

ORIGINAL

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

STATE OF OHIO, ex rel. TIMOTHY)
A. SWANSON)
4500 Atlantic Boulevard, NE)
Canton, Ohio 44705)

and)

STATE OF OHIO, ex rel. LOU)
DARROW)
5700 East Boulevard, NW)
Canton, Ohio 44718)

Relators/Plaintiffs,)

vs.)

STARK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC)
CENTRAL COMMITTEE)
4220 - 12TH Street NW)
Canton, Ohio 44708)

and)

RANDY GONZALEZ, Chairman)
c/o Stark County Democratic Central)
Committee)
(Official Capacity Only))
4220 - 12TH Street NW)
Canton, Ohio 44708)

Respondents/Defendants.)

CASE NO.

13-1822

ORIGINAL ACTION IN
MANDAMUS

*Affidavit Attached Pursuant to
S.Ct. Prac. R. 10.4(B)*

*Contemporaneous Memorandum
Pursuant to
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VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

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COMPLAINT FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

I. Jurisdiction and Factual Background.

1. This Complaint is filed by relators, Timothy A. Swanson and Lou Darrow, seeking a *Writ of Mandamus* for the reasons set forth more-fully herein. Jurisdiction in *mandamus* lies within the original jurisdiction of this Court under the Ohio Constitution, Article IV, Section 2. *See also*, R.C. 2731.02.

2. The affidavits submitted contemporaneously herewith are fully incorporated herein by reference. A memorandum in support of the writ has been filed herewith as well.

3. On January 7, 2013, a vacancy was created for the office for Sheriff of Stark County, Ohio based upon the announcement by the sheriff-elect, Michael McDonald ("McDonald"), of a terminal illness.

4. The issues surrounding this matter and the qualifications for applicants were fully discussed and determined in this Court's recent decision in *State ex rel. Swanson v. Maier*, 2013-0274 (*Slip op.*, 2013-Ohio-4767).

5. In the above-referenced decision by this Court rendered on November 6, 2013, the Court decided, *inter alia*, that applicant George Maier, who had been inserted as Sheriff in Stark County by the respondent, Stark County Democratic Central Committee, was unqualified based upon R.C. 311.01(B)(8), and thus held the office unlawfully and was to be immediately ousted pursuant to *quo warranto*.

6. Upon the ouster of George Maier from the office of Stark County Sheriff, relator, Timothy A. Swanson, was reinstated as acting sheriff, based upon his appointment from the Stark County Commissioners to serve in that capacity.

II. The Respondents Have the Clear Legal Duty to Fill the January 7, 2013 Vacancy in the Office of Stark County Sheriff From Those Applicants Who Qualified Under R.C. 311.01 Before the “Qualification Date” of February 6, 2013.

7. Upon information and belief, including statements by the Democratic Party Chairman, respondent, Randy Gonzalez, the Stark County Democratic Central Committee has announced that it will treat the ouster of Maier as a “new vacancy” that has allegedly been created in the Office of Stark County Sheriff by this Court’s decision in *Swanson v. Maier* and that new applicants may apply, including, but not limited to, George Maier, the individual who unlawfully usurped the Sheriff’s office in February, 2013.

8. The Stark County Democratic Central Committee asserts that Mr. Maier, and others, are entitled to apply for the Sheriff’s office position and that all applicants will be considered based upon the reported new vacancy created by this Court’s decision in *Swanson v. Maier*.

9. This Court’s decision in *Swanson v. Maier* did not create a new vacancy in the office of Stark County Sheriff. To the contrary, the vacancy that remains to be filled by lawful appointment is that based upon the McDonald notice that Sheriff-elect McDonald was not physically able to assume office.

10. The Relator, Timothy A. Swanson, lawful acting Sheriff of Stark County, asserts that the unlawful usurpation of power and control by George Maier and his removal by judgment of this Court, does not create a new vacancy; instead, as this Court noted in ¶28 of its opinion in *Swanson v. Maier*, the application date (“qualification date”) based upon the only vacancy in issue was fixed by law for February 6, 2013.

11. As a result of this Court’s decision, and the operation of law, the only applications that the respondents, Stark County Democratic Central Committee and its Chairman, may consider

for Sheriff are those applicants who were lawfully qualified as of February 6, 2013, namely relator, Lou Darrow, and Larry Dordea.

12. At the time of the original and only vacancy to the Stark County Sheriff's Office in early January, 2013, only three applicants timely applied for the position, namely George Maier, Larry Dordea, and Lou Darrow.

13. At the Central Committee Meeting that occurred on February 5, 2013 in which George Maier was unlawfully appointed, both Lou Darrow and Larry Dordea received votes from Central Committee members.

14. During that vote, Lou Darrow received 84 votes from Central Committee members and Larry Dordea receive one vote; in addition, George Maier received 92 votes.

15. The votes cast for George Maier are void, and the decision appointing George Maier was specifically invalidated by this Court's decision, *supra*.

16. The Stark County Democratic Central Committee must now either count only the votes cast at the February 5, 2013 meeting which were cast for qualified and eligible candidates or in the alternative, reconvene and allow the Stark County Democratic Central Committee to select the replacement for Stark County Sheriff from the only two qualified candidates based on the vacancy, namely Lou Darrow and Larry Dordea.

17. The Relators aver that unless the Respondents are ordered to follow clear Ohio law, and their duty imposed by such law, the Stark County Democratic Central Committee will convene, allow, review and permit consideration of other unqualified and untimely applicants, for the sole purpose of avoiding the requirements of law to select the Stark County Sheriff from the qualified pool of applicants as of February 6, 2013 (the only applicable "qualification date").

