

STATE OF NEW YORK
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

In the Matter of the Proceeding
Pursuant to Section 44, subdivision 4,
of the Judiciary Law in Relation to

ROBERT J. PUTORTI,

**AGREED
STATEMENT OF FACTS**

a Justice of the Whitehall Town Court and
Whitehall Village Court, Washington County.

Subject to the approval of the Commission on Judicial Conduct

(“Commission”):

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between Robert H. Tembeckjian, Administrator and Counsel to the Commission, and Honorable Robert J. Putorti (“Respondent”), who is represented in this proceeding by Michael D. Root, Esq., of Cerio Law Offices, that the Commission shall make its determination upon the following facts, which shall constitute the entire record in lieu of a hearing.

1. Respondent has been a Justice of the Whitehall Town Court, Washington County, since January 1, 2014. In June 2014, Respondent was appointed as an Acting Justice of the Whitehall Village Court, Washington County, and was elected as a Justice of that court in April 2018. Respondent’s current term as Whitehall Town Justice expires on December 31, 2021, and his term as Whitehall Village Justice expires on April 6, 2025. Respondent is not an attorney.

2. Respondent was served with a Formal Written Complaint dated June 11, 2020. He filed a Verified Answer dated August 14, 2020. Respondent was served with a

Second Formal Written Complaint dated January 21, 2021. He filed a second Verified Answer dated March 8, 2021.

3. By Orders dated October 6, 2020, and March 12, 2021, the Commission designated David M. Garber, Esq., to act as Referee to hear and report to the Commission as to the Formal Written Complaint and Second Formal Written Complaint, respectively. By agreement of the parties and Mr. Garber, the two matters were combined into one proceeding.

As to Charge I

4. The Formal Written Complaint alleges that in late 2015 or early 2016, inside the Whitehall Village Court, Respondent brandished a loaded semi-automatic handgun at Brandon Wood, a defendant who was in the courthouse because his criminal case was scheduled to be heard that day by Respondent. At the time of the incident, Mr. Wood was not armed and was not acting with deadly physical force.

5. The Formal Written Complaint further alleges that in late 2015, Respondent gave an informal interview to his cousin while attending a family dinner, who was a journalism student at Hofstra University in which he described his practice of carrying a concealed firearm while presiding on the bench, and in which he stated that he had brandished his handgun in court at a defendant.

6. The Formal Written Complaint further alleges that on October 23, 2018, at a meeting of the Washington County Magistrates Association, Respondent, while seeking advice on the situation, told other judges that he had once brandished his handgun in the courthouse at a person he allegedly described as a “large Black man.”

7. The Formal Written Complaint further alleges that in February 2019, approximately three years after the event at issue, Respondent (A) was counseled by his supervising judge about brandishing his gun in court, and (B) signed a counseling memorandum agreeing never to display, use, or threaten to use a firearm in court unless he or someone else was facing “deadly physical force.”

As to the Specifications to Charge I

8. The Whitehall Village Court and Whitehall Town Court share a courtroom in the Whitehall Municipal Center, located at 57 Skenesborough Drive, Whitehall, New York, in Washington County. The Whitehall Village Police Department is also located in the Whitehall Municipal Center. There is an entrance to the police station from the courtroom, several feet from Respondent’s bench.

9. At the time of the events described herein, neither the Whitehall Village Court nor the Whitehall Town Court had any court officers, bailiffs or other security personnel, apart from the occasional presence of a police officer.

10. Since at least 2003, and thus at all times relevant herein, Respondent has been licensed in New York State to carry a concealed firearm. Copies of Respondent’s licenses to carry firearms in New York State and other states are annexed as Exhibit 1.

11. At a judicial training course in December 2013, Respondent was advised by one of the instructors that he could legally carry a concealed firearm at the bench.¹ His

¹ Opinion 06-51 of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics provides that “there is no prohibition in the Rules Governing Judicial Conduct barring [a judge] from carrying a firearm while performing . . . duties on the bench,” provided that the judge otherwise abides by the Rules Governing Judicial Conduct and “there are no legal or administrative barriers that would preclude such possession.”

practice had been to have a concealed and loaded firearm, although with the chamber empty, with him at the bench while presiding over court proceedings.² Typically, while presiding, Respondent attached the handgun via a magnet to the underside of the bench's desktop.

Background of Criminal Proceedings Against Brandon Wood

12. Brandon Wood is a Black man who, at the time of the events herein, was approximately 34 years old, was approximately six feet tall (6'0") and weighed approximately 165 pounds.

13. On March 30, 2015, Mr. Wood was charged in the Whitehall Village Court with Attempted Assault in the First Degree, a felony; Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree, a felony; two counts of Menacing in the Second Degree, a misdemeanor; and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree, a misdemeanor. The allegations specified that Mr. Wood had attacked his wife and another man with a knife while Mr. Wood's wife and the other man sat in a parked vehicle.³ The accusatory instruments and supporting deposition relating to those charges are annexed as Exhibit 2. Respondent presided over the charges and, as a result, was aware of the violent nature of the allegations against Mr. Wood.

14. On June 22, 2015, after the felony charges against Mr. Wood had been merged and dismissed on consent of the prosecution, Mr. Wood pled guilty, with the

² Respondent avers that it was his practice to keep the chamber empty, and the Administrator has no evidence to the contrary.

³ Previously, on March 11, 2015, Mr. Wood was charged in the Whitehall Village Court with Unlicensed Operator, a traffic infraction.

assistance of counsel and in satisfaction of all charges, to one count each of Menacing in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree, both misdemeanors. Respondent sentenced Mr. Wood to a one-year conditional discharge and imposed fines and surcharges totaling \$555. Respondent avers, and court records do not dispute, that Mr. Wood failed to pay the fine and surcharge and was placed in jail. Mr. Wood's wife told Respondent that she and Mr. Wood could not afford the fine but could pay the surcharge. Respondent went to the courthouse/jail on his lunch hour from his other employment and reduced Mr. Wood's fine to community service and released Mr. Wood from jail.

15. In late 2015, Mr. Wood was scheduled to appear before Respondent in the Whitehall Village Court, and he was present in the courthouse before the call of his case. He was not represented by counsel.

16. While Mr. Wood was on court premises, Respondent brandished a gun at him, notwithstanding that Mr. Wood was not acting in a manner demonstrating deadly force. There were no other witnesses to this event.

17. Although Respondent states that he subjectively feared for his safety when he brandished his gun at Mr. Wood, he now acknowledges that he had no reasonable basis to believe that Mr. Wood was about to use imminent deadly force against him or anyone else. In retrospect, Respondent admits that he was not justified in brandishing his gun at Mr. Wood.

Respondent's Interview about the Courthouse Gun Incident

18. In fall 2015, Respondent's cousin, Reba Putorti, was a journalism student at Hofstra University. Throughout the fall 2015 semester, Ms. Putorti and her classmates in a magazine production class wrote articles about firearms and firearm laws for an online magazine. As part of this assignment, Ms. Putorti asked Respondent if he would agree to be interviewed for an article about his possession of numerous firearms and firearms licenses. Respondent agreed.

19. When he agreed to the interview, Respondent believed the ensuing article would be published only within Hofstra University, as part of Ms. Putorti's class.

20. During his interview with the journalism student:

- A. Respondent described his practice of carrying a concealed firearm while presiding on the bench, and he stated that he once brandished his handgun at "someone" who came running up to him at the bench and to whom he said, "woah, woah, woah, slow down."⁴
- B. Respondent described an out-of-court incident in which he brandished his handgun at an unidentified man while helping his now-deceased grandfather recover a stolen car.⁵

⁴ If called to the stand, neither Assistant District Attorney Devin Anderson nor Police Officer Joel Archambault would corroborate the version of events Respondent gave to the journalism student, notwithstanding Respondent's claim that they were both present at the time.

⁵ If called to the stand, Respondent would testify as follows. *In 2003 or 2004, Respondent's elderly grandfather had a car stolen from his used car lot. When police notified the grandfather that they had located the vehicle, Respondent went with his grandfather to retrieve it. Upon arriving at the stolen car, a man came out of the woods with a chainsaw and advanced toward Respondent's grandfather. Respondent pulled out his gun and told the man, "This isn't worth you getting shot over a vehicle that you*

C. Respondent described a third instance in April 2015 in which police officers in Virginia observed him carrying a firearm in a convenience store at 3:00 AM but did not take action against him. Respondent avers that he was licensed to carry in Virginia and believes the only error on his part was that the handgun *may* have been visible on his waist to the officers in the convenience store.

21. The resulting article, entitled “Carrying in the courtroom,” was published online in the *Long Island Report* on December 8, 2015, and remains viewable online to-date. A copy of the article is annexed as Exhibit 3.

22. The article, which Respondent admits quotes him accurately, quoted Respondent as stating, “I carry a gun now because I’m a judge; I send people to jail and you never know how someone will respond to the calls I make. I carry all the time, especially today, because you never know when someone is going to pull out a gun and start shooting people; if I have a gun at home, that’s not doing anybody any good; if it’s on my hip, I can respond immediately.”

23. In early 2016, Respondent showed the article to his former co-judge, Julie Eagan, and others around the courthouse. Respondent contemporaneously told Judge Eagan about having pulled a gun on an “agitated” “big Black man” when the man, whom Respondent did not identify by name, approached him too quickly at the bench.⁶ From Respondent’s manner and tone, Judge Eagan was under the impression that Respondent

stole.” The man retreated, and Respondent and his grandfather retrieved the stolen car. The Commission’s Administrator can neither verify nor dispute the veracity of this account.

⁶ There are no witnesses to this event as Respondent described it to former Judge Eagan.

was bragging about his actions and that he was expressing pride about being featured in the article. At a meeting of the Washington County Magistrates Association in 2016, Judge Eagan overheard Respondent telling other judges in attendance about the article and the purported incident with the gun in the courtroom.

Respondent's Comments about the Gun Incident at a 2018 Meeting of Judges

24. On October 23, 2018, at a meeting of the Washington County Magistrates Association, while seeking advice as to security in the court, Respondent told other judges in attendance, including his supervising judge, Glens Falls City Court Judge Gary Hobbs, that he had once brandished his handgun in the courthouse at a “large [B]lack man,” whom he did not identify by name, after the man, a defendant, had passed the “stop line” and came within a couple feet of Respondent at the bench, while a police officer was also at the bench. Respondent told his fellow judges that the defendant said he just wanted to talk to Respondent, and that the police officer joked with Respondent about how quickly he had been able to pull the gun.⁷ Respondent did not mention anything about the defendant’s criminal record or violent propensity. Judge Hobbs’ contemporaneous notes about Respondent’s comments at the meeting are annexed as Exhibit 4.

25. At a hearing before the Referee in the disciplinary matter herein, Respondent would testify that during the 2018 magistrates meeting, he recounted the courtroom incident to a small group of other judges during a discussion about courtroom security

⁷ Officer Archambault has no recollection of any such incident or comments.

and that he was merely seeking advice from his supervising judge about what to do in the future under similar circumstances. Respondent would further testify that he referred to the defendant's race merely to describe him to the other judges.

The Supervising Judge's Counseling of Respondent over the Gun Incident

26. On October 25, 2018, after another judge expressed concern to Supervising Judge Hobbs about Respondent's comments at the Magistrates Association meeting, Judge Hobbs had a telephone conversation with Respondent about the gun incident.

27. Judge Hobbs' contemporaneous notes of his conversation with Respondent are included in the annexed Exhibit 4. Respondent agrees that Judge Hobbs' notes accurately reflect what Respondent told him in that conversation. Respondent also agrees that, as noted below, some of what he told Judge Hobbs was different from what he had told his fellow Magistrates.

28. At Judge Hobbs' request, Respondent repeated his account of the incident, which he said had occurred about three years prior.

- A. Respondent advised Judge Hobbs of his practice of carrying a concealed weapon at the bench and stated that a "bullet is not in the chamber, but it takes [him] a split second to load."
- B. Respondent told Judge Hobbs that the defendant – whom he did not identify by name and whose "case ha[d] been long since resolved" –

was a “large [B]lack man,” about 6’9” tall and “built like a football player.”⁸

- C. Respondent said nothing to Judge Hobbs about the defendant’s criminal history or violent propensity.
- D. Respondent said that the incident had occurred when he called the defendant’s case and the defendant ran quickly to the bench, past a line where defendants are supposed to stand, and within two feet of Respondent.
- E. Respondent told Judge Hobbs a police officer was standing at the bench “for [Respondent’s] security.” However, Respondent said, the officer allowed the defendant to pass the line and go directly to the bench.
- F. Respondent told Judge Hobbs that he “pulled his hand gun and pointed it at the defendant,”⁹ “told him to stop, asked him where he was going and told the defendant to move back behind the line,” to which the defendant replied that “he just wanted to talk to” Respondent. Respondent “said that he would talk to the defendant once he moved back behind the line,” after which “[t]he defendant . . . moved back and [Respondent] put his gun back under the bench.”

⁸ As noted above, Mr. Wood is 6’0” tall and weighs approximately 165 pounds.

⁹ This is contrary to Respondent’s telling the Commission that he made a “fanning motion” with the gun but did not point it at Mr. Wood or anyone else.

29. Judge Hobbs advised Respondent that he may not display his gun to a defendant unless he reasonably believes it is necessary to defend himself or someone else from the use or imminent use of deadly physical force by the defendant. Judge Hobbs added that the fact that a defendant may present as “large” or make Respondent feel uncomfortable or nervous is insufficient basis for Respondent to display his gun.

30. On March 2, 2019, Respondent signed a counseling memorandum, provided to him by Judge Hobbs, in which Respondent agreed never to display, use or threaten to use a firearm in court unless he or someone else was facing “deadly physical force.” A copy of the counseling memorandum is annexed as Exhibit 5.

31. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent failed to uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary by failing to maintain high standards of conduct so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary would be preserved, in violation of Section 100.1 of the Rules; failed to avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety, in that he failed to respect and comply with the law and failed to act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary, in violation of Section 100.2(A) of the Rules; failed to perform the duties of judicial office impartially and diligently, in that he failed to be patient, dignified and courteous to a litigant, in violation of Section 100.3(B)(3) of the Rules, and failed to perform judicial duties without bias or prejudice against or in favor of any person and without manifesting in words or conduct bias or prejudice based upon race, in violation of Section 100.3(B)(4) of the Rules; and failed to conduct his extra-judicial activities so as to minimize the risk of conflict with judicial obligations, in that he failed to conduct his extra-judicial activities so that they do

not cast reasonable doubt on his capacity to act impartially as a judge and detract from the dignity of judicial office, in violation of Sections 100.4(A)(1) and (2) of the Rules.

Additional Factors as to Charge I

32. Respondent avers, and the Administrator has no information to the contrary, that he has not carried his gun into the courtroom while presiding over cases since October 2018, when Judge Hobbs counseled him as described above.

33. Respondent acknowledges that, even if his purpose in recounting the *Wood* incident with fellow judges was to discuss courthouse security with them and his intent in referring to the defendant's race was merely to describe him to the other judges, the defendant's race was immaterial to any such discussion, and his identification of Mr. Wood by race may have created the appearance of racial bias.

As to Charge II

34. The Formal Written Complaint alleges that from October 24, 2019, to October 5, 2020, Respondent personally participated in the solicitation of funds or other fund-raising activities for his own personal benefit and for the benefit of the Whitehall Elks Lodge ("Lodge"), and lent the prestige of his judicial office to those same activities, by sharing and/or promoting on his personal Facebook page: (A) a post by his sister advertising a fundraiser for Respondent and his family and (B) posts by the Lodge advertising fundraisers for the Lodge.

As to the Specifications to Charge II

35. Respondent has been a member of the Lodge since 1992. Respondent has held various leadership positions in the Lodge since April 2017. On April 1, 2020,

Respondent was elected by the Lodge's members to the position of Exalted Ruler, the highest-level position within the Lodge.

36. It is generally known among the members of the Lodge that Respondent is a judge.

37. Facebook is an internet social networking website and platform that *inter alia* allows users to post and share content on their own Facebook pages as well as on the Facebook pages of other users and on Facebook groups. Facebook users are responsible for managing the privacy settings associated with their accounts. At the option of the account holder, the content of one's Facebook page may be viewable online by the public or restricted to one's Facebook "Friends."

38. At all times relevant to Charge II, Respondent maintained a Facebook account under the name "Robert Putorti Jr." Respondent's account does not mention his position as a judge or his affiliation with Whitehall Court anywhere. Respondent's occupation is listed as "Machinery Equipment Operator of Town of Whitehall." Respondent made his Facebook page viewable by the public.

