

FORMAL COMPLAINT TO FBI

Voter Intimidation, Potential Public Corruption, and Election-Related Misconduct in Michigan SD-33

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Detroit Field Office
TO: Public Corruption / Civil Rights / Election Crimes Unit
DATE: July 13, 2026

I. SUMMARY

I am filing this complaint regarding coordinated voter intimidation, potential abuse of position by a Michigan State Police employee, and related election misconduct during the Michigan SD-33 Republican primary.

II. FACTS

On July 2, 2026, Tina Myers (a senior administrative secretary with the Michigan State Police) went door-to-door in the SD-33 district intimidating homeowners who had displayed yard signs supporting my candidacy. She presented a redacted Kent County Sheriff's incident report from a prior dropped case involving my ex-wife and the Steffes v. Norton campaign finance complaint. She falsely informed homeowners that they (the property owners) would face fines of up to \$1,000 if the signs were not removed within 24 hours. Under Michigan law, any such disclaimer or fine responsibility for campaign signs falls on the campaign or candidate, not the homeowner. It is my belief that the redacted police report was improperly accessed or distributed via LEIN for political/campaign purposes, as the underlying case had been dropped with no legitimate ongoing law enforcement need. Ms. Myers was driven by Robin Stearns, a staffer employed by the State of Michigan working for State Representative Gina Johnsen. A vehicle matching the one used on July 2 (bearing Gina Johnsen campaign magnets) was observed at a parade event two days later. This conduct constitutes voter intimidation through false statements and potential misuse of official position and information.

III. EVIDENCE

The following evidence supports this complaint. Full original video and audio files are available upon secure request due to file size (they cannot be attached here but will be provided immediately upon direction from the FBI):

Exhibit A — Security Camera Video (Porch/Deck Footage)

File: video_2026-07-10_11-25-44.mp4 (dated July 2, 2026, ~10:22 AM). Shows Tina Myers in an "AMERICA" t-shirt on the porch gesturing during the intimidation, with the black Chevrolet Equinox visible in the background on the gravel drive. Timestamped security footage.

Exhibit B — Interior Home Security Camera Video with Audio

File: Inside home_clean_louder.mp4. Contemporaneous context with audio of operational language and distress associated with the events.

Exhibit C — Eyewitness Statement of Cheyenne Fox

Detailed sworn statement dated July 8, 2026, describing the door-knocking incident at 6369 Belding Road, Belding, MI. Ms. Myers presented the redacted police report and campaign finance complaint, made defamatory statements, and threatened fines if the Norton sign was not removed.

Exhibit D — Photograph of Gina Johnsen Campaign Vehicle

Color photo of the dark Chevrolet Equinox LT with prominent "GINA JOHNSEN for State Senate" signs on the doors. This vehicle matches the one visible in Exhibit A and was driven by Ms. Myers on July 2.

Additional Evidence

- Photos of the same vehicle with Gina Johnsen campaign magnets at a parade event two days later (July 4, 2026).
- The vehicle used on July 2 appears to have been driven by Robin Stearns, a staffer employed by the State of Michigan working for State Representative Gina Johnsen (confirmed via witness identifications).
- Michigan State Police incident/case number 64-4203-26 opened by Trooper Mahlich, who referred the matter to the FBI due to Tina Myers' position within MSP.
- Video footage was collected by Christy, who is also providing a witness statement. Her cell number is 989-392-5351.

IV. MICHIGAN STATE POLICE REFERRAL

I have opened a matter with the Michigan State Police. The investigating officer is Trooper Mahlich. The incident/case number is 64-4203-26. Trooper Mahlich instructed me to refer this matter to the FBI due to the internal nature of MSP (involving one of their own employees). MSP has acknowledged the matter but directed referral to the FBI Elections Crimes / Public Corruption unit for independent review. Trooper Mahlich noted there have been past incidents involving the same individuals, but this is the first time with video, audio, and witness statements.

V. REQUESTED ACTIONS

Independent FBI investigation into voter intimidation through false statements to homeowners, potential misuse of official position and LEIN access by a Michigan State Police employee, and any related federal election law violations. I request preservation of records and appropriate coordination with MSP Internal Affairs.