18. Relator Swanson, as the duly-appointed and serving acting Sheriff for Stark County has the clear legal right to see that the respondents fully comply with Ohio law, including R.C. 305.02 and R.C. 311.01, in the appointment to fill the McDonald vacancy.

19. Relator Darrow, as one who timely submitted an application for appointment to fill the McDonald vacancy and, in all other respects, qualified for such appointment prior to the qualification date, has the clear legal right to see that the respondents fully comply with Ohio law, including R.C. 305.02 and R.C. 311.01, in the appointment to fill the McDonald vacancy.

20. The Relators have no adequate alternative remedy at law and, in the absence of *mandamus* relief, and would once again be placed in a situation where an extraordinary writ from this Court in *quo warranto* would be required in the event respondents proceed to appoint either George Maier or some other candidate whose application was not processed and deemed legally qualified as of February 6, 2013 (the qualification date).

21. George Maier, as a result of this Court's judgment of ouster, is unqualified and should not and cannot be considered as an applicant for Stark County Sheriff. By way of this Court's judgment, George Maier is excluded from the Office of Stark County Sheriff, as a matter of law, and cannot be appointed to fill the McDonald vacancy.

22. The Relators assert that the Stark County Democratic Central Committee has already announced and stated publicly that George Maier may be a qualified candidate, despite this Court's order that he lacks qualification, at a minimum, based upon R.C. 311.01(B)(8).

23. The Relators assert that George Maier is not only unqualified based upon his lack of *lawful* peace officer experience, but also lacks qualifications based upon his failure to satisfy by credentials R.C. § 311.01(B)(9) as fully asserted and briefed in *Swanson v. Maier, supra*.

24. The Stark County Democratic Central Committee has publicly asserted that George Maier has met the qualifications that this Court claimed Mr. Maier lacked by his unlawful service as Sheriff from February 5, 2013 until he was removed on November 6, 2013.

25. The Relators assert that George Maier's unlawful usurpation of power and control of the Stark County Sheriff's Office cannot be used to satisfy the requirement of law enforcement experience; by order of this Court, George Maier was unlawfully in that position and the Court deemed George Maier to be unqualified. As a result, George Maier's lack of qualifications continue to apply and bind him in any effort to apply for the vacancy created in January, 2013 for the Stark County Sheriff's Office.

26. Unless this Court directs the respondents, Stark County Democratic Central Committee and its Chairman, to consider only applicants for the vacancy and persons qualified for the vacancy prior to the applicable qualification date, the Relators will be harmed and damaged. The respondents have no authority to deviate from applicable Ohio law, including the law of the case fixed by this Court's judgment in *Swanson v. Maier*.

27. If the Stark County Democratic Central Committee is permitted to review and accept applications from individuals other than those who had applied in January, 2013, (and prior to the qualification date) those applications would be received and reviewed well after the close of the qualification date, which was established by this Court as February 6, 2013; as a result, any such applicant considered and who may be eventually appointed, whose application was not processed before February 6, 2013, by law is unqualified.

28. The Stark County Democratic Central Committee and its Chairman have a clear legal duty to exercise appointment authority in compliance with R.C. 305.02 and 311.01, with respect to

the McDonald vacancy. Thus, the respondents have the clear legal duty to consider for the appointment only those qualified and eligible applicants who fully satisfied R.C. 311.01 prior to the qualification date.

29. The only qualified candidates for appointment to the Stark County Sheriff's Office based upon the vacancy created on January 6, 2013, are Lou Darrow and Larry Dordea.

III. Demand for Judgment.

WHEREFORE, Relators, Timothy A. Swanson and Lou Darrow, demand judgment granting a *writ of mandamus*, either an alternative writ and order to show cause, or directly a peremptory writ, for the following relief:

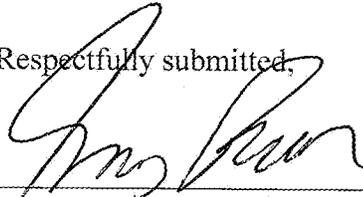
1. That the Stark County Democratic Central Committee, and its Chairman, be ordered to immediately convene and consider only those qualified applicants who processed applications for appointment to the vacancy in the Office of Stark County Sheriff as of February 6, 2013 (the applicable "qualification date").

2. Alternatively, directing the respondents to immediately convene and count only the votes of the eligible applicants who were considered at the DCC meeting held on February 5, 2013, and then make and certify the appointment to the Office of Stark County Sheriff from the result of those votes.

3. In the alternative, the Stark County Democratic Central Committee, and its Chairman, must be ordered to reconvene and vote on the only two qualified candidates who processed lawful applications on or before February 6, 2013 (the qualification date for the McDonald vacancy), namely Lou Darrow and Larry Dordea.

4. That the Respondents be assessed costs and attorney fees, and for such other relief as deemed appropriate by this Court.

Respectfully submitted,



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERVICE

Please serve copies of the foregoing complaint upon the respondents, by U.S. certified mail, return receipt requested, at the addresses listed in the caption hereof, in accordance with S.Ct. Prac. R. 10.4(A).



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2. Before he assumed office, McDonald reported to the Stark County Commissioners that he would not be able to assume the duties of Sheriff, for health reasons. A copy of McDonald's notice to the Commissioners is attached hereto, marked as Exhibit A.

3. I timely applied for appointment to the Office of Sheriff, for the purpose of seeking to fill the McDonald vacancy, and attached hereto, marked as Exhibit B, is a copy of the Journal Entry filed by the Administrative Judge of the Stark County Court of Common Pleas respecting my application.