39. From October 2019 to November 2020, Respondent had over 1,300 Facebook "Friends," some of whom were aware he was a judge.

40. Respondent was Facebook "Friends" with, *inter alia*, the following individuals:

- A. Whitehall Police Officer Bryan Greco;
- B. Washington County District Attorney Tony Jordan;
- C. Whitehall Police Officer Chris Kyne;

- D. Whitehall Police Sergeant Richard LaChapelle;
- E. Washington County Public Defender Michael Mercure; and
- F. Washington County Assistant Public Defender Amanda Ross.

41. During the time relevant to Charge II, each of the six individuals named in paragraph 40 was aware that Respondent was a New York State judge. None of those individuals attended the fundraiser for Respondent and his family addressed in paragraphs 43 through 45 herein. Some of these individuals saw a Facebook post advertising the fundraiser for Respondent but felt no pressure to attend due to Respondent's position as a judge. Others did not see a Facebook post advertising the fundraiser or know about the event.

42. Respondent was also Facebook "Friends" with Whitehall Police Investigator Frank Hunt. Investigator Hunt is a member of the Lodge and was aware that Respondent was a New York State judge. In his position with the Whitehall Police, Mr. Hunt investigates cases that may be prosecuted in Respondent's court. Mr. Hunt would testify that he attended the fundraiser for Respondent addressed in paragraphs 43 through 45 herein but could not recall how he learned about the event or whether he saw any Facebook posts about it. Mr. Hunt did not pay a fee to enter the fundraiser or donate any items to the event. He did, however, purchase raffle tickets.

43. On October 24, 2019, Respondent was "tagged"¹⁰ in a Facebook post by his sister, Kristy Putorti, which included an invitation to an event entitled "SPAGHETTI DINNER – BASKET PARTY BENEFIT FOR ROBERT PUTORTI JR.," scheduled for

¹⁰ A printout from the Facebook Help Center about "tagging" is annexed as Exhibit 6.

November 9, 2019, at the Whitehall Elks Lodge. The invitation listed the cost to attend the benefit as \$10, announced there would also be raffles for baskets and “large items,” and reported injuries and medical expenses suffered by Respondent due to a motorcycle accident on August 31, 2019. The invitation concluded, “We Need Your Help!! We are accepting donations and items to raffle off: baskets, gift cards, or large items. Proceeds to go to Bobby and his family. We can’t do this without your assistance and attendance! Please Share!! Thank You Very Much for Your Support!!” Copies of screenshots of this post are annexed as Exhibit 7. The post did not identify Respondent as a judge, nor did it mention his position or affiliation with the Whitehall Court in any way. The post identified Respondent as “Whitehall Elks Leading Knight and community friend to all...”

44. Because Ms. Putorti “tagged” Respondent in her Spaghetti Dinner post, the post appeared on Respondent’s Facebook page, and thus was viewable to any member of the public who viewed Respondent’s page. Instead of deleting the post from his Facebook page or removing the tag, Respondent wrote above the post, “I am very humbled by this, I hope to see as many people as I can. Thank you.”

45. The November 9, 2019, Spaghetti Dinner benefit was attended by over 500 people and raised a net amount of approximately \$9,400, which Respondent received and/or which organizers of the event applied to Respondent’s medical expenses.

46. On July 20, 2020, Respondent shared to his Facebook page a post by the Lodge advertising a “QUEEN OF HEARTS” drawing scheduled for July 25, 2020, and wrote, “Come support our lodge everyone, we’re trying to keep the doors open, because of the COVID-19, we need all your help to bring in some revenue. We help support the

communities around us with various fundraisers, but now we need yours!! Thank you!” A copy of a screenshot of this post is annexed as Exhibit 8. The event was for members of the Lodge only. It raised a net amount of approximately \$40.

47. On August 8, 2020, Respondent shared to his Facebook page a post by the Lodge advertising an “Elks BBQ” event scheduled for August 8, 2020, and wrote, “Come out and support our lodge, help us so we can give back to the people in the communities around us!” Copies of screenshots of this post are annexed as Exhibit 9. The event was a fundraiser for the Lodge and was open to the public. It was attended by approximately 213 people and raised a net amount of approximately \$1,460.

48. On September 9, 2020, Respondent shared to his Facebook page a post by the Lodge advertising a “Thirsty Thursday” event scheduled for September 10, 2020, and wrote, “Come out for some good food and help support the lodge!” A copy of the screenshot of this post is annexed as Exhibit 10. The event was for members of the Lodge only. It raised a net amount of approximately \$97.

49. On September 11, 2020, Respondent shared to his Facebook page a post by the Lodge advertising a “chicken BBQ” event scheduled for September 12, 2020, and wrote, “I hope everyone can attend our last chicken bbq for the season....” Copies of screenshots of this post are annexed as Exhibit 11. The event was a fundraiser for the Lodge and was open to the public. It was attended by approximately 239 people and raised a net amount of approximately \$1,978.

50. On September 16, 2020, Respondent shared to his Facebook page a post by the Lodge advertising a “THIRSTY THURSDAY” event scheduled for September 17,

2020, and wrote, “Something a little different tomorrow, come down and join us for dinner, help support our lodge! We’re doing much better, let’s keep it going!!” Copies of screenshots of this post are annexed as Exhibit 12. The event was for members of the Lodge only. It raised a net amount of approximately \$152.

51. On September 22, 2020, Respondent shared to his Facebook page a post by the Lodge advertising a “Thirsty Thursday” event scheduled for September 24, 2020, and wrote, “It’s my slow smoked pulled pork, hope you all can enjoy!” A copy of a screenshot of this post is annexed as Exhibit 13. The event was for members of the Lodge only. It raised a net amount of approximately \$242.

52. On October 5, 2020, Respondent shared to his Facebook page a post by the Lodge advertising a “Thirsty Thursday” event scheduled for October 8, 2020, and wrote, “Come join us Thursday, I’m making Hot and Sweet Sausage for everyone to enjoy! Please remember your masks and that all Covid-19 rules apply! Thanks for your support!” A copy of a screenshot of this post is annexed as Exhibit 14. The event was for members of the Lodge only. It raised a net amount of approximately \$186.

53. Respondent’s intent in sharing and promoting each of the Lodge’s Facebook posts advertising its events identified in paragraphs 45 through 51 was to raise funds for the Lodge. All of these posts were viewable by the public and remained viewable as of January 20, 2021, the date of the Second Formal Written Complaint, notwithstanding that Respondent was notified by letter dated November 12, 2020, that the Commission was investigating a complaint alleging that he had engaged in the conduct charged herein.

Respondent changed his Facebook security setting to “private” prior to submitting his Verified Answer to the Second Formal Written Complaint.

54. An inquiry letter sent to Respondent during the Commission’s investigation of the allegations underlying this Charge and his written response thereto are annexed as Exhibit 15 and Exhibit 16, respectively.

55. At the time of the events in Charge II, Respondent was aware that the Commission was investigating the matters addressed in Charge I.

56. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent failed to uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary by failing to maintain high standards of conduct so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary would be preserved, in violation of Section 100.1 of the Rules; failed to avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety, in that he failed to respect and comply with the law and failed to act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary, in violation of Section 100.2(A) of the Rules, and lent the prestige of judicial office to advance the private interests of himself and others, in violation of Section 100.2(C) of the Rules; and failed to conduct his extra-judicial activities so as to minimize the risk of conflict with judicial obligations, in that he personally participated in the solicitation of funds or other fund-raising activities, in violation of Section 100.4(C)(3)(b)(i) of the Rules.

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that Respondent withdraws from his Answers any denials or defenses inconsistent with this Agreed Statement of Facts.

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that if the Commission accepts this Agreed Statement of Facts, the parties will submit briefs to the Commission and present oral argument as to the issue of sanction on a schedule to be set by the Commission. The Administrator intends to argue that Respondent should be removed from office, and Respondent intends to recommend that the appropriate sanction, if any, should be no greater than public Censure. If the Commission rejects this Agreed Statement of Facts, the matter shall proceed to a hearing and the statements made herein shall not be used by the Commission, Respondent or the Administrator and Counsel to the Commission.

Dated: 11-24-21



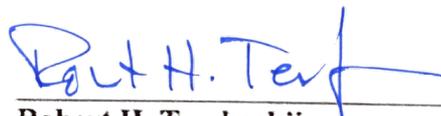
Honorable Robert J. Putorti
Respondent

Dated: 11/24/21



Michael D. Root, Esq.
Cerio Law Offices

Dated: November 26, 2021



Robert H. Tembeckjian
Administrator & Counsel to the Commission
(**Cathleen S. Cenci** and **S. Peter Pedrotty**,
Of Counsel)

EXHIBIT 1

1. Except for retired police officers, not valid in New York City, unless approved by the Police Commissioner of that city.
2. Revocable at any time.
3. The licensee is authorized to possess and carry the following pistols:

Number of Guns: 15

Manufacturer	Model	Caliber	Type	Serial Number
SR	SBLACKHAWK	44	R	8154386
SNI	BOA	25	A	074575
JEI	J22	22LR	A	1055041
CLT	OMMANDO	38SPL	R	19601
GLC	21	45	A	BFK312US
STA	FIRESTAR	45ACP	A	2144159
SW	629	44	R	CDU7764
SW	686	357	R	AUV7939
SW	MP	40	A	DSL7282
TAS	PT-145 PRO	.45ACP	A	NET63843

PISTOL LICENSE
C-023767

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

PUTORTI, Robert John JR

DOB: [REDACTED] SEX: Male
RACE: [REDACTED]
HGT: [REDACTED] WT: 300 GTS: US



County Court Judge

CLASS/TYPE:
Carry

ISSUED: 11/03/1995

PISTOL LICENSE
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Manufacturer	Model	Caliber	Type	Serial Number
ROI	1911	.45	A	RIA1258554
AMR	M88	.38	R	W031074
TAS	PT140G2	.40SW	A	SGX09159
SW	BODYGUARD	380	A	KBS4404
CAI	TP9SF	9MM	A	T647217BH08468

Manufacturer	Model	Caliber	Type	Serial Number
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CONCEALED WEAPON OR FIREARM LICENSE
STATE OF FLORIDA

LICENSE NUMBER: **WV1271897**

PUTORTI, ROBERT J.

DOB: [REDACTED] SEX: Male
RACE: [REDACTED]

07/23/2008

ROBERT J. PUTORTI, JR.
COMMISSIONER

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Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
Division of Licensing, P.O. Box 6687
Tallahassee, FL 32314-6687
850/245-5691

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
NONRESIDENT CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT

FILE NUMBER: N030524
Robert John Putorti, Jr.

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Gender: Male
Height: 5'09" Weight: 300 Hair Color: Brown
Eye Color: Brown
Issue Date: 9/29/2015 Expiration Date: 9/29/2021

W. J. Kelly
SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE POLICE

This permit is issued pursuant to Section 18.2-308.06 of the Code of Virginia. When carrying a concealed handgun in Virginia, the permit holder must carry this permit and photo identification issued by a government agency of any state or by the U.S. Department of Defense or U.S. Department of State, and must display the permit and such identification upon demand by a law-enforcement officer. Refer to the Virginia Department of State Police website at www.virginiatrooper.org for detailed information on Virginia firearm laws.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Concealed Firearm Permit

NAME: ROBERT J PUTORTI JR
D.O.B: [REDACTED] SEX: M
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
CITY: [REDACTED] ST: NY ZIP: 12887
DATE OF ISSUE: 01/10/2019 DATE OF EXPIRATION: 01/10/2024
HT: 509 WT: 300 EYES: BRO HAIR: BRO
Commissioner of Public Safety: *[Signature]*



Bureau of Criminal Identification

3888 West 5400 South
Taylorsville, UT 84129

Email address changes to utah@utah.gov

To verify the validity of this permit for law enforcement purposes only, contact 801-965-4446

For all other questions regarding Concealed Firearm Permit, please call 801-965-4445

Rev 5/16

Connecticut

State Permit to Carry
Pistols and Revolvers

Permit No: 1031182 Issued: 08/27/18 Expires: 08/28/23 Class: 0

ROBERT J PUTORTI JR

DOB: [REDACTED]

Ht: 5-9 Wt: 300 Race: W



"Safety First - Every gun is a loaded gun"

Pistol Permit Class Codes :

- 0 = Pistol Permit
- 1 = Security Guard Firearms Permit
- 2 = Bail Enforcement Agent Firearms Permit
- 3 = Combination Security Guard/BEA Firearms Permit

Lost or Stolen cards must be reported to DESPP
Special Licensing and Firearms Unit
1111 Country Club Rd.
Middletown, CT 06457
(860) 685-8290



State of New Hampshire
Department of Safety
State Police
NON RESIDENT

Pistol / Revolver License
Permit # 190705

Expires 12/31/2021 Height 5'09" Weight 300
Issued 2/12/2017 Hair Brown Eyes Brown
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ROBERT J. PUTORTI JR

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EXHIBIT 2

The People of the State of New York

FELONY
COMPLAINT

-VS.-

Brandon J. Wood Defendant
DOB [REDACTED]

ACCUSATION

BE IT KNOWN THAT, by this Complaint, I Inv. Frank Hunt, as the complainant herein, stationed at the Whitehall Police Department, accuses Brandon J. Wood, the above named defendant, with having committed the (Class C) FELONY offense of ATTEMPTED ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of section 110 & 120.10 subdivision 01 of the Penal Law of the State of New York.

That on or about the 30TH day of March, 2015 at about 6:43pm in the Village of Whitehall the defendant did intentionally and unlawfully commit the offense of ATTEMPTED ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

FACTS

A person is guilty of attempted assault in the first degree when he engages in conduct which tends to effect the commission of such crime and with intent to cause serious physical injury to another person, he attempts to cause such injury to such person or to a third person by means of a deadly weapon or a dangerous instrument.

TO WIT; the above defendant, Brendon J. Wood, at the aforesaid time and date behind the library off from Williams Street located in Whitehall, Washington County, New York did with intent to cause serious physical injury attempted to cause such injury to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] by attempting to stab [REDACTED] in the throat with a knife, defined as a deadly weapon, or dangerous instrument. All contrary to the provisions of the statute in such case made and provided.

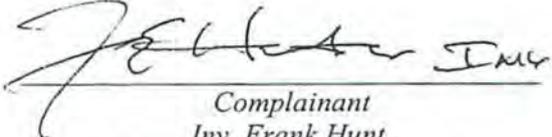
The above allegations of fact are made by the complainant herein upon information and belief with the sources of complainant's information and the grounds for belief being the attached supporting depositions of [REDACTED]

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a Warrant be issued for the arrest of the said Defendant.

NOTICE

In a written instrument, any person who knowingly makes a false statement which such person does not believe to be true has committed a crime under the laws of the State of New York punishable as a class A Misdemeanor.

*Affirmed under penalty of perjury
this 30th day of March 2015.*


Complainant
Inv. Frank Hunt
Whitehall Police Department

The People of the State of New York

FELONY
COMPLAINT

-vs.-

Brandon J. Wood
DOB [REDACTED]

Defendant

ACCUSATION

BE IT KNOWN THAT, by this Complaint, I Officer Kyne, as the complainant herein, stationed at the Whitehall Police Department, accuses Brandon J. Wood, the above named defendant, with having committed the (Class E) FELONY offense of CRIMINAL MISCHIEF IN THE THIRD DEGREE in violation of section 145.05 of the Penal Law of the State of New York.

That on or about the 30th day of March, 2015 at about 6:43pm in the Village of Whitehall the defendant did intentionally, knowingly, and unlawfully commit the offense of CRIMINAL MISCHIEF IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

FACTS

A person is guilty of criminal mischief in the third degree when with intent to damage property of another person, and having no right to do so nor any reason to believe that he had such right, he damages property of another person in an amount exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

TO WIT: The above named defendant, Brandon J. Wood, at the aforesaid date and time did at the library Williams Street, Whitehall, Washington County, New York having no right to do so nor any reasonable ground to believe he had such right did damage property belonging to [REDACTED] consisting of 1995 Nissan 200sx by smashing out the front driver side window, the back driver side window, the rear window and slashing the driver side front and rear tire which is valued at \$251.00.

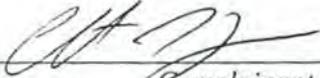
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Complainant

The People of the State of New York

INFORMATION

-VS.-

Brandon J. Wood Defendant
DOB [REDACTED]

ACCUSATION

BE IT KNOWN THAT, by this Information, I Officer Kyne, as the complainant herein, stationed at the Whitehall Police Department, accuses Brandon J. Wood, the above named defendant, with having committed the (Class A) MISDEMEANOR offense of MENACING IN THE SECOND DEGREE in violation of section 120.14 subdivision 01 of the Penal Law of the State of New York.