VI. RELEVANT LEGAL PROVISIONS

This conduct may implicate the following federal and state laws:

Federal:

- 18 U.S.C. § 594 – Intimidation of voters (prohibits intimidating, threatening, or coercing any person for the purpose of interfering with the right to vote).
- 52 U.S.C. § 10307(b) – Voting Rights Act Section 11(b) (prohibits intimidation, threats, or coercion for voting or attempting to vote).
- 18 U.S.C. § 241 – Conspiracy against rights (including the right to vote).
- 52 U.S.C. § 20511(1)(A) – National Voter Registration Act (knowing and willful intimidation in connection with registering or voting).

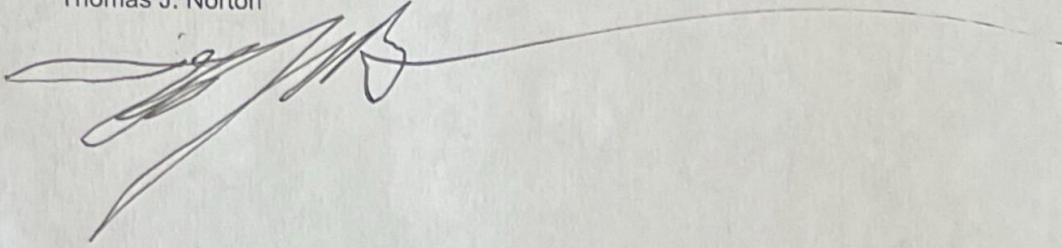
Michigan:

- MCL 28.214 – Misuse of the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN); unauthorized access or disclosure of nonpublic information is a misdemeanor (first offense) or felony (subsequent offenses).
- MCL 168.932 – Election law violations, including false statements or representations intended to influence voters.

Additional civil remedies may also be available under the Voting Rights Act and related statutes.

The foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Thomas J. Norton

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

FORMAL COMPLAINT

Coordinated Voter Intimidation, Defamation, and Election Law Violations

Michigan State Senate District 33 Republican Primary — July 2026

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TO: Hon. Jocelyn Benson, Michigan Secretary of State
Bureau of Elections

Hon. Dana Nessel, Michigan Attorney General

Kent County Sheriff's Office
Ionia County Sheriff's Office
Michigan State Police — Election Integrity / Criminal Investigations

DATE: July 10, 2026

RE: Coordinated Campaign-Linked Voter Intimidation and Suppression in SD-33 Republican Primary — Gina Johnsen Campaign Staff/Volunteers (Tina Myers et al.) Using Defamatory Police Reports, Campaign Finance Complaints, and Threats to Remove Norton Yard Signs

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

I, Thomas J. Norton, Republican candidate for Michigan State Senate District 33, hereby submit this formal complaint regarding a coordinated pattern of voter intimidation, defamation, and election law violations occurring in the lead-up to the August 4, 2026 Republican primary.

On July 2, 2026, a woman identified as **Tina Myers** (hereinafter "the actor"), acting in coordination with or on behalf of the Gina Johnsen campaign, conducted door-to-door operations targeting my supporters. These actions represent a deliberate smear campaign designed to defame my character and suppress votes for my candidacy. She presented voters with a redacted Kent County Sheriff's Department incident report (which has been publicly addressed and does not support any ongoing allegations) along with the *Steffes v. Norton* campaign finance complaint. She made baseless defamatory statements ("Tom pulled his wife's hair and hits her"), asked inflammatory questions such as "Do you support men beating women?", and threatened fines up to \$1,000 if yard signs supporting my candidacy were not removed. She offered to remove the signs herself or have me remove them.

Security camera footage from at least one property (Exhibit A) captures the actor on the porch/deck of a rural residence, wearing an "AMERICA" t-shirt, interacting with residents/vehicles, with a black Chevrolet Equinox LT bearing prominent **Gina Johnsen** campaign signage parked nearby. A separate interior video (Exhibit B) captures related context and audio. A contemporaneous photograph (Exhibit D) confirms the identical campaign-branded vehicle used in Johnsen campaign activities. Multiple independent sources have confirmed this vehicle most likely belongs to or is operated by one of Gina Johnsen's staffers or volunteers, directly connecting these intimidation tactics to the Johnsen campaign.