4. As set forth in Exhibit B, I am fully qualified to serve by appointment to the Office of Sheriff of Stark County, Ohio, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 311.01.

5. As part of the application process, I was finger-printed, completed the application which was presented to Judge Forchione, the Administrative Judge for the Stark County Court of Common Pleas, appeared before Judge Forchione to respond to questions about my qualifications, presented numerous documents with the application, and fully established my qualifications and credentials for the position of Sheriff by January 29, 2013, which was within the qualification period as established by the vacancy created when Sheriff elect Michael McDonald announced on January 3, 2013 that he could not assume his duties as Sheriff because of his terminal illness.

6. I attended the Stark County Democratic Central Committee meeting scheduled to consider appointment to the Sheriff vacancy on February 5, 2013, and during the meeting, the Stark County Prosecutor, along with other committee members questioned and challenged George Maier's qualifications, and requested that the meeting be postponed so the Mr. Maier's qualifications could be fully compared to the statutory requirements. The Democratic Party Chairman, Randy Gonzalez, refused to postpone the meeting, and insisted on a open vote of all members of the committee,

(instead of a secret vote). Mr. Gonzalez openly expressed his support for Mr. Maier, while knowing that Mr. Maier's qualifications were in issue, and also knowing that the other two candidates, myself and Mr. Larry Dordea, fully qualified for the Sheriff appointment.

7. Within days after this Court's decision in *Swanson v. Maier*, Respondent Gonzalez publicly announced that the Democratic Central Committee would meet within 45 days of the decision and consider *all applicants* who wish to apply for the Sheriff position; George Maier, the Respondent in *Swanson v. Maier*, and the person declared unqualified as Sheriff, has declared that he will submit his application for Sheriff in order to be considered for the Sheriff appointment.

8. My work history as well as my application establish my credentials and qualifications for Sheriff: I began my employment with the Stark County Sheriff's office on January 12, 1987 and have never had a break in service. I completed my Ohio Peace Officer Training in November, 1988, and have served as a peace officer in law enforcement since that time; my supervisory experience includes my promotion to Sergeant of the Stark County Sheriff's office on April 3, 1997, and promotion to Lieutenant on August 30, 2012, which is the rank I currently hold in the Sheriff's department.

10. In my experience at the Stark County Sheriff's office I have been responsible for working and ultimately overseeing every aspect of the department's operation, including law enforcement, road patrol, criminal investigations, detainment policies, jail operations, budgeting, and administrative duties.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.



Lou Darrow

STATE OF OHIO)
)
STARK COUNTY)

SS:

SWORN to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 15th day of November, 2013.


Notary Public



SHIRLEY A. MANFULL
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 7/5/2017

EXHIBIT A



TIMOTHY A. SWANSON

Stark County Sheriff

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Administrative Offices • (330) 438-3000 • Fax (330) 438-3044

(330) 433-1230

Job Design • (330) 433-1230 • Fax (330) 433-1230 • www.starkco.org
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January 3 2013

To Whom It May Concern

Due to a very recent change in my medical condition I Michael A McDonald am unable to assume the Office of Sheriff of Stark County

Sincerely

Michael A. McDonald

Witness: Timothy A. Swanson
July McDonald

EXHIBIT
A

EXHIBIT B

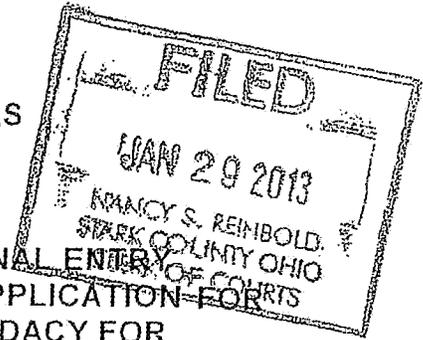
STARK COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

STARK COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE CANDIDACY OF:

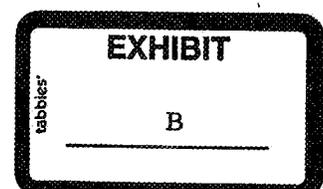
LOU DARROW

JOURNAL ENTRY OF COURTS
RE: APPLICATION FOR
CANDIDACY FOR
SHERIFF OF
STARK COUNTY, OHIO



Pursuant to R.C. 311.02 (F)(1), the Applicant has sworn before me, the Administrative Judge for the Court of Common Pleas for Stark County, Ohio as to the truth of his qualifications for the Office of Sheriff for Stark County, Ohio, as set forth in his Application for Candidacy attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, including that he:

1. Is a United States citizen;
2. Has been a resident of Stark County, Ohio for at least one (1) year prior to the qualification date for appointment to the vacancy of Sheriff pursuant to R.C. 305.02;
3. Is qualified as an elector of Stark County, Ohio pursuant to R.C. 3503.01 and has complied with all applicable election laws;
4. Has attained a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalence issued for achievement of specified minimum scores on the general educational development test of the American Council on Education;
5. Has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude under the laws of this or any other state of the United States, and has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense that is a misdemeanor of the first degree under the laws of this state or an offense under the laws of any other state or the United States that carries a penalty that is substantially equivalent to the penalty for a misdemeanor of the first degree under the laws of this State;
6. Has met the law enforcement training and employment qualifications of R.C. 311.02 (8); and,
7. Has the law enforcement supervisory experience required pursuant to R.C. 311.02(9).

