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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Virindia Doss *WD*

SUBJECT: Consideration of Final Orders on Financial Disclosure Fines Where There Has Been No Timely Appeal and No Payment

DATE: May 18, 2016

You are familiar with the number of persons who have filed appeals of their financial disclosure late-filing fines. In addition, a large number of persons did not appeal the fine assessed under the law, or did not appeal in a timely manner. They either filed late, or not at all, and were sent fine notification letters advising of the right to appeal within 30 days of the notification letter.

Attached is a list of persons who have failed to bring a timely appeal or have not otherwise responded to our mailings. If we knew an individual had an incorrect address, that person was taken off the list. If we thought there might be some other problem with a particular case, we took the person's name off the list. Staff will work through cases that have address problems or other issues, and those cases likely will come before you in the future.

Also attached is a sample final order for these cases that will formally recognize the statutory fine and provide closure to the Commission's proceedings for a late filer (or non-filer) who has not timely appealed. With your approval, staff will render default orders in these cases. Filers who are currently receiving public funds will be referred for salary withholding. All others will be transmitted to the Department of Financial Services' contract collection agency, Transworld Systems Inc., for collection.

**BEFORE THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

**In re** Steven Arnold,

**2014 CE Form 1**

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**DEFAULT FINAL ORDER**

This matter comes before the Commission on Ethics for the failure of Steven Arnold to pay the assessed fine. Pursuant to Section 112.3145(7)(f), Florida Statutes, the Florida Commission on Ethics is charged with assessing automatic fines of \$25 per day up to a maximum of \$1500 for persons who are required to file financial disclosure but who either file late, or not at all.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Steven Arnold, Fellsmere, Building Board of Appeals, was on the list of persons required to file a Statement of Financial Interests for the year 2014.
2. Pursuant to Section 112.3145(7)(f), Florida Statutes, Steven Arnold was mailed a copy of the 2014 CE Form 1 no later than June 1, 2015, and was mailed a delinquency notice by certified mail no later than July 31, 2015. Additional attempts to contact Steven Arnold were also made by Commission staff.
3. However, Steven Arnold did not file a 2014 CE Form 1 by the designated due date. Steven Arnold was sent a notice of payment due advising of the statutory rights to appeal or dispute the automatic fine in a hearing before the Commission if such appeal was received within 30 days the notice of payment due. No timely appeal was received from Steven Arnold.

4. More than 60 days have elapsed since the notice of payment due was transmitted without Steven Arnold paying the fine.

5. On its own motion, the Commission voted to affirm that a fine in the amount of \$1500 has accrued in this matter.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this case, pursuant to Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes.

7. Steven Arnold's failure to timely appeal the assessed fine constitutes a waiver of the entitlement to an appeal, pursuant to Rule 34-8.215(2), Florida Administrative Code.

#### ORDER

8. Pursuant to Section 112.3145(7) and 112.31455, Florida Statutes, the Commission on Ethics shall attempt to determine whether Steven Arnold is currently a public officer or public employee receiving salary or wages from a governmental entity. If so, the matter will be referred to either the Chief Financial Officer for the State of Florida or the governing body for Fellsmere, as appropriate, for withholding of salary until the debt is satisfied.

9. If Steven Arnold is no longer a public officer or employee, or if the Commission cannot determine filer's status, the matter will be referred to the Florida Department of Financial Services for collection or wage garnishment.

WHEREFORE, the automatic fine that Steven Arnold accrued in the amount of \$1500 is affirmed. The fine shall be paid to the Florida Commission on Ethics within 30 days of the date this Default Final Order is entered. After that date, nonpayment will result in collection as provided for in Section 112.3145(7) and 112.31455, Florida Statutes.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on  
June 3, 2016.

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Date Rendered

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STANLEY M. WESTON  
*CHAIR*  
**FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS**


THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES FINAL AGENCY ACTION. ANY PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER HAS THE RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW UNDER SECTIONS 112.3241 AND 120.68, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY FILING A NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL PURSUANT TO RULE 9.110, FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE, WITH THE CLERK OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS, BY U.S. MAIL AT P.O. DRAWER 15709, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32317-5709 (OR BY DELIVERY TO 325 JOHN KNOX ROAD, BUILDING E, SUITE 200, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32303); AND BY FILING A COPY OF THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPLICABLE FILING FEES WITH THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL. THE NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE THIS ORDER IS RENDERED.

