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The Office of the Maryland State Prosecutor has announced that criminal charges have been filed against 33 individuals for violating the state election laws which require filing of campaign finance reports.

Title 13 of the Annotated Code of Maryland Election Law Article requires each campaign finance committee to file required reports with the State Board of Elections, and the treasurer and chairman are jointly and severally responsible for the filings. Those who have been charged are accused of failing to file campaign finance reports pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Election Law Article, Sections §13-304 and §13-327. If found guilty, each count carries a maximum penalty of up to 1 year in jail and/or \$25,000 in fines. All defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The charges stem from investigations that were opened in the summer of 2007 when the State Board of Elections referred approximately 150 delinquent campaign finance committees to this office. In August and September, this office sent notices to all first time offenders who could possibly face criminal charges. However, after exhausting efforts to convince many individuals to get their committee into compliance, this office presented charging documents to the Anne Arundel County District Court. Pursuant to office policy, the office did not request warrants in these cases, opting instead to request that criminal summonses be issued.

No court dates have been set as of the date of this press release.

*(List of people charged on page 2)*

The following people have been charged.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Committee</u>
Walter Kenneth Moody	Severn	Walter K. Moody Say Yes
Carolyn Moody	Severn	Walter K. Moody Say Yes
Kevin P. Kane	Abingdon	The Friends of Kevin Patrick Kane
Stasia Marie Baier	Abingdon	The Friends of Kevin Patrick Kane
Carolyn Denise Johnson	Lanham	Citizens for Melvin Johnson
Faith Lichelle Johnson	Lanham	Citizens for Melvin Johnson
Lester Jones Belcher III	Annapolis	Citizens to Elect Les Belcher
David Warren McKnew	Arnold	Citizens to Elect Les Belcher
Charles Albert Johnson	Cumberland	Allegany County Republican Central Committee
Bernard W. Miltonberger	Frostburg	Allegany County Republican Central Committee
Mason Proctor	Indian Head	Friends of Reginald Kearney
Cheryl Ann Watson	La Plata	Friends of Reginald Kearney
Jamal I. Miller	District Heights	Voting Is Not Enough PAC
Karla Denise Walker	Silver Spring	Friends of Aaron Klein
Simone Scupi	Silver Spring	Friends of Aaron Klein
Stephen Antoine Jefferson	Bowie	Antonio Asa - Personal Treasurer
Diane Dougherty Zimmerman	Frederick	Citizens for Diane Dougherty
Thomas C. Zimmerman	Frederick	Citizens for Diane Dougherty
James G. Stavropoulos Jr.	Middle River	The People for Jim Stavropoulos Jr.
Brenton Burkhart	Middle River	The People for Jim Stavropoulos Jr.
Ronald Anthony Mills	Baltimore	Friends of Ronald Anthony Mills
Tanya Ira Snow	Baltimore	Friends of Ronald Anthony Mills
Joseph Patrick Horgan	Kensington	Citizens for Joseph Horgan
Diane Cameron	Kensington	Citizens for Joseph Horgan
Loretta A. Burgess	Mount Rainier	Citizens for Rosetta Parker
Olevia C. Ambrose	Hyattsville	Citizens for Rosetta Parker
Jeffery D. Allen	Baltimore	Citizens for Jeffery Allen
June J. Allen	Baltimore	Citizens for Jeffery Allen
Antonio L. Hayes	Baltimore	Friends of Antonio Hayes
Donisha Turner	Baltimore	Friends of Antonio Hayes
Lawrence A. Bell	Baltimore	The Lawrence Bell Committee
Thomas Huggins	Baltimore	The Lawrence Bell Committee
Marva Jo Camp	Mitchellville	Friends of Marva Jo Camp
Earlette L. Toomer	Seat Pleasant	People for Responsible Government Slate
Robert R. Stokes	Baltimore	Friends of Robert Stokes Sr.
William B. Henry	Baltimore	Friends of Robert Stokes Sr.
Charles Anthony Muse	Fort Washington	Committee to Elect Anthony C. Muse
Carmen Celeste Hodnett	Temple Hills	Committee to Elect Anthony C. Muse
John A. Giannetti	Laurel	Citizens for John A. Giannetti, Jr
Greg Giannetti	Odenton	Citizens for John A. Giannetti, Jr
Alvin Jones	Baltimore	Friends of Verna Jones
Louis Parker	Baltimore	Friends of Verna Jones
Victoria Goldsborough	Denton	Friends of Vickie Goldsborough