That on or about the 30th day of March, 2015 at about 6:43pm in the Village of Whitehall the defendant did intentionally, knowingly, and unlawfully commit the offense of MENACING IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

FACTS

A person is guilty of menacing in the second degree when he intentionally places or attempts to place another person in fear of death or imminent serious physical injury or physical injury by displaying a deadly weapon, dangerous instrument, or what appears to be a rifle, shotgun, pistol, revolver, machine gun or other firearm.

TO WIT: The defendant at the aforesaid date and time at the library, Williams Street in the Village of Whitehall, Washington County, New York did intentionally place or attempt to place another person being that of [REDACTED] in fear for her life by displaying a knife and attempted to slash [REDACTED] with that knife.

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Complainant

The People of the State of New York

INFORMATION

-vs.-

Brandon J. Wood Defendant
DOB [REDACTED]

ACCUSATION

BE IT KNOWN THAT, by this Information, I Officer Kyne, as the complainant herein, stationed at the Whitehall Police Department, accuses Brandon J. Wood, the above named defendant, with having committed the (Class A) MISDEMEANOR offense of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree in violation of section 265.01 subdivision 02 of the Penal Law of the State of New York.

That on or about the 30th day of March, 2015 at about 6:43pm in the Village of Whitehall the defendant did intentionally and unlawfully commit the offense of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree.

FACTS

A person is guilty of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree when he possesses any dagger, dangerous knife, dirk, razor, stiletto, imitation pistol, or any other dangerous or deadly instrument or weapon with intent to use the same unlawfully against another:

TO WIT: The above defendant, Brandon J. Wood, at the aforesaid date and time at the Library William Street in Whitehall, Washington County, New York did possess a knife and attempted to stab [REDACTED] with said knife.

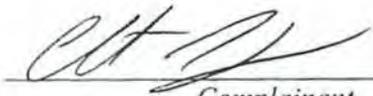
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TO WIT: The defendant at the aforesaid date and time at the library, Williams Street in the Village of Whitehall, Washington County, New York did intentionally place or attempt to place another person being that of [REDACTED] in fear for his life by displaying a knife and attempted to stab [REDACTED] with that knife.

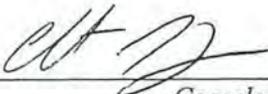
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Complainant

**SUPPORTING DEPOSITION
SEC. - 100.20 CPL**

**State of New York
Village of Whitehall**

**County of Washington
Whitehall Police Department**

On 3/30/2015 at The Whitehall Police Department I, [REDACTED] age ^{32 KH} 31 (D.O.B. [REDACTED]) who resides at [REDACTED] states the following:

That at approximately 5:30 – 6:00pm tonight I was at the Whitehall Recreation Center in Whitehall, NY with [REDACTED]. I think that is her last name but not sure. [REDACTED] and I were parked behind the library sitting in my car, a 1995 Nissan 200sx color teal and black. I was using the library Wi-Fi to get on the internet with my tablet. A car pulled up behind us and I did not know who it was but [REDACTED] told me that it was her husband and that I should leave. I have no idea what her husband's name is but he was dirty faced, tall like 6-4, but scrawny. He was wearing jeans and a flannel shirt I think. He first went over to the passenger side of my car and tried opening the door but it was locked. When he couldn't get in he came around to the driver's and tried opening my door but that was locked also. He starting punching my window and that's when I tried to leave but my car stalled and I couldn't go. [REDACTED]'s husband then pulled a knife out of his pocket and kept jabbing it into my window until he smashed it out. He then lunged into my car and tried to grab my keys from the ignition. He also lunged at me with knife and tried to stab me in the throat but I blocked the knife with my tablet. He finally got my keys out of the ignition and he threw them into the parking lot. [REDACTED] was already out of the car and trying to get him to calm down. I crawled out of the car through the passenger side and went looking for my keys.

While I was looking for my keys, [REDACTED]'s husband smashed out my rear driver's side window with his knife. He went back to his vehicle like he was going to leave but instead got out of his vehicle and went back to my car and smashed out my car back window with his knife. He walked back to his vehicle again but instead of leaving went back to my car and slashed the driver's side front and rear tires with his knife.

[REDACTED]'s husband drove away after he slashed my tires and she called the police.

I had met [REDACTED] on a dating website called Badoo a few days ago. This past Saturday I picked [REDACTED] up in Whitehall and went back to my place in Saratoga. I drove [REDACTED] back to Whitehall the next day and dropped her off at her house at [REDACTED]. I came to Whitehall tonight because I thought that [REDACTED] wanted me too but when I got to Whitehall, [REDACTED] told me that her husband had accessed her Badoo account and had conversations with me pretending to be [REDACTED]

I truly believe that [REDACTED]'s husband tried to kill me tonight by stabbing me with a knife and that he had set the whole thing up by having me come to Whitehall under the pretense that it was [REDACTED] wanting to see me.

Notice: False statements made herein are punishable as a class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal Law.

Sworn to before me this
30th day of Nov 1, 2015

Person Taking Deposition [Signature]

Signatures:

Deponant [REDACTED] 9 25 PM

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EXHIBIT 3



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SPECIAL REPORT



OUR CULTURE OF FIREARMS

“I’ve pulled my gun twice.” Bobby Putorti, a cousin of this reporter, age 46, carries a gun on him at all times. “The first time, I was retrieving a stolen vehicle [with my grandfather], and someone tried to attack [him] to get it back. I pulled out my gun and said ‘You don’t want to lose your life over a car you didn’t pay for.’ The second time was when I was on duty as a judge and someone came running up the bench. I didn’t know what they were going to do, so I pulled it out and said ‘woah, woah, woah, slow down...’”

Putorti became a judge in Whitehall, NY in 2013. It is a tiny town of about 5,000 people, on the border of Vermont. The courthouse is

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located at 57 Skenesborough Drive, and February 2015 was when he was approached at the bench. He explained that there is generally only an officer in the courtroom if there are inmates coming from jail. He could ask for an officer to be with him at all times if he felt he needed it, but he usually could take care of himself. The courtroom has about 15 chairs in it so it was usually pretty calm . There are emergency safety measures in place should a situation arise. In this particular incident, there was just a misunderstanding and nothing came of it; the individual was confused about the situation.

“I carry a gun now because I’m a judge; I send people to jail and you never know how someone will respond to the calls I make. I carry all the time, especially today, because you never know when someone is going to pull out a gun and start shooting people; if I have a gun at home, that’s not doing anybody any good; if it’s on my hip, I can respond immediately,” said Putorti.



Photo: Reba Putorti

Putorti got his NY state pistol permit in 1995 for simple recreational shooting. He owned six guns and was a member of a local range. In 2005 he got his carry/conceal permit and bought ten more guns. Soon after he got a New Hampshire permit because “it was easy and not a lot of work” .

Since then he’s gotten permits in Connecticut, Florida, Utah, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Maine, so now he’s on a quest to get the whole country. With the

reciprocity from state to state, he currently has only 11 states where he cannot carry/conceal. Illinois opened up permits to out of staters so he’s filing the paperwork for that one now, which will also give him Nevada and Minnesota reciprocity. While his dream would be to travel the country and never have to worry, there are a few states he knows he’ll never get. California only offers permits

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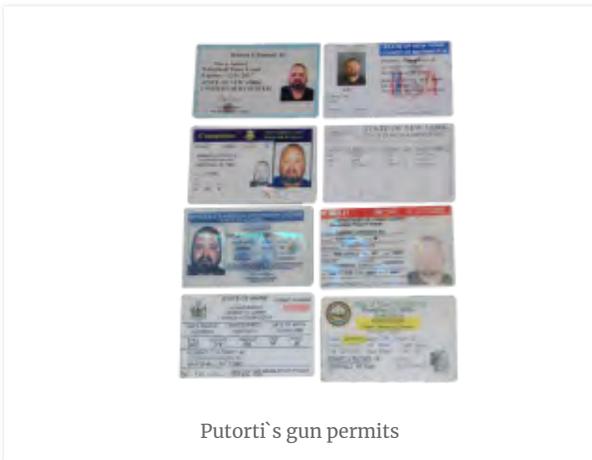
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to residents, and he said he wouldn't consider moving there just to get it. Maryland isn't possible either; no one in Maryland can carry because of the safety of Washington D.C. New Jersey is difficult to get and it's only possible "if you have a lot of money or if you know someone." Oregon is also out of the question.

In April 2015, Putorti and his family took a vacation to the Outer Banks in North Carolina. On their way home they stopped at a convenience store in Virginia at 3:00 a.m. Putorti and his wife, Pam, walked into the store to get some snacks. As they walked around the store, a state trooper came in and approached him saying "How ya doin' tonight, sir?" "Doin' alright" Putorti replied. His wife left and another trooper followed her out. He watched her get into their car with a New York license plate. The trooper went back in and said to the other "They're from New York, it's okay." Going about his business, Putorti paid and left.

When he got into the car his wife said, "You know he was following you around. Do you still have your gun on you?" They both looked at his hip. "You idiot", Pam replied. But it all made sense now. The troopers knew that if he was legal in New York, the reciprocity was legal for Virginia too, so the troopers didn't do anything.

Putorti has been a gun advocate for a long time now. He knows the laws and abides by them. While he may not be in full support of every requirement, he does what he needs to do in order to be safe and legal.



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EXHIBIT 4

MEMO TO FILE

Date: 10/25/18

Re: Hon. Robert Putorti, Whitehall Town Court

1. On 10/23/18 at 7:00 p.m., during the Washington County Magistrates' Association meeting, Hon. Robert Putorti, Whitehall Town Court Justice, disclosed to the other judges present a time when he aimed his pistol at a criminal defendant while on the bench in court. During a regular criminal court session, the judge called a case. The defendant, whom the judge described as a "large black man" came through the crowd and came directly up to the judge within a couple of feet of the judge. He passed the "stop line" where defendants are suppose to stand. There was a police officer at the bench. The judge said he pulled his pistol and told the defendant to move back behind the stop line. The defendant said that he just wanted to talk to the judge. The judge indicated that he would talk to the defendant once he stepped back behind the line. The officer joked that he wondered how quickly the judge to pull his gun.
2. On 10/24/18, Judge Joseph Malvuccio, Ft. Edward Town Court Judge, contacted me and asked if I intended to discuss Judge Putorti's comments with him. I assured Judge Malvuccio that I intended to contact him. I then contacted the district office (Matt Chivers and Kris Singh) to notify the district office of the incident. I contacted the Whitehall Court and requested Judge Putorti to contact me.
3. On 10/25/18, I had a telephone call with Judge Putorti. He advised me that he has an active permit to carry a concealed weapon. He stated that he always carries his pistol with him, even on the bench. He indicated that he raised the question about having a pistol at the bench during judicial training while at the Desmond Inn in Albany, and he was told that he was entitled to have a concealed weapon at the bench. He stated that the bullet is not in the chamber, but it takes him a split second to load. The specific incident took place about 3 years ago. The case has been long since resolved. The defendant was a large black man (Putorti's words), about 6' 9" tall and built like a football player. He called the case and the defendant came running quickly to the bench (slightly different than his recounting of the incident on 10/24/18). There is a line that the defendants are required to stand behind, but the defendant came directly to the bench and was about 2 feet from the judge. There was a police officer standing at the bench for the judge's security, but the officer allowed the defendant to come past the line and directly to the bench. Judge Putorti pulled his hand gun and pointed it at the defendant. Putorti told him to stop, asked him where he was going and told the defendant to move back behind the line. The defendant responded that he just wanted to talk to the judge. Judge Putorti said that he would talk to the defendant once he moved back behind the line. The defendant then moved back and Judge Putorti put his gun back under the bench. The judge said this was the only time he has displayed his gun in court.
 - a. I advised Judge Putorti that, while an ethical opinion (06-51) allows judges to have a gun in court for his/her protection, there is a difference between having a

gun and displaying or using the gun. I told him that displaying or using a gun in court is a very serious issue.

- b. I advised Judge Putorti that his gun can only be used (displayed or pointed at a person) when the Judge reasonably believes it is necessary to defend himself/herself or someone else from the use or imminent use of deadly physical force by the defendant. The gun cannot be displayed just because the defendant is large or whenever a defendant makes the judge feel nervous or uncomfortable. I further advised Judge Putorti that other judges have been disciplined and removed from the bench for improperly displaying or using a gun either inside or outside of court.
 - c. I advised the Judge to have a table installed in front of his bench to create a buffer to prevent the defendants from coming into close (touching) distance to him.
4. On 10/25/18, I contacted the Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics to determine whether Judge Putorti's disclosure of this matter required a complaint to be filed with the Commission on Judicial Contact. I spoke with Laura L. Smith, Esq., Chief Counsel, Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics. Ms. Smith indicated that she did not believe the incident met the 2-prong requirement for mandatory reporting, but that I could write and request a written opinion to obtain an official answer. Ms. Smith indicated that counseling the judge on the issue seemed to be an appropriate response.
5. **PLAN - My planned response to this issue is:**
 - a. Make the written request to the Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics to make sure that the entire Committee agrees that this incident does not require a complaint to be filed with the Commission on Judicial Conduct. If a complaint is required or requested by Judge Caruso, I will file the complaint.
 - b. Prepare a written Counseling Memo for Judge Putorti, which will be signed by the judge. The counseling memo will outline the incident as described by him; obtain assurance that his conceal carry permit is in full force and effect; counsel him on Opinion 06-51; counsel him on the dangers of having a gun in court; counsel him on the possibility of being disciplined for impermissibly displaying or using a weapon, either in or outside of court, by a judge. See: (*In Matter of Sgueglia*, 2012 WL 4341157 (N.Y.Com.Jud.Cond.); *In the Matter of Gloss*, 1993 WL 832122 (N.Y.Com.Jud.Cond.)). I will submit the Counseling Memo to the District Office before sending it to Judge Putorti. Once signed by Judge Putorti, a copy will be provided to the district office.

EXHIBIT 5

MEMORANDUM:

To: Hon. Robert J. Putorti, Justice, Whitehall Town Court
From: Hon. Gary C. Hobbs, Supervising Judge
Dated: February 28, 2019
Subject: Judge's Possession/Display/Use of Firearms in Court

New York State's rules of ethics for judges do not prohibit a judge from carrying a concealed and safeguarded licensed firearm while performing his/her judicial duties on the bench, so long as there are no legal or administrative barriers that would preclude such possession (Opinion 06-51). However, this rule (Opinion 06-51) does not authorize a judge to display, use or threaten the use of a firearm while in the courtroom. To the contrary, judges must "be patient, dignified and courteous" to those who appear before them (22 NYCRR 100.3[B][3]). Improperly, displaying, using or threatening to use a firearm while in the courtroom constitutes a substantial violation of the Rules Governing Judicial Conduct, as such conduct can seriously undermine public confidence in the judiciary and is inconsistent with a Judge's obligation to "respect and comply with the law" (22 NYCRR 100.2[A]) and be "patient, dignified and courteous" to all litigants (22 NYCRR 100.3[B][3]).

Thus, a judge may only display, use or threaten to use a firearm while in the courtroom when the judge reasonably believes it to be necessary to defend himself or someone else from what the judge reasonably believes to be the use or imminent use of deadly physical force by such individual. Otherwise, the judge's firearm should remain concealed at all times while in the courtroom.

Please sign a copy of this Memorandum and return the signed Memorandum to my attention.



Hon. Gary C. Hobbs
Supervising Judge

I have read this Memorandum and I understand the requirements concerning the possession of a concealed weapon in the courtroom and I agree to abide by the rules. I do possess a valid concealed carry permit for my firearm.

Dated: 5-2-19



Hon. Robert J. Putorti

EXHIBIT 6

Tagging

How Tagging Works

What is tagging and how does it work?

When you tag someone, you create a link to their profile. The post you tag the person in may also be added to that person's timeline. For example, you can tag a photo to show who's in the photo or post a status update and say who you're with. If you tag a friend in your status update, anyone who sees that update can click on your friend's name and go to their profile. Your status update may also show up on that friend's timeline.

When you tag someone, they'll be notified. Keep in mind they may also be notified if they have [face recognition turned on](#). Learn more about how to [manage photos on Facebook you haven't been tagged in](#). Also, if you or a friend tags someone in your post, the post could be visible to the audience you selected plus friends of the tagged person. Learn more about what happens when you [create a tag](#).

Tags in photos and posts from people you aren't friends with may appear in timeline review where you can decide if you want to allow them on your timeline. You can also choose to review tags by anyone, including your friends.

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Tag People and Pages

How do I tag people or Pages in photos on Facebook?