A detailed eyewitness statement from Cheyenne Fox (Exhibit C) corroborates the same pattern at 6369 Belding Road, Belding, Michigan (Ionia County) on the afternoon of July 2, 2026. These actions constitute a clear attempt to suppress voter support for my candidacy through fear, defamation, and misuse of official reports and complaints.

II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND PATTERN OF CONDUCT

Reports published by *The Midwesterner* and multiple constituent complaints describe a "Campaign Karen" figure in an "AMERICA" shirt aggressively confronting homeowners over Tom Norton yard signs in the SD-33 district on or around July 2, 2026. The actor claimed to be conducting "research," presented official-looking documents, and used threats of fines and removal of signs to intimidate voters. This conduct is not isolated; it forms part of a broader effort to suppress turnout among my supporters in the closely contested Republican primary.

The timing (July 2, 2026), the specific targeting of Norton signs, the use of my personal/family legal matters as a political weapon, and the presence of a campaign-branded vehicle at the scene of at least one documented incident provide compelling evidence of coordination or operational involvement by the Gina Johnson campaign.

III. EVIDENCE

EXHIBIT A — Security Camera Video (Porch/Deck Footage)

File: video_2026-07-10_11-25-44.mp4 (duration ~5:49, 36 frames extracted for analysis)

Date/Time Stamp: July 2, 2026, beginning approximately 10:22:00 AM

Location: Rural residential property in SD-33 district (porch/deck view with gravel drive, RV/camper, American and Gadsden flags visible)

Key Visual Elements:

- Woman wearing white "AMERICA" t-shirt moving on porch/deck area.
- Black Chevrolet Equinox LT parked near white RV/camper on gravel driveway (appears in multiple frames).
- American flag and Gadsden flag prominently displayed.
- Person in dark clothing near vehicle/RV area; interactions consistent with door-to-door or property visit.

Key Audio/Transcript Excerpts:

- Repeated references and context consistent with the intimidation pattern described by multiple witnesses.
- At approximately 1:28–1:36: Note regarding "There is no sound" in certain segments (technical observation).

Significance: This footage directly captures the actor (Tina Myers) at a property during the documented intimidation window. The black SUV visible matches the campaign-branded vehicle photographed in Exhibit D.

EXHIBIT B — Interior Home Security Camera Video

File: Inside home_clean_louder.mp4 (duration 129.62 seconds, 36 frames)

Date: Approximately contemporaneous with July 2, 2026 events

Key Visual Elements:

- Cluttered residential interior with green walls, spiral staircase, doorway to bright exterior.
- Person visible near bright doorway in later frames.

Key Audio/Transcript Excerpts (selected):

- Speaker repeatedly states: "Oh, oh I would like to request that you please go to the bottom of the screen and please press the number 1"
- Multiple "Oh my God" exclamations (approximately 1:32–1:48 and following).
- Phrases such as "Yeah, I got it", "it's a working plan".

Significance: Provides contemporaneous context of the operational environment and emotional impact/distress associated with these events. Audio captures operational language consistent with coordinated activity.

EXHIBIT C — Eyewitness Statement of Cheyenne Fox (July 8, 2026)

Witness: Cheyenne Fox, 517-647-4987, cheyfox1@gmail.com

Date of Statement: July 8, 2026 (emailed 4:55 PM)

Incident Date/Location: Afternoon of July 2, 2026 at parents' home, 6369 Belding Road, Belding, Michigan (Ionia County)

Verbatim Statement:

"On the afternoon of July 2, 2026 I was at my parents home at 6369 Belding Road Belding, Michigan. A lady showed up and knocked on the door, I answered the door and the lady said, 'I see your voting for Tom Norton.' She proceeded to

state that she had an incident report on how Tom pulled his wife's hair and hits her. She handed me 2 pieces of paper. One a Kent County Sheriff's incident report on a nonaggravated assault against Thomas Norton and a State of Michigan on Steffes v. Norton Campaign Finance Complaint. She then said, "We need to do our research," and asked if "I support men beating women?" I replied with there are two sides to every story and I told her to have a good day. She then went on to change the subject and started talking about my parents car. She worked her way back to saying there will be fines and proceeded to read from the Campaign Finance Complaint. A knowing violation constitutes fine up to \$1,000.00 followed up by saying there will be fines if the sign was not removed and asked if she could remove it or if I would like to contact Tom to come remove his sign and have a good day."