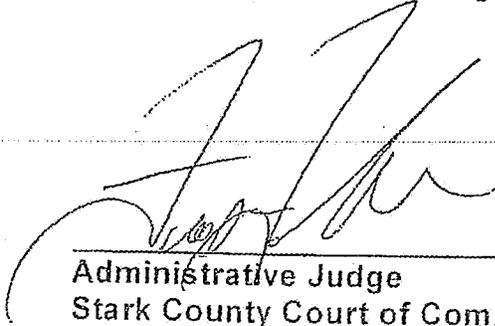


IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Clerk of Courts forward a certified copy of these findings and a verified application to the Stark County Democratic Central Committee, forthwith.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Courts shall pay over any remaining fees associated with the filing of this Application to the general fund of Stark County, Ohio.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 1/29/2013



Administrative Judge
Stark County Court of Common Pleas

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH AS FILED IN THIS OFFICE.

Kathleen Belis
REGISTRAR

FEB 8 1964

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH

Reg. Dist. No. 1806 Registrar's No. 282-64
Primary Reg. Dist. No. 1806 Birth No. 134

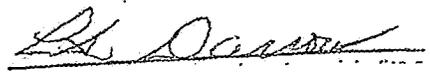
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a. COUNTY <u>Cuyahoga</u>	b. CITY, VILLAGE, OR LOCATION <u>Garfield Heights</u>	a. STATE <u>Ohio</u>	b. COUNTY <u>Cuyahoga</u>
c. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION (If not in hospital or institution, give street address) <u>Marymount Hospital</u>		d. STREET ADDRESS <u>7704 Bancroft Avenue</u>	
3. IS PLACE OF BIRTH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		7. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)		6. DATE OF BIRTH	
First <u>Louis</u>	Middle <u>Allen</u>	Last <u>Darrow</u>	MONTH DAY YEAR <u>March 20 1964</u>
4. SEX <u>Male</u>	5a. THIS BIRTH SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TWIN <input type="checkbox"/> TRIPLET <input type="checkbox"/>	5b. IF TWIN OR TRIPLET, WAS CHILD BORN 1ST <input type="checkbox"/> 2D <input type="checkbox"/> 3D <input type="checkbox"/>	
7. NAME		8. COLOR OR RACE	
First <u>Clyde</u>	Middle <u>Allen</u>	Last <u>Darrow</u>	<u>White</u>
9. AGE (at time of this birth) <u>27 YEARS</u>		10. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <u>Akron, Ohio</u>	11a. USUAL OCCUPATION <u>Helper</u>
11b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <u>Republic Struc. Iron</u>			
12. MAIDEN NAME		13. COLOR OR RACE	
First <u>Rose Marie</u>	Middle <u>Nucci</u>	Last <u>White</u>	
14. AGE (at time of this birth) <u>25 YEARS</u>		15. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <u>Flushing, Ohio</u>	
17. INFORMANT'S NAME OR SIGNATURE <u>Clyde A. & Rose Marie Darrow</u>		16. PREVIOUS DELIVERIES TO MOTHER (Do NOT include this birth)	
		a. How many OTHER children are now living? <u>2</u>	b. How many OTHER children were born alive but are now dead? <u>0</u>
		c. How many fetal deaths (fetuses born dead at ANY time after conception?) <u>0</u>	
18. MOTHER'S MAILING ADDRESS <u>7704 Bancroft Ave., Cleveland 5, Ohio</u>		19. DATE SEROLOGIC TEST FOR SYPHILIS	
19a. SIGNATURE <i>Rose Marie Darrow</i>		19b. ATTENDANT AT BIRTH M. D. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. O. <input type="checkbox"/> MIDWIFE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)	
19c. ADDRESS <u>9710 Garfield Blvd</u>		19d. DATE SIGNED <u>3/20/64</u>	
20. DATE RECD. BY LOCAL REG. <u>Mar 26 1964</u>		21. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <i>John F. Hartman</i>	
		22. DATE ON WHICH GIVEN NAME ADDED BY _____ (Registrar)	

Voter ID : 268646

Name : LOU A DARROW
Residence : ██████████
City : CANTON, OH 44718

Phone :
Birth Year : 1964
Status : A
Party : DEM
Reg. Date : 9/3/1999

Precinct : 147.0
Polling Place : JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5155 EASTLAKE ST NW

Signature on file:


Voting Districts

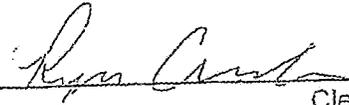
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WARD : JACKSON

Voting History

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03/07/2000 2000_MAR_PRIMARY

This is to certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of records on file with the Board of Elections.

by 
Clerk

00268646 DARROW, LOU A

JAC 13

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No If you answered NO, do not complete this form.

This is an application for a New Registration Address Change Name Change

Last Name: DARROW First Name: LOU Middle Name or Initial: A Jr., II, etc.

House Number and Street: 1717 Hopkins Ave Apt. or Lot #: City or Post Office: ZIP Code:

Additional Rural or Mailing Address (if necessary): County where you live: ST. LOUIS

Birthdate (MO - DAY - YR): 03-20-69 Birthplace (City and State): Social Security No. (voluntary): Phone No. (voluntary):

ADDRESS CHANGE ONLY - PREVIOUS ADDRESS: Previous House Number and Street: Previous City or Post Office: County: State:

CHANGE OF NAME ONLY: Former Legal Name: Former Signature:

I declare under penalty of election falsification I am a citizen of the United States, will have lived in this state for 30 days immediately preceding the next election, and I will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the general election.