You can tag people or Pages in photos you share on Facebook. You can also tag photos others have shared, if their privacy settings allow it.

To tag a photo before you post it:

1. At the top of your News Feed, click **Photo/Video** below **What's on your mind, [Name]?**.
2. Select the photo you want to share.
3. Hover over the photo and click  **Edit** in the top left.
4. Click **Tag Photo**, then click a person in the photo and start typing their name.
5. Select the full name of the person or Page you want to tag when it appears.
6. When you're finished tagging people, click **Save**, then click .
7. Select the audience for your post, then click **Post**.

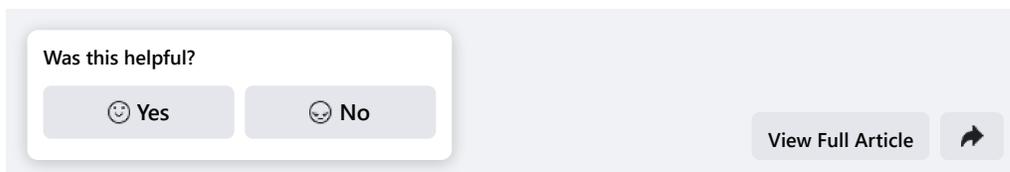
To tag a photo that has already been posted:

1. Click the photo you want to tag.
2. Click  in the top right of the photo.
3. Click the person in the photo and start typing their name.
4. Select the full name of the person or Page you want to tag when it appears.
5. Click **Done Tagging**.

Keep in mind:

- You can tag up to 50 people or Pages in a photo.
- When you tag someone in a photo, that person's friends may also see, like or comment on the photo.
- Your tag may need to be approved by the person you tagged or the person who posted the photo (if it is not yours), depending on their privacy settings for [Timeline Review](#) or [tag review](#).
- You may not see the option to tag people in photos posted by others, depending on their [audience settings](#).

Learn more about [how tagging works](#).



How do I tag other Facebook Pages or people in my Page's photos and videos?

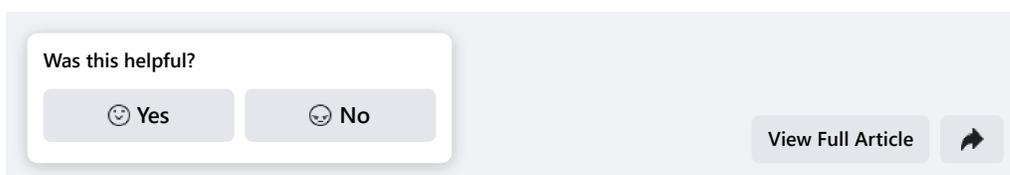
You can tag other Pages in your Page's photos and videos if the Page has [allowed others to tag it](#). You can tag people in your Page's photos and videos if they've liked your Page and are at least 18 years old.

To tag other people or Pages in a photo:

1. From your News Feed, click  **Pages** in the left menu.
2. Go to your Page and click the photo you want to tag.
3. Click  in the top right.
4. Click the person or Page in the photo.
5. Begin typing the person's or Page's name, then select them from the list that appears.
6. Click **Done Tagging** at the bottom.

To tag other people or Pages in a video:

1. From your News Feed, click  **Pages** in the left menu.
2. Go to your Page.
3. Click **Publishing Tools** in the left menu.
4. Click **Video Library** on the left.
5. Hover over the video you want to tag, then click  then click **Edit post**.
6. Below the profile picture of your Page, click .
7. Begin typing the person's or Page's name, then select them from the list that appears.
8. Click **Save**.



When I tag stuff, does the person or Page I tagged know about it?

When you add a tag to something, the tagged person or Page may receive a notification that you tagged them.

Keep in mind that you can [adjust your notification settings](#) to change what you receive notifications about.

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Who Can See Tags

Who can see my photos and photos I'm tagged in on Facebook?

Your photos and the photos you're tagged in are visible to:

- The [audience they're shared with](#).
- The people tagged in the photo.
- [Friends that the people tagged choose to add](#) to the audience.

To adjust who can see photos you've uploaded, change the audience or remove them. If you've been tagged in a photo you don't like, you can [remove the tag](#) or ask the person to take it down.

Keep in mind, photos and posts hidden from your timeline are still visible to these people other places on Facebook, such as in News Feed and search. To see and review posts you've hidden from your timeline, go to your [activity log](#).

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When I tag someone in a post or photo, who can see it?

When you tag someone, that photo or post may be shared with both the person tagged and their friends. This means that if you haven't already included their friends in the audience, their friends may now be able to see it.

For example, if you tag Jane in a photo shared with your friends, the audience expands to Friends (+) to now include your friends and Jane's.

To hide your photo or post from friends of the person tagged:

If you don't want your photo, post or other content to be visible to the friends of the person tagged, you can turn this setting off for each post before or after you post it. To turn off this setting:

1. Go to the photo or post.
2. Click  in the top right.
3. Click [Edit audience](#) in the right menu.
4. Click **Save changes**.

Keep in mind:

The audience also expands to Friends (+) when others tag your post or photo. Learn how to [approve or dismiss tags](#) that friends add to your posts before they appear on Facebook.

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Yes

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When someone adds a tag to a photo or other post I shared, who can see it?

When someone adds a tag to something you shared, it's visible to:

- The audience you chose for the post or photo
- The person tagged in the post and their friends

If you'd like to adjust this visibility, click on the [audience selector](#) next to the story, select **Custom**, and uncheck the **Friends of those tagged** box. You get to review and approve tags from non-friends. You can also review tags that friends add to your posts by turning on [tag review](#).

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Yes

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How do I control who sees posts and photos that I'm tagged in on my Facebook timeline?

To choose who can see posts you've been tagged in after they appear on your timeline:

1. Click in the top right of Facebook.
2. Select **Settings & Privacy**, then click **Settings**.
3. In the left column, click **Profile and Tagging**.
4. Look for the setting **Who can see posts you're tagged in on your profile?** and click **Edit** to the far right.
5. Select the audience of people (such as **Friends**) that you'd like to be able to see the posts you've been tagged in.

You can review photos and posts you're tagged in before they appear on your timeline by turning on [timeline review](#).

Keep in mind, photos and posts you hide from your timeline are visible to the audience they're shared with other places on Facebook, such as in News Feed and Search.

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Yes

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I've hidden tagged photos or posts from my Facebook timeline, but people can still see them.

When you hide a photo or post you're tagged in on your timeline, people won't be able to see it when they visit your timeline. But the photo or post will still be visible to the audience it's shared with in other places on Facebook, such as in News Feed or Search.

Keep in mind:

- The person who uploaded a photo chooses the audience for that photo. If you're tagged in something you don't like, you can [remove the tag](#) or ask the person who posted it to take it down.
- You can also adjust your [timeline and tagging privacy setting](#) to choose the audience who can see the content on your timeline.

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Approve or Remove Tags

Who can tag me and how do I know if someone tags me on Facebook?

Anyone can tag you in photos and other posts. Tags from people you're not friends with may appear in your [timeline review](#), where you can decide if you want to allow them on your timeline. Remember, posts you choose not to allow on your timeline may appear in News Feed and elsewhere on Facebook.

Depending on your settings, you'll receive a notification when someone tags you. You can choose what notifications you receive about tags from your settings.

To choose what notifications you get about tags:

1. Click  in the top right of Facebook.
2. Select **Settings & Privacy**, then click **Settings**.
3. Click **Notifications** in the left column.
4. Click **Tags** to see all your choices.
5. From here, you can:
 - **Choose the audience you want to get notifications from.** Click the circle to the right of the [audience](#) (example: **Anyone** or **Friends**) to select.
 - **Choose how you want to get the notifications.** Click  to the right of **Push, Email** or **SMS** to select. Learn more about [Facebook notifications](#).

You can also choose to review photos friends tag you in before they appear on your timeline by turning on [timeline review](#).

If you don't like something you're tagged in, you can [remove the tag](#) or [ask the person who tagged you to remove the post](#).

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 Yes No

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How do I remove a tag from a photo or post I'm tagged in on Facebook?

If you're having trouble finding the photo or post you'd like to hide, you can use your [activity log](#) to find it.

To remove a tag from a post:

1. Go to the post.
2. Click **...** in the top right.
3. Click **Remove tag**.

To remove a tag from a photo:

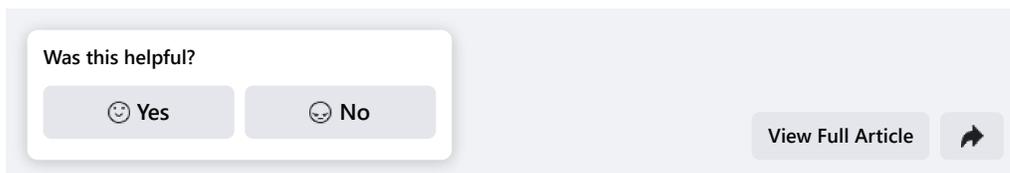
1. Go to the photo.
2. Click **...** in the top right.
3. Select **Remove Tag**.

- Click **OK** to confirm.

When you remove a tag, keep in mind:

- That tag will no longer appear on the post or photo, but that post or photo is still visible to the audience it's shared with.
- People may be able to view the post or photo in places like News Feed or search results.

To remove the post or photo from Facebook, you can [ask the person who posted it to take it down](#).



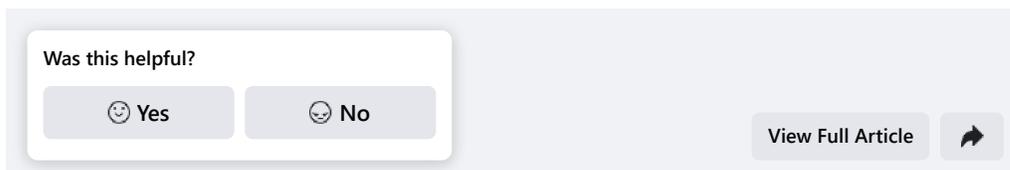
Who can tag me in a location and how will I know if I've been tagged on Facebook? ▲

Anyone can tag you in their posts, including posts with a location tag. You'll see a notification if you've been tagged. If someone you're not friends with tags you, you'll receive a request to approve the tag before it appears on your timeline.

Keep in mind, you can:

- [Remove posts](#) from your timeline.
- [Remove a tag](#) at any time.
- Turn on the option to [review posts](#) before they appear on your timeline.
- Review your [account settings](#) to control who can see posts of you that appear on your timeline.

Learn more about [how sharing your location](#) works.



How can I use Timeline Review to see posts I'm tagged in before they appear on my Facebook timeline? ▲

When a friend tags you in a post on Facebook, it automatically appears on your timeline. If you want to review all posts (including friends' posts) before they appear on your timeline, you need to turn on Timeline Review.

Keep in mind, if someone you're not friends with tags you in a post, you'll be prompted to review it to appear on your timeline, even if you don't have Timeline Review turned on.

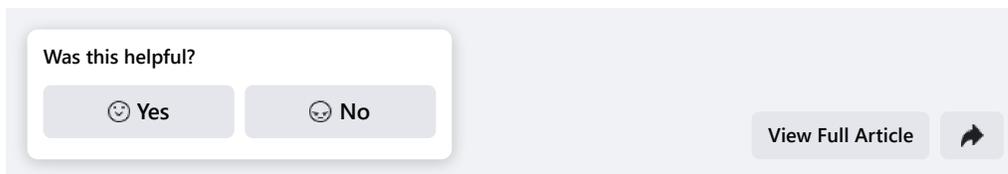
To turn on Timeline Review or review your Timeline Review settings:

- Click  in the top right of Facebook.
- Select **Settings & Privacy**, then click **Settings**.
- In the left column, click **Timeline and Tagging**.
- Look for the setting **Review posts you're tagged in before the post appears on your timeline?** and click **Edit** to the far right.
- Select **Enabled** or **Disabled**.

Note: Timeline Review only controls what's allowed on your timeline. Posts you're tagged in may still appear in Search, News Feed and other places on Facebook.

Timeline Review for legacy contacts:

You can also choose to [add a legacy contact](#) to your account, who looks after your account if it's [memorialized](#). Your legacy contact will be able to turn off Timeline Review so tagged posts can appear in the Tributes section. Learn more about [what legacy contacts can do](#).



How do I view my photos and photos I'm tagged in on Facebook that are shared with a public audience? ▲

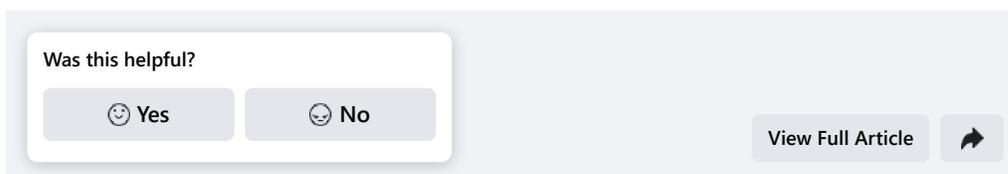
Your [activity log](#) lets you filter your content to see who your photos and photos you're tagged in are shared with, like if they're shared with a [public audience](#).

To see photos that are shared publicly:

1. Click  in the top right of Facebook.
2. Select **Settings & Privacy > Activity Log**.
3. In the top left of your activity log, click **Filter**.
4. Scroll to **Photos & Videos** and click the circle to select.
5. Click **Privacy: See all** and select **Privacy: Public**. You can also see only the photos you've hidden on your timeline by tapping **Visibility: All**, then **Visibility: Hidden**.
6. Click **Save Changes**.

Your photos will appear in the left sidebar. You'll see a list of photos that you've shared publicly and photos that you're tagged in that have been shared publicly.

Keep in mind, photos you've hidden on your timeline are still visible to the audience they're shared with other places on Facebook, such as in News Feed and Search. Learn more about what happens when you [hide something on your timeline](#).



If I'm tagged in a post on Facebook, will my friends be able to see it, even if it wasn't shared with them? ▲

When someone tags you in a post, it will be visible to:

- The [audience selected](#) by the person who made the post.
- The audience you indicate in your [Timeline and Tagging settings](#). You can choose to automatically add your friends, select specific friends or not add anyone to the audience of the post you're tagged in.

To choose your audience for posts you're tagged in:

1. Click  in the top right of Facebook.
2. Select **Settings & Privacy**, then click **Settings**.
3. In the left column, click **Timeline and Tagging**.
4. Look for the setting **When you're tagged in a post, who do you want to add to the audience if they aren't already in it?** and click **Edit** to the far right.
5. Select an audience (example: **Only Me**).

Keep in mind:

- This setting defaults to **Friends**, which means when you're tagged in a post, you and your

friends can see the post, even if they weren't in the original audience.

- The post you're tagged in may be shared with the original audience, as well as the friends you suggest. These people may see it in News Feed, search and other places on Facebook.

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What if I don't like a photo I'm tagged in on Facebook? ▲

If you're not happy with a photo you're tagged in on Facebook, you can [remove the tag](#).

Facebook can't make people remove photos that don't violate our [Terms of Service](#). In addition to removing a tag, here are some things you can do:

- Send a message to the person who tagged you asking them to take it down.
- [Block the person](#) who tagged you, which removes the tag and prevents them from tagging or contacting you on Facebook.
- If the post is abusive, [report it to us](#).

Learn more about [tagging on Facebook](#).

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How do I report an abusive photo on Facebook? ▲

To report a photo that doesn't follow our [Community Standards](#):

1. Click the photo you want to report. If the profile is locked and you can't view the full-sized photo, click **Find Support or Report Photo**.
2. Tap **⋮** in the top right
3. Select **Find support or report photo**.
4. Select the option that best describes the issue and follow the on-screen instructions.

If you don't like a photo you're tagged in, and it doesn't go against our [Community Standards](#), you [have a few options](#).

Learn how to [report other types of content](#).

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Suggested Tags for Photos

What is the face recognition setting on Facebook and how does it work? ▲

How the face recognition setting works:

Face recognition is used to analyze the photos and videos we think you're in on Facebook, such as your profile picture and photos and videos that you've been tagged in, to make a unique number for you, called a template. When you [turn your face recognition setting on](#), we create your template and use it to compare to other photos, videos and other places where the camera is

used (like live video) to recognize if you appear in that content. Keep in mind, we don't share your template with anyone.

Note: The face recognition setting has replaced the tag suggestion setting. Learn more about [this change](#).

