTNER NJ DIVISION OF CRIM JUSTICE Date of Action: 12/19/2019
Name, Title and Department of Officer

Affidavit of Probable Cause

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Purpose: This Affidavit/Certification is to more fully describe the facts of the alleged offense so that a judge or authorized judicial officer may determine probable cause.

1. Description of relevant facts and circumstances which support probable cause that (1) the offense(s) was committed and (2) the defendant is the one who committed it:

Related to and continued narrative from complaint number 1424 2019 000395.

On or about May 9, 2018, Cesaro called the CW and asked if the \$10,000 cash could be replaced with checks. Cesaro and the CW discussed the option of using straw donors. Straw donors are individuals who contribute to a candidate but are unlawfully reimbursed by another person or entity. Under New Jersey Election Law, it is illegal for a person to reimburse another person for a political contribution or to give or lend another person money to make a political contribution to a specific candidate. During the conversation, the CW discussed his inability to get the contributions in the form of checks from donors thus far. Cesaro made clear his understanding that such donors would be straw donors, stating "Uh yeah but the, but the thing is, the thing is it's not like it's you know what I'm, saying, it's not like they're going to have to use their money. You know what I'm saying?" Cesaro and the CW agreed to meet to discuss their next steps. At a follow-up meeting in Morristown, Cesaro returned the \$10,000 cash and indicated that he was uncertain how to "pass" the cash around. After the CW told Cesaro that the CW would bring out his "straws" but that it would take some time, Cesaro told the CW to "transform" the cash however he can. On or about May 19, 2018, the CW attended a fundraiser for Cesaro. At the event, the CW and Cesaro walked to a secluded area of the event venue. The CW handed Cesaro an envelope containing two checks of \$2,600 each and a third check of \$150. As the CW handed Cesaro the envelope, he said, "These are my straws...that's 5350." Cesaro replied, "Okay." The CW then handed Cesaro a second envelope containing an additional \$4,800 in cash. Cesaro declined the cash but accepted the checks after the CW had previously stated that, in return for the financial support, the CW expected to receive public work from the Township of Parsippany and County of Morris.

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2. I am aware of the facts above because: (Included, but not limited to: your observations, statements of eyewitnesses, defendant's admission, etc.)

Recording made during investigation and statements from conconspirator.

3. If victim was injured, provide the extent of the injury:

N/A

Certification:

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Signed: ROSS PORTNER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Date: 12/18/2019

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Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report

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Purpose: The Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report (PLEIR) is intended to document basic information known to the officer at the time of its preparation. It is recognized that additional relevant information will emerge as an investigation continues. The PLEIR shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, any regular police arrest, incident, or investigation reports. Note that the PLEIR is specific to each defendant charged in an investigation.

-The offense/incident was recorded using electronic/surveillance via:
•Other/Explain digital recording device

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P O BOX 085				TELEPHONE #:	LIVESCAN PCN #:
TRENTON				()	

By certification or on oath, the complainant says that to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief the named defendant on or about **05/08/2019** in **MORRISTOWN TOWN**, **MORRIS** County, NJ did: WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, COMMIT AN ACT OF BRIBERY; THAT IS, THE SAID JOHN CESARO, AS A MORRIS COUNTY FREEHOLDER, KNOWINGLY DID DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY SOLICIT, ACCEPT OR AGREE TO ACCEPT FROM ANOTHER, ANY BENEFIT AS CONSIDERATION FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF AN OFFICIAL DUTY; THAT IS, THE SAID JOHN CESARO DID SOLICIT, ACCEPT OR AGREE TO ACCEPT APPROXIMATELY \$7,700 FROM COCONSPIRATOR #1 AS CONSIDERATION FOR AIDING COCONSPIRATOR #1 IN OBTAINING A PUBLIC POSITION OR PUBLIC WORK GOVERNED BY THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, IN VIOLATION OF N.J.S.A. 2C:27-2(D), A CRIME OF THE SECOND DEGREE.

in violation of:

Original Charge	1) 2C:27-2D	2)	3)
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Check √	Certification by Police Regarding Complaint-Summons
	I certify that I served the complaint-summons by delivering a copy to the defendant personally.
	I certify that I personally served the complaint-summons by leaving a copy at the defendant's usual place of abode with a competent member of the household of the age 14 or over _____ Name of family member over 14 years of age
	I certify that I mailed a copy of the complaint-summons by ordinary mail to the defendant at his or her last known address. _____ Defendant's last known address
✓	I certify that I served the complaint-summons by delivering a copy to a person authorized to receive service of process on the defendant's behalf. ROBERT DUNN, ESQ. Name and title of authorized person
	Other manner of service: I certify that I served the complaint-summons in the following manner: _____
	I certify that I was unable to serve the complaint-summons.