Signature of Applicant: Date: 03 10 99

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House Dist.

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Archbishop Hoban High School



His Excellency
Louis Barron

has completed the course of study prescribed by the authorities of the
Archbishop Hoban High School, a High School of the First Grade, and
by Intellectual Attainments and earned Department is hereby declared
a Graduate of Archbishop Hoban High School and is awarded this

Diploma

In Witness Whereof, we have affixed our signature at Akron, Ohio
May 22, 1922

B. Wm. DeLoach,
Principal



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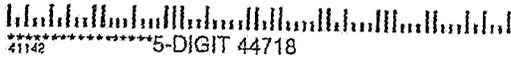
Taxes For: **FIRST HALF 2012**

Due Date: **02/20/2013**

Ohio Revised Code 323.121 requires a 10% penalty to be added for any payments dated or postmarked after the due date.

Messages

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IF YOU ARE 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER OR TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED AND HAVE TITLE TO PROPERTY AS OF JANUARY 1ST. CALL 330-451-7323 TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY.



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L. A. D.

CANTON OH 44718-1637

Property Details

Parcel Number: [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED]
 Description: [REDACTED]
 Owner: L. A. D. & L. A. D. (DO NOT GIVE OUT INFO)
 Property Type: 510 RESIDENTIAL
 District: 00130 JACKSON TOWNSHIP - JACKSON LSD

Tax Rates

Appraised Value

Gross Rate:	83.10	Land:	33,900
Effective Rate:	65.08	Improvement: (Bldg)	88,100
		Total:	122,000

Distribution

Taxable Value

County:	174.04	Land:	11,870
Township:	248.35	Improvement: (Bldg)	30,840
City/Village:	0.00	Total:	42,710
Schools:	743.31	Homestead:	0
Voc. Schools:	0.00	CAUV:	0
Rec District:	0.00		
Parks:	18.69		
Library:	31.77		
Ambulance:	0.00	Agent Code: 12246948	
Fire District:	0.00		

Taxes Due

REAL ESTATE TAX	1,774.60
TAX REDUCTION	-384.84
10% ROLLBACK	-138.98
2.5% DISCOUNT	-34.63
CURRENT HALF TAX:	1,216.15
27 MUSKINGUM WATERSHED	6.00
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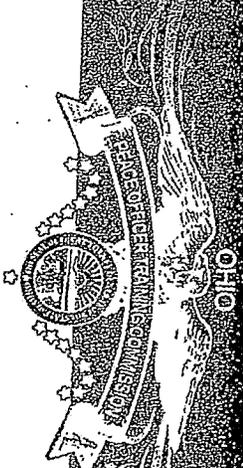
Dear Taxpayer:

This is to inform you that your 2012 real estate tax bill was sent to your mortgage lender or bank for payment. This notice is for your tax records only.

Please contact the treasurer's office at 330-451-7814 if your mortgage lender or bank has changed or your mortgage has been paid in full.

Alexander A. Zumber
 Stark County Treasurer

THIS INFORMATIONAL LETTER WILL BE SENT ONCE A YEAR.



OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING COMMISSION
&
THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

This is to certify that

Louis A. Darrow

has completed the Ohio
Peace Officer Basic Training Program

Conducted by

Stark County Sheriff's Academy

Awarded on

April 21, 1989

Mike DeWine

Mike DeWine
Attorney General

Vernon P. Stanforth

Vernon P. Stanforth, Chairperson
Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission



Robert Fernald

Robert A. Fernald, Executive Director
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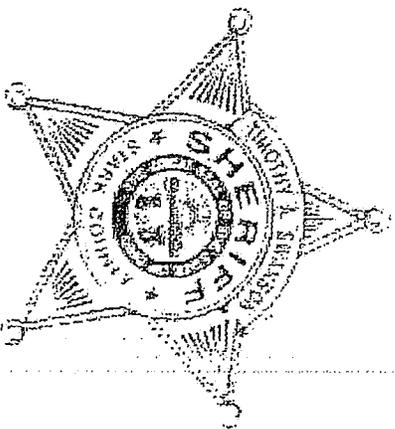
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I, SHERIFF TIMOTHY A. SWANSON, DO HEREBY PROMOTE

LOUIS A. DARRROW

TO THE RANK OF

LIEUTENANT

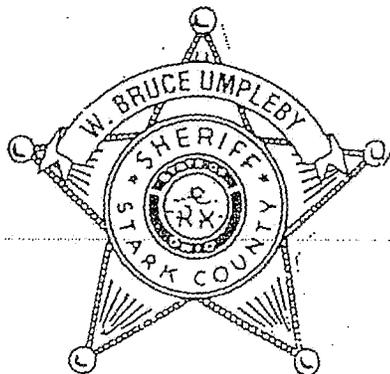


AS A MEMBER OF THE STARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 30, 2012

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SHERIFF TIMOTHY A. SWANSON

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CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

I, SHERIFF W. BRUCE UMPLEBY, DO HEREBY PROMOTE

LOUIS A. DARROW

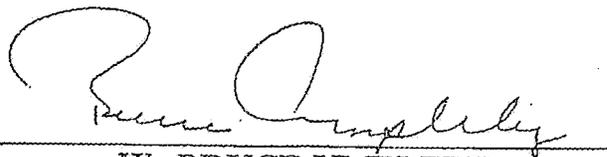
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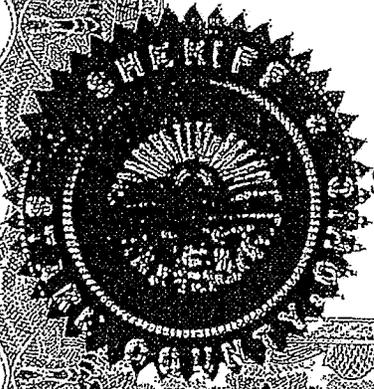
AS A MEMBER OF

THE STARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

EFFECTIVE THIS 3RD DAY APRIL 1997.