How we use your face recognition template:

If you turn this setting on, we'll use your face recognition template in the following types of ways:

- Find photos and video you're in so we can help you review or share content, suggest tags, and provide more relevant content and feature recommendations. For example:
 - We may let you know when you appear in photos or videos but haven't been tagged. You can review these photos in [Photo Review](#).
 - When you add a photo, we may suggest that you tag people in photos. Learn more about [tagging others in photos](#).
 - If we think that you're in a photo or video that your friend has added, we may suggest that your friend tag you. If you'd like to review photos and videos you're tagged in before they appear on your timeline, you can turn on [Timeline Review](#).
- Help protect you and others from impersonation and identity misuse, and improve platform reliability. For example:
 - We may be able to detect if you appear in someone else's profile picture and send you a notification. If you review the profile picture and think someone is impersonating you, you can [report that profile](#).
- Provide accessibility features by telling people with visual impairments who's in a photo or video. Learn more about Facebook's [Automatic Alt Text](#) and [other accessibility options](#).

A few things we do to help give you control:

- If you turn your face recognition setting on, we'll keep your template while your account is active but will delete it if you turn your face recognition setting off.
- We don't share your template with anyone else but you.
- We don't have any face recognition features that tell strangers who you are.
- If you are untagged from a photo or video, we won't use that photo or video as part of the face recognition template to recognize you.
- Face recognition is only available to people who are over 18. People under 18 won't have the face recognition setting.

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How do I turn the face recognition setting on or off for my Facebook account? ▲

When you turn your face recognition setting on, we'll use face recognition technology to analyze photos and videos we think you're in, such as your profile picture and photos you've already been tagged in, to create a template for you. We use your template to recognize you in other photos, videos and other places where the camera is used (like live video) on Facebook. Learn more about your template and [how the face recognition setting works](#) on Facebook.

Keep in mind, the face recognition setting is only available to people who are over 18. People under 18 won't have the face recognition setting.

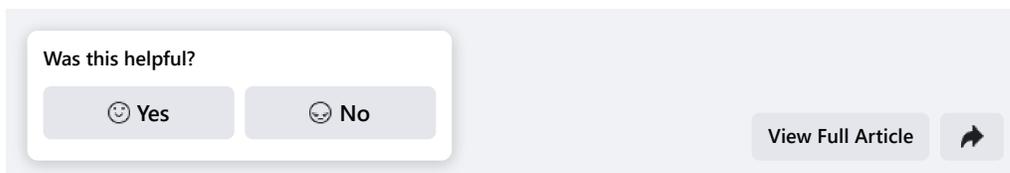
To turn this setting on or off for your account:

1. Click  in the top right of Facebook.
2. Select **Settings & Privacy**, then click **Settings**.

- In the left column, click **Face Recognition**.
- Go to **Do you want Facebook to be able to recognize you in photos and videos?** and click **Edit**.
- Select **Yes** or **No** to confirm your choice.

When you turn this setting off:

- Your Facebook experience won't include us recognizing you. Learn more about [how the face recognition setting works](#).
- We'll delete your face recognition template.
- We won't use face recognition to suggest that people tag you in photos. This means that you'll still be able to be tagged in photos, but we won't suggest tags based on a face recognition template.

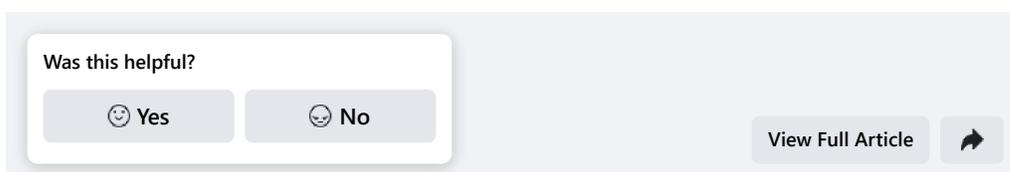


How do I turn tag suggestions on or off for photos of me on Facebook? ▲

If you'd like other people to see tag suggestions for you, you'll need to [turn on your face recognition setting](#). Learn more about the [face recognition setting](#).

Keep in mind:

- The original setting that let you decide if other people see tag suggestions for you (the setting called **Who sees tag suggestions when photos that look like you are uploaded?** which was in your [Timeline and Tagging settings](#)) is no longer available.
- If you're using an old version of Facebook that still has a tag suggestions setting, you and your friends won't see tag suggestions for you until you use a more current version of Facebook where you can turn on the face recognition setting. Learn more about [turning on automatic updates](#) on your Android device.



Can I review photos of me on Facebook that I'm not tagged in? ▲

If you've turned on your [face recognition setting](#), we can help identify if you're in photos that have been added to Facebook but you haven't been tagged in them. We'll add those photos to the **Photo Review** section of your Activity Log for you to review. We may notify you about photos that you're in the audience of, and only you will receive these notifications.

To review photos that you may be in but haven't been tagged in:

- Click  in the top right of Facebook.
- Select **Settings & Privacy > Activity Log**.
- Click **Photo review** in the top left of your Activity Log. From here you can:
 - Click **Tag Yourself** to tag yourself in the photo.
 - Click **Ignore** to leave yourself untagged.
 - Click **Not Me** to let us know if you're not in the photo.
 - Click  and then click **Report Photo** to report the photo to Facebook.

When reviewing your photos in Photo Review, keep in mind:

- We will only look for you in photos if you've [turned on your face recognition setting](#) and you're in the audience of the photo. For example, if your friend shares a photo you're in with their friends but doesn't tag you, we may add that photo to your Photo Review if you've turned on your face recognition setting.
- You aren't tagged in the photos in Photo Review, so they won't appear on your timeline. But the photos will still be visible in other places on Facebook, such as in News Feed or Search, to the [audience they were shared with](#) by the person who originally posted the photo.
- If you tag yourself in the photo, your friends may also be able to see the photo. [Learn more about who can see photos you're tagged in.](#)

If you don't have photos to review:

We're always working to improve our technology, but there are some cases where we won't suggest photos for you to review. These can include situations where:

- We may be unable to determine that you might be in a photo, even if your face recognition setting is turned on. For example, if a photo is too blurry or if only a portion of your face is visible, our face recognition technology may not be able to recognize you.
- Your face recognition setting is off.
- There are no new photos of you to review.

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EXHIBIT 7



Robert Putorti Jr

Add Friend



Intro

Machinery Equipment Operator at Town of Whitehall

Went to Whitehall Junior - Senior High School

From Whitehall, New York

Married

Joined October 2009

Photos

[See All Photos](#)



Robert Putorti Jr

October 24, 2019 ·



I am very humbled by this, I hope to see as many people as I can. Thank you

SPAGHETTI DINNER – BASKET PARTY BENEFIT FOR ROBERT PUTORTI JR.



When: Saturday, Nov 9th
from 4:30 PM – 9 PM.

Where: Whitehall Elks Lodge

Menu: Spaghetti with Meatballs,
Salad, Roll, Dessert

Cost: \$10.00

Also: Basket and Large-Item Raffles (Big Screen TV included)
Drawing at 7:30 PM (No need to be present to Win)



Whitehall Elks Leading Knight and community friend to all, Robert Putorti Jr., was involved in a terrible motorcycle accident on the morning of Saturday, August 31st. He sustained multiple fractures to his right arm, left foot, ribs and spine. He was brought to Glens Falls Hospital and then immediately



Salad, Roll, Dessert



Cost: \$10.00

Also: Basket and Large-Item Raffles (Big Screen TV included) Drawing at 7:30 PM (No need to be present to Win)

Whitehall Elks Leading Knight and community friend to all, Robert Putorti Jr., was involved in a terrible motorcycle accident on the morning of Saturday, August 31st. He sustained multiple fractures to his right arm, left foot, ribs and spine. He was brought to Glens Falls Hospital and then immediately rushed to Albany Medical Center, due to his critical condition. After spending 6 days in Albany Med, he was discharged home, and then on the same day, re-admitted to Rutland Regional Medical Center (RRMC) until September 17th. While at Rutland, Bobby underwent a complicated surgery to his right arm, and recovered from the numerous injuries he had, related to the accident. Unfortunately, Bobby developed post-operative complications/infections related to his arm, and was re-admitted to RRMC for another surgery. He was recently discharged home from RRMC but is requiring long term IV antibiotics to be infused until the end of November. It's been a long, difficult road for Bobby, and continues to be at this time. He's staying positive, and hoping to recover from the terrible injuries that he's been suffering with.

Please Keep Him in Your Prayers!

We Need Your Help!! We are accepting donations and items to raffle off: baskets, gift cards, or large items. Proceeds to go to Bobby and his family. We can't do this without your assistance and attendance! Please Share!!

Thank You Very Much for Your Support!!

Friends

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1,484 friends



Kristy Putorti is with Tommy StClair and 19 others.

October 22, 2019 · 🌐

Just a heads up about an upcoming benefit that is being held for my brother Bobby on November 9th. There will be a Facebook



Robert Putorti Jr

Add Friend



Kristy Putorti is with Tommy StClair and 19 others.

October 22, 2019 ·

Just a heads up about an upcoming benefit that is being held for my brother Bobby on November 9th. There will be a Facebook page with more details, I just wanted to post the flyer now so everyone can lock in the date and hopefully attend the event. There will be food, music and a cash bar. Mostly importantly, you can stop in and say hi to Bobby in person. He is going to try and stay at the event as long as he can.
PLEASE SHARE THIS POST!!!!

20

5 Comments 8 Shares

Like

Comment

Share

Friends

1,484 friends

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Angel LaRosa



Brittney Putorti



Reba Putorti



Anne Wilcox

We are sorry, we are going to miss this, we will be in Florida.

We want to wish you a speedy recovery. If you need some sunshine, you are welcome to come down!!

You are all in our thoughts and prayers

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Darlene Treadway



Robert Putorti Jr

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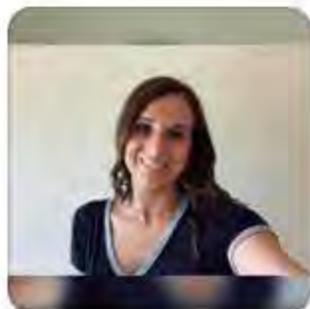
Bob Putorti



Michael Putorti



Mike Putorti



Reba Putorti

we want to wish you a speedy recovery. If you need some sunshine, you are welcome to come down!!
You are all in our thoughts and prayers

Like · Reply · 1y



Darlene Treadway

We also will be in Florida until November 16th- hope all goes well

Like · Reply · 1y



Jackie Higgins VanDerwarker

We plan to be there Bobby.

Like · Reply · 1y



Robert Putorti Jr

Thank you All

Like · Reply · 1y



Kimberly VanDerwarker Wing

I will be away but will be sending you guys all kinds of love ❤️

Like · Reply · 1y

EXHIBIT 8



Robert Putorti Jr

+ Add Friend



Robert Putorti Jr

July 20 · 🌐



Come support our lodge everyone, we're trying to keep the doors open, because of the COVID-19, we need all your help to bring in some revenue. We help support the communities around us with various fundraisers, but now we need yours!! Thank you!

WILL YOU...



FIND HER?

Friends

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1,484 friends



Brittney Putorti



Mikey Prendo



Pam Putorti



Bob Putorti



Reba Putorti



Rebecca Putorti



Angel LaRose



Kristy Putorti



Michael Putorti

Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491

July 20 · 🌐

👩🏻❤️ QUEEN OF HEARTS IS BACK!!

This Saturday, July 25th, drawing is at 6:00PM. Tickets sold at the Lodge \$1/ticket 🍷🍷🍷🍷

-ALSO-

Drinks will now be served in glass cups 🍷🍷

🇺🇸 See you there, please come out and support your Lodge 🦌

👍 3

2 Shares

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➦ Share

EXHIBIT 9



Robert Putorti Jr

Add Friend



Photos

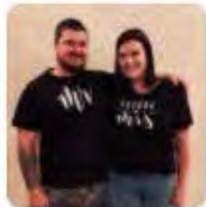
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Angel LaRose



Kristy Putorti



Michael Putorti



Robert Putorti Jr

August 8 · 🌐



Come out and support our lodge, help us so we can give back to the people in the communities around us!



Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491

August 7 · 🌐

🗣️ Elks BBQ TOMORROW!

👤 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 👤

📍 Whitehall's Elks Lodge 1491 cordially invites you tomorrow, Saturday August 8th 14



Robert Putorti Jr

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Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491

August 7 · 🌐

👤 Elks BBQ TOMORROW!

👤 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 🧑

📍 Whitehall's Elks Lodge 1491 cordially invites you tomorrow, Saturday August 8th 14

🍗 \$12 will get you half a BBQ chicken, baked potato, baked beans, roll and dessert

🍗 Meals will be served from noon until they are sold out. 🍗

👍 3

2 Shares

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EXHIBIT 10



Robert Putorti Jr

Add Friend



Photos

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Mikey Prendo



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Bob Putorti



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Rebecca Putorti



Robert Putorti Jr

September 9 · 🌐



Come out for some good food and help support the lodge!



Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491

September 8 · 🌐

🍷 Thirsty Thursday this week (September 10th):

Cheeseburger with french fries and select drink!

🍔 🍟 🍷 \$7

See everyone there, come support your Lodge 🐇



👍 1

2 Shares

👍 Like

💬 Comment

➦ Share

EXHIBIT 11



Robert Putorti Jr

Add Friend



Intro

- Machinery Equipment Operator at Town of Whitehall
- Went to Whitehall Junior - Senior High School
- From Whitehall, New York
- Married
- Joined October 2009

Photos

[See All Photos](#)



Friends

1,484 friends

[See All Friends](#)



Brittney Putorti



Mikey Prendo



Pam Putorti



Robert Putorti Jr

September 11 · 🌐



I hope everyone can attend our last chicken bbq for the season, we're also having my homemade Italian Sausage, hot and sweet! But, we're in need of plastic bags for Togo's. Anyone with extra bags, can drop them off across from Cumberland farm in the morning! Thank you



Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491

September 9 · 🌐

This Saturday, September 12 the [Whitehall Elks](#) will host a chicken BBQ as we regularly do BUT we will have the option of homemade sausage, peppers and onions!



Robert Putorti Jr

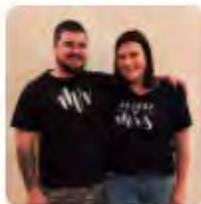
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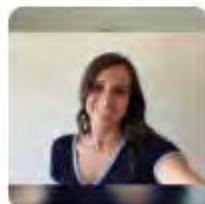
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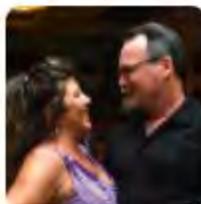
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Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491

September 9 · 🌐

This Saturday, September 12 the [Whitehall Elks](#) will host a chicken BBQ as we regularly do BUT we will have the option of homemade sausage, peppers and onions!

Regular Chicken BBQ meal \$12

Sausage, Peppers and Onions meal \$12

Sausage, Peppers and Onions alone \$8

Volunteers ALWAYS needed.

Serving will start at noon.



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3 Comments 2 Shares



Like



Comment



Share



Brian Greene

Starts at 12 ? Coming up for the sweet sausage

Like · Reply · 7w



Rich Morin

I wish I wasn't 2k miles away. It looks great.

Like · Reply · 7w



Luke Gimmler

Chicken was delicious

Like · Reply · 7w

EXHIBIT 12



Robert Putorti Jr

+ Add Friend



Robert Putorti Jr

September 16 · 🌐

Something a little different tomorrow, come down and join us for dinner, help support our lodge! We're doing much better, let's keep it going!!



Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491

September 16 · 🌐

THIRSTY THURSDAY: September 17th at 5:30PM

Grilled cheese or grilled ham and cheese with french fries and select drink \$7 🍷🍷🍷

See you there, come support your lodge 🇺🇸🇺🇸

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Mikey Prendo
I'm hungry brother..lol

Like · Reply · 7w



Robert Putorti Jr
Mikey Prendo haha, when aren't you hungry Bigboy!!

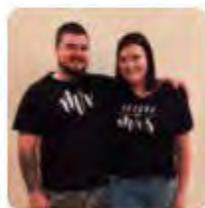
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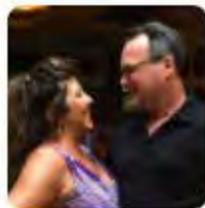
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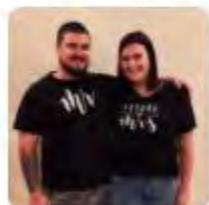
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Like · Reply · 7w · Edited

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Mikey Prendo
Robert Putorti Jr

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Like · Reply · 7w



Rocco Losavio
to bad that isnt tonight

Like · Reply · 7w

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Photos

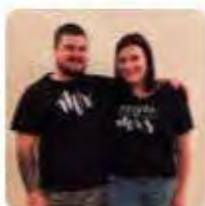
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Brittney Putorti



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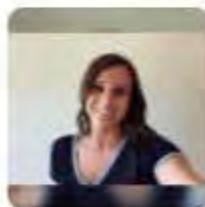
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Kristy Putorti



Michael Putorti



Robert Putorti Jr

September 22 · 🌐

...

