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Chairman, Edgar County ETS Board  
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Re: Notice of intent to file suit for recovery on behalf of the County of Edgar under (740 ILCS 175/) Code of Civil Procedure, Illinois False Claims Act, Sec. 4(b)(1). This suit will be filed in the names of John Kraft and the State of Illinois.

Gentlemen,

I reasonably assume that by now all of you gentlemen are aware of me, given the number of visits, emails, and phone calls of inquiry. You have all taken an oath, which binds you to the Constitution of the State of Illinois and the Constitution of the United States of America. It is through those organic documents that your duties and powers find their origin, emanating from the popular sovereignty of the People, and to a lesser extent, those who freely consent to whatever form of government they chose to bind themselves.

I have attempted to present statements, alleging violations of law, to the attention of those persons whom I, at the time was inclined to believe would act in good faith in bringing the accused to justice. However, upon further inquiry and investigation, I have come to realize that not only was I met with inaccurate, misleading, or false information, but I have also been made aware of a systematic attempt to prohibit private individuals from pursuing justice when directly

approaching those parties who are constitutionally obligated. At every turn, I have met with denial, obfuscation, or resistance. As a result, I am confronting you gentlemen with these concerns and accusations, placing the burden upon you, and invoking your sworn duty to hold those who submit themselves to the laws, accountable to the laws.

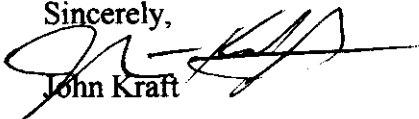
Initially, the Edgar County Emergency Telephone System Board was approached, during open meetings, alleging violations of law against the persons known to me to be an employee of the ETSB and a Public Official of the ETSB. Additionally, the Edgar County Board was approached, during open meetings, alleging violations of law against the persons known to me to be an employee of the ETSB and a Public Official of the ETSB. The names of these people are Nanette Crippes and Merle Clark. Nanette Crippes did knowingly use her capacity as Coordinator for the ETS to submit claims for attendance at meetings that did not occur. Merle Clark, Chairman of the ETS Board did knowingly aid Nanette Crippes in transmitting claims for reimbursement against the County of Edgar for attendance at regular scheduled ETS meeting(s) that did not occur.

Let this letter serve notice upon you gentlemen, who have so chosen to encumber yourselves with the demands of public service and constitutional duty, that employees and officers serving the ETS and the County of Edgar have used their position to the detriment of unwary People and betrayed the Public trust in our local government bodies.

Enclosed are complaints that state facts I believe support charges of false claims to obtain public funds, in violation of the laws of Illinois and being properly binding upon those alleged in the complaints and subject to just punishment. I will not tender originals at this time, as it cannot be relied upon to have them treated in the manner required, but I will, upon request, present them to the State's Attorney, Chairman of the County Board, or Chairman of the ETS Board, signed and verified.

Thank you for your attention,

Sincerely,

  
John Kraft

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cc: Terre Haute Tribune  
WTHI-TV  
WEIU  
WCIA  
Charleston Times-Courier  
Disclosure Heartland

**Complaint and Affidavit in Support Thereof**

**NOW comes John Kraft, citizen of Edgar County and of the state of Illinois, and for his Complaint, subscribed and sworn to in conformance with 740 ILCS 175/, for acts by persons herein named in having committed violations of the laws and statutes of the state of Illinois, hereby states the following:**

**That I, John Kraft, possess first-hand knowledge of the following offenses/criminal acts committed by the following person(s):**

**Name of the offense:** False Claims

**Statutory provisions violated:** 740 ILCS 175/, Sec 3

**Nature and elements of the offense:** Nanette Crippes did knowingly transmit or caused to be transmitted a claim for reimbursement against the County of Edgar for attendance at regular scheduled ETS meeting(s) that did not occur.

**Date and County where offense occurred:** This offense(s) occurred from, Jan 2006 thru Nov 2011 in Edgar County.

**Name of the Accused:** Nanette Crippes, known as an employee of the ETS and Edgar County.

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, John Kraft, do hereby swear that the information contained in this Complaint is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and it is my true belief that the person(s) named herein are guilty of having committed the aforementioned offenses/criminal acts.

Subscribed and affirmed, under penalty of perjury, to the aforementioned material herein, in Edgar County, in State of Illinois, on this 31 day of July, 2012.

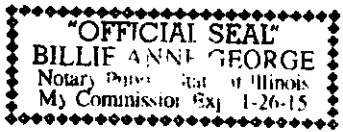
[Signature]  
John Kraft - Affiant/Complainant

(SIGNATURE)

The undersigned, a notary public in and for the above county and state, certifies that John Kraft known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Complaint and Affidavit in Support Thereof, appeared before me in person and acknowledged signing and delivering the instrument as a free and voluntary act.

Dated: 07-31-12

(SEAL)  
[Signature]  
Notary Public



My commission expires 01-26-15

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**Name of the Accused:** Merle Clark, known as an Officer of the County of Edgar, formerly serving as the Chairman of the ETS Board and Department Head of the ETS.

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(SEAL)  
Billie Ann George



Notary Public

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