W. BRUCE UMPLEBY
SHERIFF OF STARK COUNTY, OHIO





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January 17, 2013

Jeanette Mullane
Stark County Board of Elections
201 - 3rd Street NE
Canton, OH 44702

Re: Louis A. Darrow, SSN: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Mullane:

Louis Darrow is currently employed with the Stark County Sheriff's Office as a full-time Lieutenant (Deputy Sheriff) in charge of the Operations Division. He has been employed with this office since January 12, 1987.

Lt. Darrow was hired as a Corrections Officer. He entered the Patrol Officer Cadet Academy in November of 1988 and was commissioned upon completion. He has worked in all three divisions, Jail, Civil, and Operations. Lou was promoted to Sergeant on April 3, 1997 and promoted to Lieutenant on August 30, 2012.

If I may be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (330) 430-3806.

Sincerely,

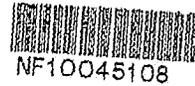
Timothy A. Swanson
Stark County Sheriff

Theresa M. Wilson
Personnel Assistant

CIVILIAN BACKGROUND CHECK

TYPE ALL INFORMATION IN BLACK

LAST NAME NAM FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME
DARROW, LOUIS A



ADDRESS OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED: STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP
100 East Blvd NE
Canton, OH 44718

DATE OF BIRTH DOB
Month Day Year
03-20-1964
SOCIAL SECURITY NO. SOC
[REDACTED]

ALIASES AKA

[REDACTED]

DATE FINGERPRINTED
-14-2013
SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL TAKING FINGERPRINTS
EMERY - 263

AGENCY CODE (ORI/AGC)
OH0760000 *ADJ074*

REASON FINGERPRINTED
(Please Check One)

BACKGROUND CHECK RESULTS TO: (Please check one)
Agency listed in agency code box
Residence listed in address of person fingerprinted
Other - specify Name - Address

OHIO RESIDENT MORE THAN 5 YEARS
 Yes No

- *Responsible for care, custody, control of children (SB-38)
- *Responsible for direct care of elderly (HB-160)
- *Required for licensing/permit
- Law enforcement (police, corrections applicant or criminal justice employment)
- Other, please specify _____

SEND TO TEACHERS CERT (4UR619)
 Yes No

Applicant for Stark Co. Sheriff
311.01(B)(6) ORC
Enforcement Applicant

DRIVERS LICENSE OR STATE ID NBR
[REDACTED]

*Required: specify Ohio Revised Code section number
311.01(B)(6)

DARROW, LOUIS A

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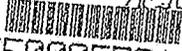
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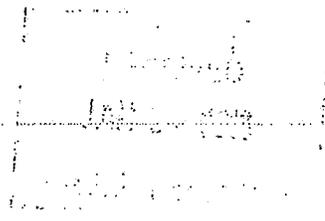
STARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
500 Atlantic Blvd NE
London, OH 44705-4374

Applicant for Stark Co. Sheriff

11.01 (B)(6) ORC

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Law Enforcement Applicant





MIKE DEWINE

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January 24, 2013

The Court of Common Pleas
Stark County, Ohio
Honorable Judge Forchione
115 Central Plaza North
Canton, OH 44705

RE: Candidate for Sheriff: Darrow, Louis A

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED THE COMPLETED FINGERPRINT CARD(S) ON THE ABOVE NAMED CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF OF YOUR COUNTY.

- A BCI Fingerprint Card Reveals "No Criminal Record" at the Ohio Bureau
- BCI Background Record Checks Reveals "A Record" at the Ohio Bureau. A copy is attached.
- BCI Background Record Check Reveals a "Sealed Record" at the Ohio Bureau. In accordance with ORC 2953.31-36 (D) (E) a copy is attached.
- An FBI Applicant Fingerprint Card Reveals "No Criminal Record" at the Federal Bureau.
- An FBI Fingerprint Record Check Reveals "A Record" on File at the Federal Bureau. A copy is attached.

Sincerely,
Mike DeWine
Attorney General

Lonnie Rudasill
Deputy Director of Identification
(740) 845-2215



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JANUARY 24, 2013

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
STARK COUNTY, OHIO
HONORABLE JUDGE FORCHIONE
115 CENTRAL PLAZA NORTH
CANTON OH 44705

**CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK
NO BCI CONVICTIONS ON FILE
AUTHENTICATION NO. NF10045108**

The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) has completed a criminal history record check on the applicant listed below.

There are no convictions on file with this office for this applicant.

Name: DARROW, LOUIS A
Date of Birth: MARCH 20, 1964
SSN: XXX-XX-
BCI Completion Date: JANUARY 23, 2013
Reason Fingerprinted: Law Enforcement/Sheriff Candidate

This letter is valid for one year from the record check completion date. This letter may be photocopied by the prospective employer and retained by the applicant.

Thomas J. Stickrath, Superintendent
Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 109.57(E)(2), BCI can only provide information relating to the criminal convictions and guilty pleas. BCI is also only permitted to provide information regarding juvenile adjudications if the adjudication was for Aggravated Murder, Murder, or for a sex offense for which the offender still has a duty to register.