It's my slow smoked pulled pork, hope you all can enjoy!



Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491

September 22 · 🌐

🍹 THIRSTY THURSDAY!

Thirsty Thursday has been a great success. We have had a nice turn out thanks to you all! Let's keep it going! 🍷

This Thursday: Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, French Fries and select drink

🍷 🍷 \$7.00

🕒 Serving starts at 5:30

See everyone at the Lodge 🇺🇸 🇺🇸

EXHIBIT 14



Robert Putorti Jr

+ Add Friend



To see what he shares with friends, send him a friend request.

Intro

Machinery Equipment Operator at Town of Whitehall

Went to Whitehall Junior - Senior High School

From Whitehall, New York

Married

Joined October 2009

Photos

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Robert Putorti Jr

October 5 at 6:36 PM · 🌐



Come join us Thursday, I'm making Hot and Sweet Sausage for everyone to enjoy! Please remember your masks and that all Covid-19 rules apply! Thanks for your support!



Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491

October 5 at 5:51 PM · 🌐

THIRSTY THURSDAY!

Let's keep Thirsty Thursday successful, it's been going really well thanks to you 🍷

This Thursday: ER Bobby's Homemade Sausage, Peppers, Onions in a roll with French Fries and select drink 🍷 🍷 \$8.00

Serving starts at 5:30

See everyone at the Lodge 🇺🇸 🇺🇸

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2 Shares

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Comment



Share

EXHIBIT 15



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November 12, 2020

NOTICE

The Commission has adopted a temporary procedure during the coronavirus pandemic regarding inquiry letters to judges. We are initially sending this letter to you as a PDF attachment in an email to your official court system email address. We ask that you acknowledge receipt of this email and attachment by “reply” email. If we do not receive such an acknowledgement within seven days, we will send a “hard copy” of the letter to your home via US mail, UPS or other carrier.

As to your substantive response to this letter, we prefer that you do so in the form of a letter attached to a reply email to the Commission at alb@cjc.ny.gov. However, we will accept a reply typed into an email message, faxed to (518) 299-1757, or mailed by US mail, UPS or other carrier.

Should you retain counsel, further communications from the Commission will be through counsel, who should contact the Commission promptly by email.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Hon. Robert J. Putorti, Jr.
Whitehall Town and Village Justice
72 County Route 9
Whitehall, New York 12887

Re: File No. 2020/A-0247

Dear Judge Putorti:

Pursuant to Article 2-A of the Judiciary Law, the Commission on Judicial Conduct is investigating a complaint alleging that, on your personal Facebook page, you solicited funds benefiting the Whitehall Elks Lodge and yourself.

Enclosed is a copy of the Administrator’s Complaint. Also enclosed are screenshots of posts from the Facebook page of “Robert Putorti Jr.” For your reference, the Rules Governing Judicial Conduct, the Commission’s Operating

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Procedures and Rules, the Commission's Policy Manual and other documents are available on the Commission's website.¹

The Commission requests your written response to the allegations. In your letter, please include answers to the questions below and number your responses to correspond to the questions. Please note that, pursuant to Section 2.6(D)(3) of the Commission's Policy Manual, if your written reply is submitted by counsel, you must co-sign or submit a separate statement indicating that you have read and adopt it.

1. Does the Facebook page titled "Robert Putorti Jr," which is depicted in the enclosed screenshots of Facebook posts, belong to you? Assuming it does, please answer the following questions pertaining to this Facebook account.

2. Do you use this Facebook page for personal, official, business or other purposes? Please explain your use of your Facebook page, in detail.

3. Are you a member of the Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491? If so, please answer the following questions.

A. How long you have been a member?

B. What, if any leadership positions have you held in the past?

C. What, if any, leadership positions do you currently hold?

D. Are you now, or have you ever previously been, the "Exalted Ruler" of Lodge #1491? If so, please state when and how you assumed this position and describe in detail the duties, responsibilities and privileges of that role.

4. Directing your attention to the enclosed Facebook post dated October 24, 2019, did you share a post by Kristy Putorti regarding an invitation to a "Spaghetti Dinner – Basket Party Benefit for Robert Putorti Jr."? If so, please answer the following questions.

A. What was the purpose of this event? In particular, was it a benefit to raise money for you and/or your family?

¹ <http://www.cjc.ny.gov/Legal.Authorities/legal.authorities.htm>

- B. Who organized and ran the event?
- C. Why did you share this post on your Facebook page? If you shared it in order to raise money for yourself and/or your family, please explain why.
- D. Did you write on your Facebook page, in reference to Kristy Putorti's post about the event, "I am very humbled by this, I hope to see as many people as I can. Thank you"? If so, please explain why you wrote that post and what you meant by it.
- E. Did you attend the event?
- F. Approximately how many people attended the event?
- G. Were any of the attendees attorneys or litigants who have appeared before you, or at the time were scheduled to appear before you? If so, please identify each such person by name and professional title.
- H. Was anyone who provided a donation and/or raffle items for the event an attorney or litigant who appeared before you, or who at the time was scheduled to appear before you? If so, please identify each such person by name and professional title.
- I. How much money did you and/or your family ultimately receive from the event?
- J. Did you and/or your family receive any goods or services that were donated to the event? If so, please describe all such goods and/or services.

5. Directing your attention to the enclosed Facebook post dated July 20, 2020, did you share a post by Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491 advertising a "Queen of Hearts" drawing and write, "Come support our lodge everyone, we're trying to keep the doors open, because of the COVID-19, we need all your help to bring in some revenue. We help support the communities around us with various fundraisers, but now we need yours!! Thank you!?" If so, please answer the following questions.

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- A. What was the purpose of “Queen of Hearts” event? In particular, was one of its purposes to raise money for the Whitehall Elks Lodge?
- B. Why did you share the post on your Facebook page and write, “Come support our lodge, everyone . . . we need all your help to bring in some revenue”?
- C. What role did you play in organizing and running the event?
- D. Were any of the attendees attorneys or litigants who have appeared before you, or at the time were scheduled to appear before you? If so, please identify each such person by name and professional title.
- E. Was anyone who provided a donation for the event an attorney or litigant who appeared before you, or who at the time was scheduled to appear before you? If so, please identify each such person by name and professional title.
- F. How much money did the Whitehall Elks Lodge raise as a result of this event? Please provide the Lodge’s financial records of this event with your response to this letter.

6. Directing your attention to the enclosed Facebook post dated August 8, 2020, did you share a post by Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491 advertising an “Elks BBQ” event and write, “Come out and support our lodge, help us so we can give back to the people in the communities around us!”? If so, please answer the following questions.

- A. What was the purpose of the “Elks BBQ” event? In particular, was one of its purposes to raise money for the Whitehall Elks Lodge?
- B. Why did you share the post on your Facebook page and write, “Come out and support our lodge....”?
- C. What role did you play in organizing and running the event?
- D. Were any of the attendees attorneys or litigants who have appeared before you, or at the time were scheduled to appear

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before you? If so, please identify each such person by name and professional title.

- E. Was anyone who provided a donation for the event an attorney or litigant who appeared before you, or who at the time was scheduled to appear before you? If so, please identify each such person by name and professional title.
- F. How much money did the Whitehall Elks Lodge raise as a result of this event? Please provide the Lodge's financial records of this event with your response to this letter.

7. Directing your attention to the enclosed Facebook post dated September 9, 2020, did you share a post by Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491 advertising a "Thirsty Thursday" event and write, "Come out for some good food and help support the lodge!"? If so, please answer the following questions.

- A. What was the purpose of the "Thirsty Thursday" event? In particular, was one of its purposes to raise money for the Whitehall Elks Lodge?
- B. Why did you share the post on your Facebook page and write, "Come out for some good food and help support our lodge!"?
- C. What role did you play in organizing and running the event?
- D. Were any of the attendees attorneys or litigants who have appeared before you, or at the time were scheduled to appear before you? If so, please identify each such person by name and professional title.
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- F. How much money did the Whitehall Elks Lodge raise as a result of this event? Please provide the Lodge's financial records of this event with your response to this letter.

8. Directing your attention to the enclosed Facebook post dated September 11, 2020, did you share a post by Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491

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advertising a “chicken BBQ” event and write, “I hope everyone can attend our last chicken bbq for the season....”? If so, please answer the following questions.

- A. What was the purpose of the “chicken BBQ” event? In particular, was one of its purposes to raise money for the Whitehall Elks Lodge?
- B. Why did you share the post on your Facebook page and invite people to attend?
- C. What role did you play in organizing and running the event?
- D. Were any of the attendees attorneys or litigants who have appeared before you, or at the time were scheduled to appear before you? If so, please identify each such person by name and professional title.
- E. Was anyone who provided a donation for the event an attorney or litigant who appeared before you, or who at the time was scheduled to appear before you? If so, please identify each such person by name and professional title.
- F. How much money did the Whitehall Elks Lodge raise as a result of this event? Please provide the Lodge’s financial records pertaining to his event with your response to this letter.

9. Directing your attention to the enclosed Facebook post dated September 16, 2020, did you share a post by Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491 advertising a “Thirsty Thursday” event and write, “Something a little different tomorrow, come down and join us for dinner, help support our lodge! We’re doing much better, let’s keep it going!!” If so, please answer the following questions.

- A. What was the purpose of the “Thirsty Thursday” event? In particular, was one of its purposes to raise money for the Whitehall Elks Lodge?
- B. Why did you share the post on your Facebook page and write, “come down and join us for dinner, help support our lodge!”?
- C. What role did you play in organizing and running the event?

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- D. Were any of the attendees attorneys or litigants who have appeared before you, or at the time were scheduled to appear before you? If so, please identify each such person by name and professional title.
- E. Was anyone who provided a donation for the event an attorney or litigant who appeared before you, or who at the time was scheduled to appear before you? If so, please identify each such person by name and professional title.
- F. How much money did the Whitehall Elks Lodge raise as a result of this event? Please provide the Lodge's financial records pertaining to this event with your response to this letter.

10. Directing your attention to the enclosed Facebook post dated September 22, 2020, did you share a post by Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491 advertising a "Thirsty Thursday" event and write, "It's my slow smoked pulled pork, hope you all can enjoy!"? If so, please answer the following questions.

- A. What was the purpose of the "Thirsty Thursday" event? In particular, was one of its purposes to raise money for the Whitehall Elks Lodge?
- B. Why did you share the post on your Facebook page and invite people to the event?
- C. What role did you play in organizing and running the event?
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- E. Was anyone who provided a donation for the event an attorney or litigant who appeared before you, or who at the time was scheduled to appear before you? If so, please identify each such person by name and professional title.
- F. How much money did the Whitehall Elks Lodge raise at this event? Please provide the Lodge's financial records pertaining to his event with your response to this letter.

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11. Directing your attention to the enclosed Facebook post dated October 5, 2020, did you share a post by Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491 advertising a “Thirsty Thursday” event and write, “Come join us Thursday, I’m making Hot and Sweet Sausage for everyone to enjoy! Please remember your masks and that all Covid-19 rules apply! Thanks for yours support!”? If so, please answer the following questions.

- A. What was the purpose of the “Thirsty Thursday” event? In particular, was one of its purposes to raise money for the Whitehall Elks Lodge?
- B. Why did you share the post on your Facebook page, invite people to the event and thank them for their “support”?
- C. What role did you play in organizing and running the event?
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- F. How much money did the Whitehall Elks Lodge raise as a result of this event? Please provide the Lodge’s financial records pertaining to this event with your response to his letter.

12. Were each of the above Facebook posts publicly viewable on your Facebook page? If not, please describe the privacy settings you placed as to these posts.

13. Do you consider that your conduct was consistent with Section 100.2(C) of the Rules Governing Judicial Conduct (“Rules”), which prohibits a judge from lending the prestige of judicial office to advance the private interests of the judge or others?

14. Do you consider that your conduct was consistent with Section 100.4(C)(3)(b)(i) of the Rules, which prohibits a judge from personally

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participating in the solicitation of funds or other fundraising activities of an educational, religious, charitable, cultural, fraternal or civic organization?

Please feel free to include any relevant information or material that you wish the Commission to consider in connection with this matter.

Please respond in writing to this inquiry by November 24, 2020. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Cathleen S. Cenci
Deputy Administrator

Enclosures

cc: S. Peter Pedrotty

VIA EMAIL TO: [REDACTED]@NYCOURTS.GOV

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMPLAINT

In the Matter of: Robert J. Putorti
Whitehall Village Court
Whitehall Town Court
Washington County

Complaint #2020/A-0247

Statutory Authorization

This complaint is filed at the direction of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct in compliance with Section 44, subdivision 2, of the Judiciary Law and is intended to serve as the basis for an investigation. In accordance with Section 44, subdivision 3, in the event that the above-named judge is required to appear before the Commission or any of its members or staff, this complaint will be served at the time the judge is notified in writing of the required appearance.

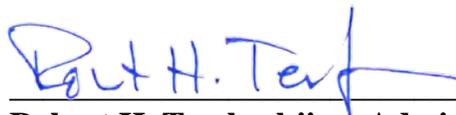
This complaint is not an accusatory instrument. It provides a basis to commence an investigation. Thus, a judge under investigation may be required to reply to other allegations in addition to those set forth below.

Complaint

Based upon the attached Facebook posts, it is alleged that Judge Putorti lent the prestige of his judicial office and personally participated in soliciting funds for the Whitehall Elks Lodge, of which he is a member, and a fundraising dinner benefiting himself, by sharing and commenting on several Facebook posts advertising the fundraisers dating from October 2019 through October 2020.

New York, New York

Date Signed: November 10, 2020



Robert H. Tembeckjian, Administrator

Authorized on November 9, 2020



Robert Putorti Jr

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Intro

Machinery Equipment Operator at Town of Whitehall

Went to Whitehall Junior - Senior High School

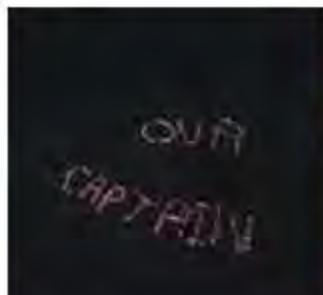
From Whitehall, New York

Married

Joined October 2009

Photos

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Robert Putorti Jr

October 24, 2019 ·



I am very humbled by this, I hope to see as many people as I can. Thank you

SPAGHETTI DINNER – BASKET PARTY BENEFIT FOR ROBERT PUTORTI JR.



When: Saturday, Nov 9th
from 4:30 PM – 9 PM.

Where: Whitehall Elks Lodge

Menu: Spaghetti with Meatballs,
Salad, Roll, Dessert

Cost: \$10.00

Also: Basket and Large-Item Raffles (Big Screen TV included)
Drawing at 7:30 PM (No need to be present to Win)



Whitehall Elks Leading Knight and community friend to all, Robert Putorti Jr., was involved in a terrible motorcycle accident on the morning of Saturday, August 31st. He sustained multiple fractures to his right arm, left foot, ribs and spine. He was brought to Glens Falls Hospital and then immediately



Salad, Roll, Dessert



Cost: \$10.00

Also: Basket and Large-Item Raffles (Big Screen TV included) Drawing at 7:30 PM (No need to be present to Win)

Whitehall Elks Leading Knight and community friend to all, Robert Putorti Jr., was involved in a terrible motorcycle accident on the morning of Saturday, August 31st. He sustained multiple fractures to his right arm, left foot, ribs and spine. He was brought to Glens Falls Hospital and then immediately rushed to Albany Medical Center, due to his critical condition. After spending 6 days in Albany Med, he was discharged home, and then on the same day, re-admitted to Rutland Regional Medical Center (RRMC) until September 17th. While at Rutland, Bobby underwent a complicated surgery to his right arm, and recovered from the numerous injuries he had, related to the accident. Unfortunately, Bobby developed post-operative complications/infections related to his arm, and was re-admitted to RRMC for another surgery. He was recently discharged home from RRMC but is requiring long term IV antibiotics to be infused until the end of November. It's been a long, difficult road for Bobby, and continues to be at this time. He's staying positive, and hoping to recover from the terrible injuries that he's been suffering with.

Please Keep Him in Your Prayers!

We Need Your Help!! We are accepting donations and items to raffle off: baskets, gift cards, or large items. Proceeds to go to Bobby and his family. We can't do this without your assistance and attendance! Please Share!!

Thank You Very Much for Your Support!!

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1,484 friends



Kristy Putorti is with Tommy StClair and 19 others.