Copy Furnished to:

Steven Arnold  
9495 Hibiscus Ave  
Micca FL 32976

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cc: Deborah C Krages

 Active Fined Filers Ready to Send to Collections
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Name	PID	Title Organization Suborganization	Filing Info	Fine Amount	Final Notice Sent
<b>Filing Location: State</b>					
Barabino, Joseph	216884	Associate VP Florida International University Employees	2014 Form 1 Non-Filer	\$1,500.00	3/25/2016
Bethel, Howard	252783	Special Deputy Economic Opportunity, Department of Employees	2014 Form 1 Non-Filer	\$1,500.00	3/11/2016
Clopton, Carol	249010	Member, Board of Trustee FL School for the Deaf and the Blind Board of Trustees	2014 Form 1 Non-Filer	\$1,500.00	3/25/2016
Combs, Robert	247702	District Legislative Assistant II Senate Employees	2014 Form 1 Late Filer 10 Days Late	\$250.00	3/11/2016
Duncan, Carolann	226615	Region SAMH Director DCF; Circuit 9 Employees	2014 Form 1 Late Filer 3 Days Late	\$75.00	3/11/2016
Gamble, Brittanian	257209	Administration Florida A & M University Employees	2014 Form 1 Late Filer 7 Days Late	\$175.00	3/11/2016
Graham, Brandon	257320	Executive Secretary Senate Employees	2014 Form 1 Non-Filer	\$1,500.00	3/11/2016
Hernandez, Cynthia	235596	Coordinator Florida International University Employees	2014 Form 1 Non-Filer	\$1,500.00	3/25/2016
Hines, Nickie	244181	Community Assistance Consultant Division of Emergency Management Employees	2014 Form 1 Late Filer 1 Days Late	\$25.00	3/11/2016
Isaacs, William	33115	Senior Attorney DCF; Circuit 20 Employees	2014 Form 1 Non-Filer	\$1,500.00	3/11/2016
May, Jennifer	209550	Assistant State Attorney State Attorney; 17Th Circuit	2014 Form 1 Late Filer	\$25.00	3/11/2016

		Employees		1 Days Late	
Porter, Ashley	85778	Planning & Evaluation Specialist Transportation, Department Of Employees	2014 Form 1	\$1,500.00	3/25/2016
			Non-Filer		

Count: 12

**Filing Location: Charlotte County (18)**

Hencher, Thomas	84772	Charlotte Soil & Water Conservation Dst. Board of Supervisors	2014 Form 1	\$1,500.00	3/25/2016
			Non-Filer		

Count: 1

**Filing Location: Miami-Dade County (23)**

Fils-Aime, Daniel	247075	CareerSource South Florida; Region 23 Board Members	2012 Form 1	\$1,500.00	3/25/2016
			Non-Filer		

Count: 1

**Filing Location: Gadsden County (30)**

McNeil, Antwon	252950	Midway Planning And Zoning Board	2014 Form 1	\$1,500.00	3/25/2016
			Non-Filer		

Count: 1

**Filing Location: Hillsborough County (39)**

Quintero, Julio	257164	Hillsborough County Dependent Special Districts Cove At Bay Port Colony	2014 Form 1	\$1,425.00	3/11/2016
			Late Filer		
			57 Days Late		

Count: 1

**Filing Location: Indian River County (41)**

Arnold, Steven	224694	Fellsmere Building Board of Appeals	2014 Form 1	\$1,500.00	3/11/2016
			Non-Filer		

Count: 1

**Filing Location: Lee County (46)**

Murphy, Michael	215319	District Agent Cooperative Producers Water Control	2014 Form 1	\$1,500.00	3/29/2016
			Non-Filer		

District  
Board of Supervisors

Count: 1

**Filing Location: Marion County (52)**

Girardin, Sandra	227583 Board Member (Alternate)	2014 Form 1	\$1,500.00	3/29/2016
	McIntosh		Non-Filer	
	Land Planning Agency/Board of Adjustment			

Count: 1

**Filing Location: Okaloosa County (56)**

Polinski, John	247409 Fire Chief	2014 Form 1	\$1,500.00	3/29/2016
	Dorcas Fire District		Non-Filer	
	Board of Commissioners			

Count: 1

**Filing Location: Pinellas County (62)**

Parker, Jerome	250087 Commissioner	2014 Form 1	\$1,500.00	3/29/2016
	Greater Seminole Area Special Recreation		Non-Filer	
	District			
	Board of Commissioners			

Count: 1

**Filing Location: Polk County (63)**

Pratt, Jared	247130 Haines City	2014 Form 1	\$1,500.00	3/29/2016
	General Employees' Pension Board of		Non-Filer	
	Trustees			
Sheil, Frank	255085 Dundee	2014 Form 1	\$1,500.00	3/29/2016
	Board Of Adjustment		Non-Filer	

Count: 2

**Filing Location: Sarasota County (68)**

Nelson-Vernsey, Patti	238882 North Port	2014 Form 1	\$1,500.00	3/29/2016
	Zoning Board Of Appeals		Non-Filer	

Count: 1

**Filing Location: Sumter County (70)**

Olvera, Crisela      252116 Webster

Planning And Zoning Board

2014 Form 1 \$1,500.00    3/11/2016

Non-Filer

**Count: 1**