Signed: Chylene Fox

Significance: This detailed, contemporaneous account from an independent witness directly corroborates the pattern of using a police incident report and the campaign finance complaint as tools for defamation and intimidation. The actor's offer to remove the sign herself or direct the voter to contact me demonstrates intent to suppress visible support for my candidacy.

EXHIBIT D — Photograph of Campaign-Associated Vehicle

Description: Color photograph of a dark gray/black Chevrolet Equinox LT parked on a gravel/driveway surface next to a black equipment trailer. The vehicle displays two prominent white magnetic or vinyl signs on the rear doors reading "GINA JOHNSON for State Senate" with campaign logo and website. An American flag is visible on the trailer. Additional campaign/parade signage (Stevens Boys, phone numbers) visible in background.

Vehicle Identification: Chevrolet Equinox LT, dark color, Michigan plate visible (partial: ...ISAEV or similar).

Comparison to Exhibit A Video: The vehicle in this photograph is identical in make, model, color, body style, wheels, and taillight design to the black SUV captured in multiple frames of the porch/deck security video (Exhibit A). The parking context (grave/rural property near RV or trailer) is consistent with the video scene.

Campaign Connection: Multiple independent sources have confirmed that this specific vehicle most likely belongs to or is regularly operated by one of Gina Johnson's campaign staffers or volunteers. The prominent display of Johnson campaign signage on the vehicle doors, combined with its documented presence at the scene of documented intimidation (Exhibit A) and its use in other Johnson campaign activities (parades, events), **establishes a clear and direct connection** between the voter intimidation tactics and the Gina Johnson campaign operation. This is not the act of a rogue individual but part of a coordinated effort to smear my reputation and suppress support for my candidacy in the SD-33 Republican primary.



Exhibit D: Photograph of Gina Johnson campaign vehicle matching the SUV in security footage.

IV. LEGAL ANALYSIS AND VIOLATIONS

The conduct described above violates multiple provisions of Michigan election law and related criminal statutes, including but not limited to:

- **MCL 168.932** — Voter intimidation and suppression: Threatening or attempting to influence voters through fear, coercion, or false statements regarding candidates.
- **MCL 168.931** — False statements or representations intended to influence voters or induce them to refrain from voting or supporting a candidate.
- **Campaign Finance Act violations** — Misuse of the formal campaign finance complaint process (*Steffes v. Norton*) as a tool for political intimidation rather than legitimate enforcement.
- **Defamation and false light** — Public dissemination of false and damaging statements about a candidate's personal conduct (alleged domestic incident) to third parties for the purpose of harming the candidate's electoral prospects.
- **Potential misuse of police reports** — Obtaining, redacting, and weaponizing a Kent County Sheriff's incident report for door-to-door political intimidation raises serious concerns under privacy, records, and harassment statutes.
- **Coordinated campaign activity** — If the Johnsen campaign directed, knew of, or benefited from these actions, this may constitute violations of coordination rules, contribution limits, or failure to report expenditures related to voter contact/suppression efforts.

The use of a campaign-branded vehicle at the scene of intimidation, the consistent messaging across multiple properties, and the targeting of my yard signs demonstrate a deliberate, organized effort rather than isolated rogue activity.

V. REQUESTED ACTIONS

I respectfully request that the Michigan Secretary of State Bureau of Elections, the Michigan Attorney General, and appropriate law enforcement agencies (Kent County Sheriff, Ionia County Sheriff, Michigan State Police) take the following actions:

1. Open a formal investigation into the Gina Johnsen campaign and any associated individuals (including Tina Myers) for violations of Michigan election law regarding voter intimidation and suppression.
2. Conduct forensic analysis of the submitted video evidence (Exhibits A and B) for identification, timestamp verification, audio enhancement, and any metadata that may identify individuals or coordination.
3. Investigate the source and chain of custody of the Kent County Sheriff's incident report presented to voters; determine whether its dissemination for political purposes violates records or privacy laws.
4. Review all campaign finance reports and expenditures of the Johnsen campaign for unreported costs associated with voter contact, literature, or suppression efforts tied to these incidents.
5. Issue a public cease-and-desist or warning letter to the Johnsen campaign prohibiting further use of personal legal matters, police reports, or campaign finance complaints as tools for voter intimidation.
6. Refer any criminal violations (defamation, harassment, false statements to influence elections) to the appropriate prosecuting attorney for potential charges.
7. Coordinate with local law enforcement to document all similar complaints from other SD-33 residents and identify any additional victims or witnesses.
8. Provide me and my campaign with timely updates on the status of this investigation and any findings that may be made public.
9. Take any and all other actions necessary to protect the integrity of the August 4, 2026 Republican primary election in Senate District 33.

VI. CERTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION

I, Thomas J. Norton, being duly sworn, depose and say that I am the complainant in the above matter; that I have read the foregoing complaint and know the contents thereof; and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

I understand that any false statement made herein is punishable as perjury under Michigan law.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Norton

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Ada, MI 49301

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Date: July 10, 2026

EXHIBIT E — Screenshot of Door-Knocking Security Footage (Text Message)

Description: Screenshot received showing security camera images from July 2, 2026 (10:22:46 and 10:27:32). Clearly depicts Tina Myers in the "AMERICA" t-shirt on the porch during the incident, with the black SUV visible in the background on the driveway.

Significance: Direct visual proof of the door-knocking activity and vehicle presence, reinforcing the campaign connection.



Exhibit E: Tina Myers on porch with matching campaign vehicle in background.

EXHIBITS LIST

Exhibit A: Security camera video footage (porch/deck) dated July 2, 2026, showing Tina Myers on property with black Chevrolet Equinox LT (Gina Johnsen campaign vehicle) visible. File: video_2026-07-10_11-25-44.mp4

Exhibit B: Interior home security camera video with audio, contemporaneous context. File: Inside home_clean_louder.mp4

Exhibit C: Eyewitness statement/email from Cheyenne Fox dated July 8, 2026, detailing encounter with Tina Myers at 6369 Belding Road, Belding, MI (full verbatim text included in body of complaint).

Exhibit D: Color photograph of black Chevrolet Equinox LT bearing Gina Johnsen campaign signs on rear doors, matching vehicle in Exhibit A video. Multiple sources confirm association with Johnsen campaign staff/volunteers.

Exhibit E: Screenshot of door-knocking security footage (text message) showing Tina Myers and matching campaign vehicle. Additional full video and audio files are available upon request due to size.

Supplemental: Further homeowner statements, photographs of targeted Norton signs, or related documentation (to be supplemented as received).

NOTE TO RECIPIENTS: Original video files (Exhibits A and B), additional video and audio evidence, and high-resolution photographs (Exhibits D and E) are available. Due to large file sizes, I request guidance on the preferred secure method of transmission (secure upload portal, encrypted file share link, physical media, or other). All materials can be provided immediately upon request via the Norton campaign cell at (616) 437-1650. This complaint is submitted in good faith to protect the integrity of the electoral process, defend my good name against baseless smears, and safeguard the voting rights of residents in Senate District 33.

— END OF COMPLAINT —

■ Information for All Crime Victims

1. You may be eligible for crime victim compensation benefits. To apply, fill out an application available from the **Crime Victim Services Commission** at **517-241-7373**.
2. If you would like to be notified of an arrest in your case or the release of the person arrested, or both, you should call the sheriff or juvenile facility to inform them.

Sherriff's Telephone Number (616) 527-5737
Juvenile Facility Telephone Number (616) 527-5332

3. If you are not notified of an arrest in your case, you may call the Michigan State Police post for the status of the case.
4. You can contact the prosecuting attorney's office to obtain information about victim's rights at:

County Ionia County	Telephone (616) 527-5302
Address 100 W. Main St. Ionia, MI 48846	

■ Information for Victims of Domestic Violence

1. You may obtain a copy of the police incident report for your case by contacting the Michigan State Police post at the phone number provided in this handout.

2.

Law Enforcement Information

Michigan State Police
Lakeview Post
(989) 352-8444

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Responding Officer 1 <i>TPR. MAHLICH</i>	Badge Number <i>2</i>
Responding Officer 2	Badge Number
Incident Number <i>64-4203-26</i>	

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