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STARK COUNTY, OHIO
HONORABLE JUDGE FORCHIONE
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CANTON OH 44705

NO FBI RECORD ON FILE
AUTHENTICATION NO: FF00057914
ICN: E201302300000064712

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has completed a criminal history record check on the applicant listed below. Based upon the information furnished by your agency, the FBI has **NO CRIMINAL CONVICTION RECORD** on file for:

Applicant Name: DARROW, LOUIS A
Date of Birth: MARCH 20, 1964
Social Security Number: XXX-XX-
FBI Completion Date: JANUARY 23, 2013
Reason Fingerprinted: Law Enforcement/Sheriff Candidate

This "No Record" verification is valid for one year from the record check completion date. This letter may be photocopied by the prospective employer and retained by the applicant.

Thomas J. Stickrath, Superintendent
Ohio Bureau of Criminal
Identification & Investigation



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January 14, 2013

Honorable Judge Forchione
115 Central Plaza North
Canton, Ohio 44702

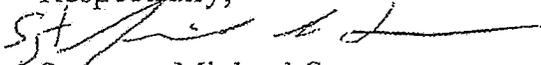
Re: Sheriff Applicant

Louis A. Darrow
DOB: 03/20/1964
SSN: [REDACTED]

Dear Judge Forchione,

A background investigation was conducted by Sheriff's Office personnel in reference to the criminal history of Louis A. Darrow. No local police records were located.

Respectfully,


Sergeant Michael Seaman
Stark County Sheriff's Office



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LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZATION

DATE 01-11-13

I, Louis ALLEN DARRON do hereby authorize

and request any City, County, State or Federal Agency, Department or Bureau to furnish any criminal information in their files under the above name (s). I agree to hold any sources of information blameless for any error in reporting this information. I release all persons, whomsoever, from any damage for having furnished said information.

SIGNATURE L.A. Darron

WITNESS [Signature]

*If not for myself, I am requesting arrest information on:

NAME _____

DOB _____

SSN _____

MAJ. J. C. Z.
JANUARY 10, 2013
CLERK OF COURTS
STARK COUNTY, OHIO

STARK COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

2013 JAN 10 PM 4:16

STARK COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE CANDIDACY OF:

LOU DARROW

JOURNAL ENTRY
RE: APPLICATION FOR
CANDIDACY FOR
SHERIFF OF
STARK COUNTY, OHIO

Pursuant to R.C. 311.02 (F)(1), the Applicant has sworn before me, the Administrative Judge for the Court of Common Pleas for Stark County, Ohio as to the truth of his qualifications for the Office of Sheriff for Stark County, Ohio, as set forth in his Application for Candidacy attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, including that he:

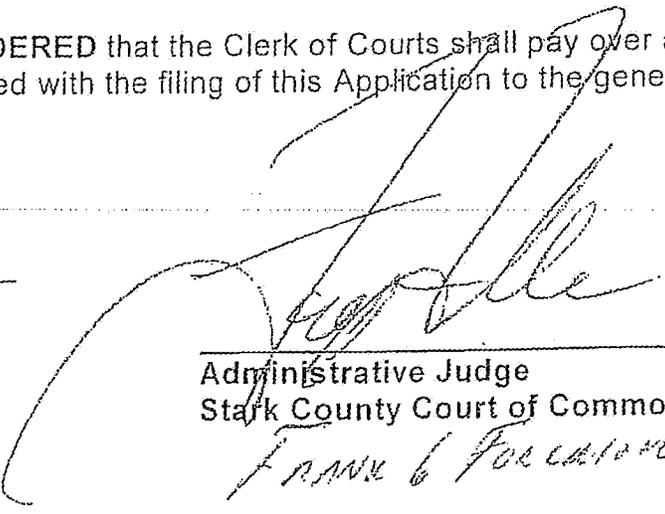
1. Is a United States citizen;
2. Has been a resident of Stark County, Ohio for at least one (1) year prior to the qualification date for appointment to the vacancy of Sheriff pursuant to R.C. 305.02;
3. Is qualified as an elector of Stark County, Ohio pursuant to R.C. 3503.01 and has complied with all applicable election laws;
4. Has attained a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalence issued for achievement of specified minimum scores on the general educational development test of the American Council on Education;
5. Has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude under the laws of this or any other state of the United States, and has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense that is a misdemeanor of the first degree under the laws of this state or an offense under the laws of any other state or the United States that carries a penalty that is substantially equivalent to the penalty for a misdemeanor of the first degree under the laws of this State;
6. Has met the law enforcement training and employment qualifications of R.C. 311.02 (8); and,
7. Has the law enforcement supervisory experience required pursuant to R.C. 311.02(9).

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Clerk of Courts forward a certified copy of these findings and a verified application to the Stark County Board of Elections forthwith.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Courts shall pay over any remaining fees associated with the filing of this Application to the general fund of Stark County, Ohio.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 1/18/2013



Administrative Judge
Stark County Court of Common Pleas

FRANK J. FORCINITI

NO 40-01
CLERK OF COURTS
STARK COUNTY, OHIO
2013 JAN 10 PM 4:16

STARK COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

STARK COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE CANDIDACY OF:)