October 22, 2019 · 🌐

Just a heads up about an upcoming benefit that is being held for my brother Bobby on November 9th. There will be a Facebook



Robert Putorti Jr

Add Friend



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October 22, 2019 ·

Just a heads up about an upcoming benefit that is being held for my brother Bobby on November 9th. There will be a Facebook page with more details, I just wanted to post the flyer now so everyone can lock in the date and hopefully attend the event. There will be food, music and a cash bar. Mostly importantly, you can stop in and say hi to Bobby in person. He is going to try and stay at the event as long as he can.
PLEASE SHARE THIS POST!!!!

20

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Angel LaRosa



Brittney Putorti



Reba Putorti



Anne Wilcox

We are sorry, we are going to miss this, we will be in Florida.

We want to wish you a speedy recovery. If you need some sunshine, you are welcome to come down!!

You are all in our thoughts and prayers

Like · Reply · 1y



Darlene Treadway



Robert Putorti Jr

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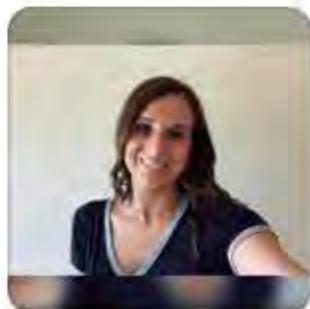
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Darlene Treadway

We also will be in Florida until November 16th- hope all goes well

Like · Reply · 1y



Jackie Higgins VanDerwarker

We plan to be there Bobby.

Like · Reply · 1y



Robert Putorti Jr

Thank you All

Like · Reply · 1y



Kimberly VanDerwarker Wing

I will be away but will be sending you guys all kinds of love ❤️

Like · Reply · 1y



Robert Putorti Jr

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Robert Putorti Jr

July 20 · 🌐



Come support our lodge everyone, we're trying to keep the doors open, because of the COVID-19, we need all your help to bring in some revenue. We help support the communities around us with various fundraisers, but now we need yours!! Thank you!

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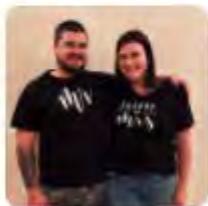


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Michael Putorti

Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491

July 20 · 🌐

👩🏻‍❤️‍👩🏻‍👩🏻‍👩🏻‍👩🏻 QUEEN OF HEARTS IS BACK!!

This Saturday, July 25th, drawing is at 6:00PM. Tickets sold at the Lodge \$1/ticket 🍷🍷🍷🍷

-ALSO-

Drinks will now be served in glass cups 🍷🍷

🇺🇸 See you there, please come out and support your Lodge 🦌

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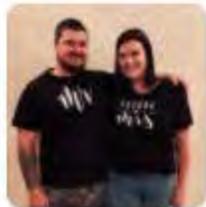
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August 8 · 🌐



Come out and support our lodge, help us so we can give back to the people in the communities around us!



Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491

August 7 · 🌐

🗣️ Elks BBQ TOMORROW!

👤 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 👤

📍 Whitehall's Elks Lodge 1491 cordially invites you tomorrow, Saturday August 8th 14



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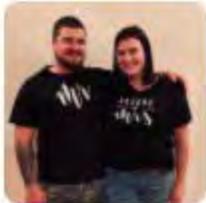
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📍 Whitehall's Elks Lodge 1491 cordially invites you tomorrow, Saturday August 8th 14

🍗 \$12 will get you half a BBQ chicken, baked potato, baked beans, roll and dessert

🍗 Meals will be served from noon until they are sold out. 🍗

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September 9 · 🌐



Come out for some good food and help support the lodge!



Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491

September 8 · 🌐

🍷 Thirsty Thursday this week (September 10th):

Cheeseburger with french fries and select drink!

🍔 🍟 🍷 \$7

See everyone there, come support your Lodge 🐇



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- Joined October 2009

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September 11 · 🌐



I hope everyone can attend our last chicken bbq for the season, we're also having my homemade Italian Sausage, hot and sweet! But, we're in need of plastic bags for Togo's. Anyone with extra bags, can drop them off across from Cumberland farm in the morning! Thank you



Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491

September 9 · 🌐

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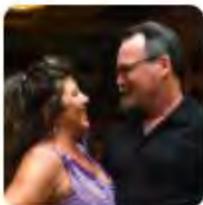
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Regular Chicken BBQ meal \$12

Sausage, Peppers and Onions meal \$12

Sausage, Peppers and Onions alone \$8

Volunteers ALWAYS needed.

Serving will start at noon.



👍 9

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Brian Greene

Starts at 12 ? Coming up for the sweet sausage

Like · Reply · 7w



Rich Morin

I wish I wasn't 2k miles away. It looks great.

Like · Reply · 7w



Luke Gimmler

Chicken was delicious

Like · Reply · 7w



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Robert Putorti Jr

September 16 · 🌐

Something a little different tomorrow, come down and join us for dinner, help support our lodge! We're doing much better, let's keep it going!!



Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491

September 16 · 🌐

THIRSTY THURSDAY: September 17th at 5:30PM

Grilled cheese or grilled ham and cheese with french fries and select drink \$7 🍷🍷🍷

See you there, come support your lodge 🇺🇸

👍 7

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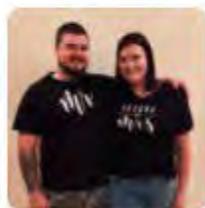
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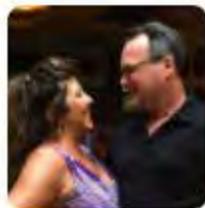
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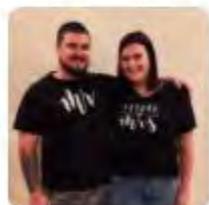
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Rocco Losavio
to bad that isnt tonight

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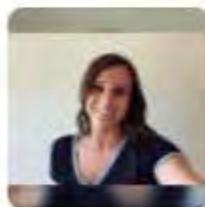
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September 22 · 🌐

More options icon

It's my slow smoked pulled pork, hope you all can enjoy!



Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491

September 22 · 🌐

🍹 THIRSTY THURSDAY!

Thirsty Thursday has been a great success. We have had a nice turn out thanks to you all! Let's keep it going! 🍷

This Thursday: Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, French Fries and select drink

🍷 🍷 \$7.00

🕒 Serving starts at 5:30

See everyone at the Lodge 🇺🇸 🇺🇸



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To see what he shares with friends, send him a friend request.

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Machinery Equipment Operator at Town of Whitehall

Went to Whitehall Junior - Senior High School

From Whitehall, New York

Married

Joined October 2009

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Robert Putorti Jr

October 5 at 6:36 PM · 🌐



Come join us Thursday, I'm making Hot and Sweet Sausage for everyone to enjoy! Please remember your masks and that all Covid-19 rules apply! Thanks for your support!



Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491

October 5 at 5:51 PM · 🌐

THIRSTY THURSDAY!

Let's keep Thirsty Thursday successful, it's been going really well thanks to you 🍷

This Thursday: ER Bobby's Homemade Sausage, Peppers, Onions in a roll with French Fries and select drink 🍷 🍷 \$8.00

Serving starts at 5:30

See everyone at the Lodge 🇺🇸 🇺🇸

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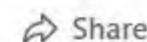


EXHIBIT 16

New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct

Hon. Robert J. Putorti, Jr.

December 2, 2020

Response to the Allegations:

1. Yes.
2. I only use this Facebook page for personal use, and I have shared a few of the Elk's postings.
3. Yes.
 - 3a. I have been a member of Whitehall Elks Lodge for 28 years.
 - 3b. Esteemed Lecturing Knight- 4/1/2017-4/1/2018
Esteemed Loyal Knight- 4/1/2018-4/1/2019
Esteemed Leading Knight- 4/1/2019-4/1/2020
Exalted Ruler- 4/1/2020- Present
Prior to 2017, I was a member
 - 3c. Exalted Ruler at Lodge #1491
 - 3d. Yes, see 3b and 3c.
I assumed this position on April 1, 2020. I was elected by the membership. The Elks Lodge is a benevolent organizations; a not for profit organization. I am the chief executive operator of the Local Lodge. I delegate responsibilities to other members, who handle different areas. We provide charitable events like Toys for Tots, and any other events to help people in the community or surroundings communities who need hlep. We also do a lot for Veteran programs.
4. Yes.
 - 4a. Yes.
 - 4b. Michael Rocque and Kristy Putorti
 - 4c. My reason for sharing the post was to have people come and see me. It was not about the money. I wanted to see the people. I was injured in a near death, horrific motorcycle accident, on August 31, 2019, on my way to a morning CAP to carry out my Judicial duties. I was seriously injured. My injuries included a shattered and dislocated right arm, 8 broken ribs, 3 broken vertebrae in my back, my left ankle was broken. 3 bones in my foot broke, my right knee was torn apart, and I had a massive concussion. I also had internal bleeding. I was in the hospital for 34 days, and then transferred to home care. As a result of my injuries I lost my job in the Town of Whitehall, where I had been working with Whitehall Highway Department for 30 years. I also have not been able to drive school bus for Whitehall or Granville. I continue to suffer from my injuries to this day.

- 4d. Yes. I wrote that because I wanted to see my friends and family.
 - 4e. Yes.
 - 4f. I would say over 500 people.
 - 4g. No one
 - 4h. No one. But I also was not sitting on the Bench from August 31, 2019 until January 13, 2020, due to my injuries.
 - 4i. \$9,400 was received, which was held at all times by Kristy Putorti and Michael Rocque for payment of my medical bills. My insurance had a \$1,000 deductible per hospital. I went to the Glens Falls Hospital Emergency Room, Albany Medical Hospital, and Rutland Hospital (Twice), with each time incurring a \$1,000 deductible. These deductibles are what prompted my sister to do the fundraiser.
 - 4j. My family provided the food and did all the cooking for the fundraiser.
5. Yes. (Queen of Hearts is an only member event)
- 5a. The purpose was to raise funds for the Elks Lodge by its members after being closed for 3 months due to COVID. This was a member driven event. Tickets are purchased at the bar for \$1.00 each.
 - 5b. As Exalted Ruler, I was rallying my brothers and sisters to attend the event and support the Lodge.
 - 5c. None. It was organized by a member, Michael Donaldson.
 - 5d. No.
 - 5e. No.
 - 5f. \$40.00. See, enclosed.
6. Yes. (Elks BBQ is a member and public event)
- 6a. To raise funds for the Lodge.
 - 6b. As Exalted Ruler, I was rallying my brothers and sisters to volunteer to work the event and support the Lodge, and to have the public attend.
 - 6c. I did not have a role in organizing the event, I did however help cook.
 - 6d. No.
 - 6e. No.
 - 6f. \$1,460.88. See, enclosed.
7. Yes. (Thirsty Thursday is an only member event- cheeseburger and french fries)
- 7a. The purpose is to raise funds for the Elks Lodge by its members after being closed for 3 months due to COVID. This was a member driven event, that included a meal and a drink for \$7.00.
 - 7b. As Exalted Ruler, I was rallying my brothers and sisters to attend the event and support the Lodge.
 - 7c. None.
 - 7d. No.
 - 7e. No.

- 7f. \$90.33. See, enclosed.
8. Yes. (Chicken BBQ is a member and public event)
- 8a. To raise funds for the Lodge.
- 8b. As Exalted Ruler, I was rallying my brothers and sisters to help volunteer to work at the event and support the Lodge, and to have the public attend.
- 8c. I did not have a role in organizing the event, I did however help cook.
- 8d. No.
- 8e. No.
- 8f. \$1,978.49. See, enclosed.
9. Yes. (Thirsty Thursday is an only member event- grilled cheese or ham & cheese with french fries)
- 9a. The purpose is to raise funds for the Elks Lodge by its members after being closed for 3 months due to COVID. This was a member driven event, that included a meal and a drink for \$7.00.
- 9b. As Exalted Ruler, I was rallying my brothers and sisters to attend the event and support the Lodge.
- 9c. None.
- 9d. No.
- 9e. No.
- 9f. \$51.76. See, enclosed.
10. Yes. (Thirsty Thursday is an only member event- pulled pork with french fries)
- 10a. The purpose is to raise funds for the Elks Lodge by its members after being closed for 3 months due to COVID. This was a member driven event, that included a meal and a drink for \$8.00.
- 10b. As Exalted Ruler, I was rallying my brothers and sisters to attend the event and support the Lodge.
- 10c. I cooked the Pork at my home in my smoker and delivered it to the Elks to distribute.
- 10d. No.
- 10e. No.
- 10f. \$242.03. See, enclosed.
11. Yes. (Thirsty Thursday is an only member event- sausage peppers and onions)
- 11a. The purpose is to raise funds for the Elks Lodge by its members after being closed for 3 months due to COVID. This was a member driven event, that included a meal and a drink for \$8.00.
- 11b. As Exalted Ruler, I was rallying my brothers and sisters to attend the event and support the Lodge.
- 11c. I made the Hot and Sweet Sausage and then they cooked it and served it.
- 11d. No.
- 11e. No.
- 11f. \$186.24. See, enclosed.

12. The above referenced posts on my facebook, are public. My whole facebook page is public.
13. I consider that my conduct was consistent with Section 100.2(C) of the Rules Governing Judicial Conduct, or I would not have taken the above actions.
14. I consider my conduct was consistent with Section 100.4 (C)(3)(b)(I) of the Rule Governing Judicial Conduct. There was no way that I would have thought otherwise because there is a long history in Whitehall of local justices being Exalted Leaders for the Lodge, as well as Commanders for the American Legion. At no time did I mention or use my judicial position in any way to further or advance anything for anyone.

Dated: December 2, 2020

Respectfully,



Hon. Robert J. Putorti, Jr.

Whitehall Lodge # 1491

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

VOLUNTEER, YOUTH, CHARITABLE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE/ACTIVITY REPORT



ATTENTION COMMITTEE/ACTIVITY CHAIRPERSON: Immediately before or after the Lodge meeting when you present your final report of your activity, a member of your committee must enter the required figures in the appropriate spaces below and turn this report in to the Lodge Secretary. The final figures will be submitted to the Grand Lodge at the end of our fiscal year to be added to the National total. The total worth of our efforts includes both the hours and miles we contribute, and these are very important in retaining our status as a Non-Profit Organization. If you have a problem with any question, please ask the Lodge Secretary for help. Thank you.

Program or Event: Bobby Putorti Benefit

Date: Nov 9, 19 Committee: Activities

(Example: If the event were a Bicycle Safety Contest you would enter this on the Program/Event line. Since this is a Youth Activity, you would write Youth on the Committee line.)