Signed: ROSS PORTNER NJ DIVISION OF CRIM JUSTICE Date of Action: 12/19/2019
Name, Title and Department of Officer

**RETURN OF SERVICE
INFORMATION**

Affidavit of Probable Cause

COMPLAINT NUMBER				<i>THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY</i>	
1424	S	2019	000403	<i>VS.</i>	
COURT CODE	PREFIX	YEAR	SEQUENCE NO.	JOHN CESARO	
MORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL COURT P.O. BOX 150 MORRISTOWN NJ 07963-0150 973-292-6687 COUNTY OF: MORRIS				ADDRESS:	
# of CHARGES 1	CO-DEFTS	POLICE CASE #: 201804104		DEFENDANT INFORMATION	
COMPLAINANT ROSS PORTNER NAME: 25 MARKET ST P O BOX 085 TRENTON NJ 08625		SEX: EYE COLOR: DOB: DRIVER'S LIC. #: SOCIAL SECURITY # SBI #: TELEPHONE #: () LIVESCAN PCN #:		DL STATE:	

Purpose: This Affidavit/Certification is to more fully describe the facts of the alleged offense so that a judge or authorized judicial officer may determine probable cause.

1. Description of relevant facts and circumstances which support probable cause that (1) the offense(s) was committed and (2) the defendant is the one who committed it:

In or about January 2018, law enforcement was informed by a cooperating witness ("CW") that Morris County Freeholder John Cesaro sought political campaign funding from the CW and that in return, Cesaro had offered to give CW additional public work within Morris County. The CW believed that Cesaro would continue to seek financial support for his re-election campaign in June 2018, as well as for his Parsippany Mayoral campaign in 2021. Based on this information, Detectives worked with the CW to further engage Cesaro. On or about April 20, 2018, the CW and Cesaro independently attended a political fundraising event in Morris County. At one point, Cesaro approached the CW and stated that he needed the CW to raise a substantial amount of money for his Parsippany Mayoral campaign. In exchange for this financial support, Cesaro promised that he would make the CW his tax counsel for Parsippany if Cesaro were elected. The CW agreed to give Cesaro the financial support that he was asking for. On or about May 1, 2018, the CW and Cesaro discussed the details of the CW's support on the telephone. They spoke about the CW raising thirteen to fifteen thousand dollars for Cesaro. Cesaro responded, "That's incredible." The CW later stated that the only thing he wanted was tax work. Cesaro agreed and stated that he was "crystal clear" with the CW's request. On or about May 8, 2018, the CW met with Cesaro in Morristown. During the meeting, the CW reiterated that he wanted tax work. The CW added that he knew Cesaro could "open doors" for him and speak with Morris County Counsel John Napolitano about providing county work to the CW. Cesaro agreed and stated that he would talk to John Napolitano immediately. Towards the end of the meeting, Cesaro asked, "what are we doing today, me and you?" In turn, the CW handed Cesaro an envelope containing \$10,000 in cash. Cesaro accepted the money after having after the CW had previously stated that that, in return for the financial support, the CW expected Cesaro's help in receiving public work from the Township of Parsippany and County of Morris. Further information on related complaint.

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2. I am aware of the facts above because: (Included, but not limited to: your observations, statements of eyewitnesses, defendant's admission, etc.)

Recordings made during investigation and statements from coconspirator.

3. If victim was injured, provide the extent of the injury:

N/A

Certification:

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: ROSS PORTNER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Date: 12/19/2019

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Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report

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1424	S	2019	000403	<i>VS.</i>	
COURT CODE	PREFIX	YEAR	SEQUENCE NO.	JOHN CESARO	
MORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL COURT P.O. BOX 150 MORRISTOWN NJ 07963-0150 973-292-6687 COUNTY OF: MORRIS				ADDRESS:	
# of CHARGES 1	CO-DEFTS	POLICE CASE #: 201804104		DEFENDANT INFORMATION	
COMPLAINANT NAME: ROSS 25 MARKET ST P O BOX 085 TRENTON NJ 08625		PORTNER		SEX: EYE COLOR:	DOB:
				DRIVER'S LIC. #:	DL STATE:
				SOCIAL SECURITY #:	SBI #:
				TELEPHONE #:	()
				LIVESCAN PCN #:	

Purpose: The Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report (PLEIR) is intended to document basic information known to the officer at the time of its preparation. It is recognized that additional relevant information will emerge as an investigation continues. The PLEIR shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, any regular police arrest, incident, or investigation reports. Note that the PLEIR is specific to each defendant charged in an investigation.

-The offense/incident was recorded using electronic/surveillance via:
•Other/Explain digital recording device

Certification:

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: ROSS PORTNER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Date: 12/19/2019