LOU DARROW

JUDGMENT ENTRY
RE: APPLICATION FOR
CANDIDACY FOR
SHERIFF OF
STARK COUNTY, OHIO

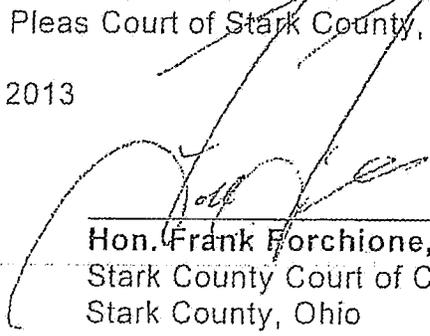
A verified Application has been filed by, Lou Darrow, a prospective candidate for the Office of Sheriff of Stark County, Ohio. The Court, for the purpose of carrying out its duties pursuant to R.C. 311.01, makes the following ORDERS:

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Lou Darrow shall present himself to the Identification Bureau of the Stark County Sheriff's Office to be fingerprinted in accordance with R.C. 311.01 during regular business hours on a date and time determined by the Sheriff's Office, but in no event later than five (5) business days of this Order.
2. The identification Bureau of the Stark County Sheriff's Office shall take three (3) sets of fingerprints of the prospective candidate as follows:
 - a. One (1) set of fingerprints shall be taken on an Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation Applicant Card (BCI card), which shall be clearly marked "LAW ENFORCEMENT APPLICANT."
 - b. One (1) set of fingerprints shall be taken on a Federal Bureau of Investigation Applicant Card (FBI card), which shall be clearly marked "LAW ENFORCEMENT APPLICANT."
 - c. One (1) set of fingerprints shall be taken on a local law enforcement fingerprint card as recognized and utilized by the Stark County Sheriff's Office (SCSO card) and shall be clearly marked "LAW ENFORCEMENT APPLICANT."
3. Upon completion of the fingerprinting, the BCI card and the FBI card shall be delivered by the Officer taking said fingerprints to the Administrative Judge of the Common Pleas Court of Stark County for forwarding to the appropriate agencies, and the SCSO card shall be retained by the Stark County Sheriff's Office for the purposes of a record check of all local law enforcement agencies, which shall be conducted forthwith.

4. Upon completion of the local records check, the Sheriff or his designee shall deliver the results of the local record check to the Administrative Judge of the Common Pleas Court of Stark County, Ohio.

Dated: January 10, 2013



Hon. Frank Forchione, Administrative Judge
Stark County Court of Common Pleas-General Division
Stark County, Ohio

CLERK OF COURTS
STARK COUNTY, OHIO
2013 JAN 10 PM 4:18

APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY

(ALL INFORMATION MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED IN INK)

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: Lou A. Darrow
Address: [REDACTED]
Canton, OH 44718
Social Security No.: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: March 20, 1964

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:

Now Comes Lou Darrow, and being first duly sworn and cautioned, avers as follows:

- 1) I am a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Stark County, Ohio.
- 2) I am a citizen of the United States {Revised Code 311.01(B)(1)}.
- 3) I have been a resident of Stark County for 40 years prior to the qualification date for this election Revised Code 311.01(B)(2)}.
- 4) I have been awarded a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalence issued for achievement of specified minimum scores on the general educational development test of the American council on education.
- 5) I have the qualifications of an elector as specified in Revised Code 3503.01 and have complied with all application election laws {Revised Code 311.01(B)(3)}.
- 6) I have not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude under the laws of this or any other state or the United States and I have not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense that is a misdemeanor of the first degree under the laws of this state or an offense under the laws of any other state or the United States that carries a penalty that is substantially equivalent to the penalty for a misdemeanor of the first degree under the laws of this state. {Revised Code 311.01(B)(5)}.
- 7) During the three-year period immediately prior to the qualification date for this election, I held a valid basic peace officer certificate of training issued by the Ohio peace officer training commission and have been employed for at least the last three years prior to the qualification date as a full-time law enforcement officer as defined in Revised Code 2901.01 performing duties related to enforcement of statutes, ordinances or codes {Revised Code 311.01(B)(8)(b)}
- 8) During the five-year period immediately prior to the qualification date for this election, I had at least two years of supervisory experience as a peace officer at the rank of corporal or above {Revised Code 311.01(B)(9)(a)}.

RESIDENCE HISTORY:

List every home address you have had in the six (6) years prior to the qualification date. (Attach additional sheets on 8-1/2 x 11 white paper if necessary).

Address:

[REDACTED]
Canton, OH 44718.

Period of Residence:

2003 to present

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

State the name and address of each employer and the period of time employed by the employer for a period of six (6) years immediately preceding the qualification date. (Attach additional sheets on 8-1/2 x 11 white paper if necessary).

Name and Address of

Employer or Business:

Stark County Sheriff Department
Stark County Commissioners
4500 Atlantic Blvd. NE
Canton, OH 44705

Period of Employment:

January 1987 to present

VERIFICATION:

STATE OF OHIO

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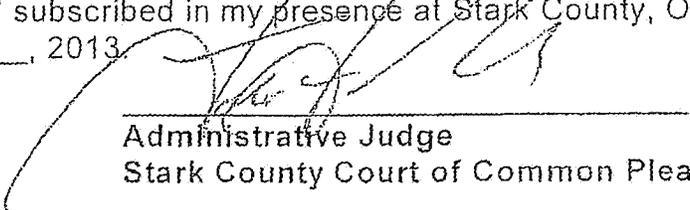
STARK COUNTY

I, LOU A. DARROW, an applicant for qualification as candidate for the Office of Sheriff of Stark County, Ohio being duly sworn, says that the facts contained in the above application are true and the answers are complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Signature of Applicant

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence at Stark County, Ohio
this 10th day of JANUARY, 2013.



Administrative Judge
Stark County Court of Common Pleas