B.) Head Count of Participants: (Note: This includes everyone turning out for the event, including family, friends, general audience, those conducting the program, those benefiting from the program, etc.) (B) 350

C.) No. of Elks Participating: (Includes any Members from other Lodges.) (C) 14

D.) No. of Helpers Participating: (Note: Helpers include Auxiliary members, family members, police, government and school officials, etc. Include all Non-Elks actually working on the event.) (D) 12

E.) Total Elks Hours: (Note: Use all hours spent in meetings planning the event, traveling to and from the event site, shopping for supplies, etc. Includes any Members from other Lodges) (E) 84

F.) Total Helpers Hours: (Note, use the same criteria as for item E, above.) (F) 74

G.) Total Elks Miles: (All miles to and from all meetings, event sites, for shopping, etc.) (G) 179

H.) Total Helpers Miles: (Note, use the same as criteria as for item G above.) (H) 114

CONTRIBUTIONS ONLY

I.) Non-Cash Contributions: (Food, Facility Rental, Trophies, Awards, etc.) (I) _____

J.) Cash Contributions: (Actual dollars contributed) (J) _____

Report Submitted By: Michael R. Rocque
Michael R. Rocque

Date: Nov 7, 19

Whitehall Lodge 1491 B.P.O. Elks

Activity Report & Payment Voucher

Date Nov 9, 19 Your Name Michael Rocque What Activity is this for? B. Putorti Benefit Date of Activity: Nov 9, 19

\$ 9650 Total Income 150,000 Is the bill attached? _____ Mail the check, Address on bill, _____

Amount to be paid	Check to be made out to:	What was purchased?	Yes	NO, give explanation:	Yes	NO, give check to:
\$ <u>635.33</u>	<u>Green Mountain</u>	<u>spaghetti, rolls, salad</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<u>317</u>	<u>sauce, paper napkins</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$ <u>317.00</u>	<u>2, 635.33</u>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$ <u>250</u>	<u>62</u>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<u>85</u>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$ <u>275</u>	<u>haul 14</u>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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\$ 317.00 Total Expense
~~\$ 9,333~~ 89,400

This section to be filled out by office personnel

Authorization:	Charity	Not charity	check #
Secretary	Bell Jar <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
E.R.	Bingo <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Trustee	Bowling <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Comm. Chair	Games <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
	House <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
	Lodge <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Mike Rocque	16	30	Ella Martel	5	4	
Steve Vladyka	5	12	Kaleb Lyman	4	4	
Sean Vladyka	5	12	Sophia Harris	5	4	
Howie Osborne	7	14	Juan La Croix	2	1	
Rick Delorme	5	12	Sharon Putorti	8	16	
Mike Rovelli	5	12	Angel Noonan	8	16	
Mike Putorti	3	10	Liz Lyng	5	12	
Kevin Noonan	4	10	Rebecca Putorti	5	12	
Harold Austin	5	12	Deb Putorti	5	12	
Totals for Elks	55	124	Total for Helpers	57	81	
	(C)	(E)	(G)	(D)	(F)	(H)

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Total # of
Participants

(B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H) (I) (J)

Question # 5

BPOE Whitehall, NY Lodge No. 1491

TRANSACTION DETAIL BY ACCOUNT

April - November, 2020

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	SPLIT	AMOUNT	BALANCE
30180 Lodge Fund Raisers							
3018072 Queen of Hearts Income							
08/03/2020	Deposit			Queen of Hearts	1020103 Checking General:Games of Chance Checking	40.00	40.00
08/10/2020	Deposit			Queen of Hearts	1020103 Checking General:Games of Chance Checking	40.00	80.00
08/19/2020	Deposit			Queen of Hearts	1020103 Checking General:Games of Chance Checking	31.00	111.00
08/24/2020	Deposit			Queen of Hearts	1020103 Checking General:Games of Chance Checking	33.00	144.00
08/31/2020	Deposit			Queen of Hearts	1020103 Checking General:Games of Chance Checking	21.00	165.00
09/08/2020	Deposit			Queen of Hearts	1020103 Checking General:Games of Chance Checking	35.00	200.00
09/14/2020	Deposit			Queen of Hearts	1020103 Checking General:Games of Chance Checking	45.00	245.00
09/21/2020	Deposit			Queen of Hearts	1020103 Checking General:Games of Chance Checking	41.00	286.00
09/28/2020	Deposit			Queen of Hearts	1020103 Checking General:Games of Chance Checking	99.00	385.00
10/06/2020	Deposit			Queen of Heart	1020103 Checking General:Games of Chance Checking	30.00	415.00
10/13/2020	Deposit			Queen of Hearts	1020103 Checking General:Games of Chance Checking	117.00	532.00
10/19/2020	Deposit			Queen of Hearts	1020103 Checking General:Games of Chance Checking	32.00	564.00
10/26/2020	Deposit			Queen of Hearts	1020103 Checking General:Games of Chance Checking	55.00	619.00
11/02/2020	Deposit			Queen of Hearts	1020103 Checking General:Games of Chance Checking	111.00	730.00
11/09/2020	Deposit			Queen of Hearts	1020103 Checking General:Games of Chance Checking	37.00	767.00
11/16/2020	Deposit			Queen of Hearts	1020103 Checking General:Games of Chance Checking	36.00	803.00
11/23/2020	Deposit			Queen of Hearts	1020103 Checking General:Games of Chance Checking	41.00	844.00
11/30/2020	Deposit			Queen of Hearts	1020103 Checking General:Games of Chance Checking	41.00	885.00
Total for 3018072 Queen of Hearts Income						\$885.00	
Total for 30180 Lodge Fund Raisers						\$885.00	
30600 Fund Raiser Expense							
3060073 Queen of Heart Expense							
09/17/2020	Bill	209572	Gilles Enterprises	Queen of Hearts ticket rolls	20000 Accounts Payable	39.23	39.23
Total for 3060073 Queen of Heart Expense						\$39.23	
Total for 30600 Fund Raiser Expense						\$39.23	

#5 Deposit \$400



Data Collection Survey of Volunteer, Youth, Charitable and Community Service Programs

Committee: Activities Date: Aug 8, 20

(A) Program:	<u>Monthly Chicken BBQ (Aug 8)</u>
(B) Number of Participants	<u>200</u>
(C) Number of Elks	<u>13</u>
(D) Number of Helpers	<u>1</u>
(E) Total Elk Hours	<u>69</u>
(F) Total Helper Hours	<u>2</u>
(G) Elk Miles	<u>146</u>
(H) Helper Miles	<u>5</u>
(I) Non-Cash Contributions	<u>-</u>
(J) Cash Donations	<u>-</u>

- Column (A) Describe Program
- Columns (B) thru (D) Count individuals — not couples, teams or groups.
- Columns (E) and (F) Indicate total hours — If 6 Elks worked 6 hours (6 × 6 = 36 total hours)
- Columns (G) and (H) Mileage traveled in preparation for an event itself. (Number of people times round trip miles.)
- Column (I) Cash value of contributions including hall donations, food, band, clothing, bingo, parties, gifts, eyeglasses — Do not include hours or mileage.
- Column (J) Actual cash, checks, money orders or purchase value of savings bonds donated.

Submitted by: Michael R. Ryznar
Michael R. Ryznar

Must be completed and returned to the Secretary by the meeting following the program.

"Elks Care — Elks Share"



Question #8

Make copies as needed

Data Collection Survey of Volunteer, Youth, Charitable and Community Service Programs

Committee: Activities Date: Sept 12, 20

(A) Program:	<u>Monthly Chicken BBQ</u>
(B) Number of Participants	<u>225</u>
(C) Number of Elks	<u>14</u>
(D) Number of Helpers	<u>2</u>
(E) Total Elk Hours	<u>78</u>
(F) Total Helper Hours	<u>4</u>
(G) Elk Miles	<u>205</u>
(H) Helper Miles	<u>10</u>
(I) Non-Cash Contributions	<u>140</u>
(J) Cash Donations	<u>0</u>

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Submitted by: Michael R. Roque 9/12/20
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Questions #6 & #8

BPOE Whitehall, NY Lodge No. 1491

TRANSACTION DETAIL BY ACCOUNT

April - November, 2020

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	SPLIT	AMOUNT	BALANCE
30180 Lodge Fund Raisers							
3018003 Chicken BBQ Income							
06/04/2020	Deposit			Chicken BBQ 5/29/2020	1020104 Checking General:Lodge Checking	2,147.00	2,147.00
07/02/2020	Deposit			Chicken BBQ 6/20/2020 receipts	1020104 Checking General:Lodge Checking	2,168.00	4,315.00
07/20/2020	Deposit			Chicken BBQ 7/11/2020	1020104 Checking General:Lodge Checking	2,006.00	6,321.00
08/19/2020	Deposit			Chicken BBQ 8/8/2020	1020104 Checking General:Lodge Checking	2,113.00	8,434.00
09/21/2020	Deposit			Chicken BBQ 9/12/2020	1020104 Checking General:Lodge Checking	2,618.00	11,052.00
Total for 3018003 Chicken BBQ Income						\$11,052.00	
Total for 30180 Lodge Fund Raisers						\$11,052.00	
30600 Fund Raiser Expense							
3060003 Chicken BBQ Expense							
05/21/2020	Bill	361970	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Food for Chicken BBQ 5/23/2020	20000 Accounts Payable	640.38	640.38
05/21/2020	Bill		First Bankcard	Canopy 10x20 - Lowe's	20000 Accounts Payable	127.33	767.71
05/22/2020	Bill		MICHAEL ROCQUE	Cookies, towels - Dollar General	20000 Accounts Payable	27.63	795.34
05/23/2020	Bill		Aprilyn Kelly	Masks, disposable	20000 Accounts Payable	21.38	816.72
06/19/2020	Bill		MICHAEL ROCQUE	Towels & bacon - Dollar General	20000 Accounts Payable	14.00	830.72
06/19/2020	Bill	363122	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Food & supplies for 6/20 BBQ	20000 Accounts Payable	178.63	1,009.35
06/19/2020	Bill	362827	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Chicken for 6/20 BBQ	20000 Accounts Payable	425.32	1,434.67
06/19/2020	Bill		MICHAEL ROCQUE	Cookies - Dollar General	20000 Accounts Payable	24.00	1,458.67
07/10/2020	Bill		MICHAEL ROCQUE	Towels & bacon & cookies - Dollar General	20000 Accounts Payable	29.18	1,487.85
07/11/2020	Bill		GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Food & supplies for 7/11 BBQ	20000 Accounts Payable	599.47	2,087.32
08/08/2020	Bill		MICHAEL ROCQUE	Towels & bacon & cookies - Dollar General	20000 Accounts Payable	34.18	2,121.50
08/09/2020	Bill	365086	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Food for Chicken BBQ 8/8	20000 Accounts Payable	617.94	2,739.44
09/11/2020	Bill		MICHAEL ROCQUE	Towels, cookies, water for 9/12 BBQ	20000 Accounts Payable	34.35	2,773.79
09/11/2020	Bill	367022	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Food for 9/12 Chicken BBQ	20000 Accounts Payable	199.67	2,973.46
09/12/2020	Bill	367024	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Food for 9/12 Chicken BBQ	20000 Accounts Payable	405.49	3,378.95
Total for 3060003 Chicken BBQ Expense						\$3,378.95	
Total for 30600 Fund Raiser Expense						\$3,378.95	

#6 →
#8 →
Bills for #6
Bills for #8

#6 Deposit \$2,113⁰⁰
 payouts - 652¹²
1,460⁸⁸

#8 Deposit \$2,618⁰⁰
 Payouts - 639⁵¹
\$1,978⁴⁹



Data Collection Survey of
Volunteer, Youth, Charitable and
Community Service Programs

Committee: _____

Date: Sep 17th 2022

(A) Program:	<u>Thursday, Thursday</u>
(B) Number of Participants	<u>67</u>
(C) Number of Elks	<u>6</u>
(D) Number of Helpers	<u>51</u>
(E) Total Elk Hours	<u>21</u>
(F) Total Helper Hours	<u>4</u>
(G) Elk Miles	<u>70</u>
(H) Helper Miles	<u>25</u>
(I) Non-Cash Contributions	<u> </u>
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Submitted by: Michael J. Davidson

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Data Collection Survey of Volunteer, Youth, Charitable and Community Service Programs

Committee: _____

Date: Sept 24th 2020

(A) Program: <u>Therapy Thursday</u>	
(B) Number of Participants	57
(C) Number of Elks	86
(D) Number of Helpers	57 1
(E) Total Elk Hours	57 28
(F) Total Helper Hours	4
(G) Elk Miles	90/105
(H) Helper Miles	25
(I) Non-Cash Contributions	
(J) Cash Donations	

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Submitted by: Michael T Donaldson

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Questions #7, 9, 10, and 11

BPOE Whitehall, NY Lodge No. 1491

TRANSACTION DETAIL BY ACCOUNT

April - November, 2020

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	SPLIT	AMOUNT	BALANCE
40115 Snack Bar Sales							
4011502 Thirsty Thursday Sales							
07/14/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	0.00	0.00
07/15/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	0.00	0.00
07/20/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	0.00	0.00
07/27/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	0.00	0.00
07/28/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	0.00	0.00
08/10/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	0.00	0.00
08/19/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	0.00	0.00
08/24/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	0.00	0.00
08/31/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	0.00	0.00
09/05/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	162.00	162.00
09/08/2020	Journal Entry	70		Sales Tax	-Split-	-10.60	151.40
09/14/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	303.00	454.40
09/14/2020	Journal Entry	71		Sales Tax	-Split-	-19.82	434.58
09/21/2020	Journal Entry	76		Sales Tax	-Split-	-14.92	419.66
09/21/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	228.00	647.66
09/28/2020	Journal Entry	77		Sales Tax	-Split-	-21.79	625.87
09/28/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	333.00	958.87
10/05/2020	Journal Entry	78		Sales Tax	-Split-	-23.16	935.71
10/05/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	354.00	1,289.71
10/13/2020	Journal Entry	79		Sales Tax	-Split-	-29.70	1,260.01
10/13/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	454.00	1,714.01
10/19/2020	Journal Entry	80		Sales Tax	-Split-	-29.11	1,684.90
10/19/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	445.00	2,129.90
10/26/2020	Journal Entry	81		Sales Tax	-Split-	-17.99	2,111.91
10/26/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	275.00	2,386.91
11/02/2020	Journal Entry	82		Sales Tax	-Split-	-25.32	2,361.59
11/02/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	387.00	2,748.59
11/09/2020	Journal Entry	83		Sales Tax	-Split-	-29.96	2,718.63
11/09/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	458.00	3,176.63
11/16/2020	Journal Entry	84		Sales Tax	-Split-	-23.49	3,153.14
11/16/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	359.00	3,512.14
11/23/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	231.00	3,743.14
11/23/2020	Journal Entry	85		Sales Tax	-Split-	-15.11	3,728.03
11/30/2020	Deposit			Thirsty Thursday	10203 Checking Club Supplies and Inventory	0.00	3,728.03
Total for 4011502 Thirsty Thursday Sales						\$3,728.03	
Total for 40115 Snack Bar Sales						\$3,728.03	
40220 Snack Bar Purchases							
4022002 Thirsty Thursday Purchases							
09/02/2020	Bill	366593	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Food for Thirsty Thursday 9/3/2020 - hot dogs w/sauce	20000 Accounts Payable	20.78	20.78
09/03/2020	Bill	366610	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Food for Thirsty Thursday 9/3/2020 - hot dogs w/sauce	20000 Accounts Payable	19.50	40.28
09/09/2020	Bill	366912	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Food for Thirsty Thursday 9/10/2020 - cheeseburgers	20000 Accounts Payable	72.10	112.38
09/09/2020	Bill		Michael Donaldson	Hamburger buns - Dollar General	20000 Accounts Payable	7.50	119.88
09/10/2020	Bill	366970	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Food for Thirsty Thursday 9/10/2020 - cheeseburgers	20000 Accounts Payable	86.52	206.40
09/10/2020	Bill		Kathy Putorti	Hamburger buns - Dollar General	20000 Accounts Payable	6.10	212.50
09/10/2020	Bill	366920	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Food for Thirsty Thursday 9/10/2020 - cheeseburgers	20000 Accounts Payable	33.45	245.95
09/22/2020	Bill	367510	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Potatoes, bbq sauce, hamburger buns	20000 Accounts Payable	76.24	322.19
09/30/2020	Bill	367848	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Potatoes, oil, mayo, relish	20000 Accounts Payable	90.97	413.16
10/01/2020	Bill	367905	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Foam cups, lids	20000 Accounts Payable	8.47	421.63
10/07/2020	Bill		The RailYard Taproom & Restaurant	Haddock filets & bread	20000 Accounts Payable	265.76	687.39
10/15/2020	Bill		Gail Donaldson	Hot dog rolls - Dollar General	20000 Accounts Payable	8.75	696.14
10/15/2020	Bill	368491	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Burger, peppers, onions, ketchup, spaghetti sauce	20000 Accounts Payable	25.71	721.85
10/15/2020	Bill	368464	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Potatoes	20000 Accounts Payable	60.00	781.85
10/28/2020	Bill		Gail Donaldson	Hamburger rolls - Dollar General	20000 Accounts Payable	10.00	791.85
10/31/2020	Bill	10285	Putorti's Broadway Market, LLC	Ham & Potatoes	20000 Accounts Payable	99.84	891.69
11/04/2020	Bill		Richard Bruce Jr.	Mayonnaise and sugar	20000 Accounts Payable	8.60	900.29
11/04/2020	Bill	369186	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Carrots, cabbage, steam pan	20000 Accounts Payable	12.88	913.17
11/12/2020	Bill	369531	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Hot dogs, salt, ketchup, Edgewood Farm Coat??	20000 Accounts Payable	72.87	986.04
11/12/2020	Bill	369519	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Burger, prego, ketchup, onions, peppers	20000 Accounts Payable	27.80	1,013.84
11/12/2020	Bill		Gail Donaldson	Hot dog rolls - Dollar General	20000 Accounts Payable	18.75	1,032.59
11/18/2020	Bill	369732	GREEN MOUNTAIN FOOD SERVICE	Pork butts, steam pan	20000 Accounts Payable	32.08	1,064.67
11/21/2020	Bill		The RailYard Taproom & Restaurant	Haddock filets & bread	20000 Accounts Payable	265.89	1,330.56
Total for 4022002 Thirsty Thursday Purchases						\$1,330.56	
Total for 40220 Snack Bar Purchases						\$1,330.56	

#7
#9
#10
#11
Payouts

#7 Deposit \$303.00
Payouts 205.00
98.00

#9 Deposit \$228.00
Payouts 76.24
151.76

#10 Deposit \$333.00
Payout 90.97
242.03

#11 Deposit \$452.00
Payout 265.76
186.24