

***** (For Immediate Release) *****

State's Attorney Tom Gibbon's Sued for Violating Freedom of Information Act

Sent by former County IT Director Rob Dorman

(See Documents attached and below)

EDWARDSVILLE - State's Attorney Tom Gibbons was sued in Madison County Circuit Court by former county IT Director Rob Dorman for failing to respond to a freedom of information request that asked for public records involving the Madison County Public Corruption Task Force.

The freedom of information request asked for emails between Gibbons and the task force, a list of the task force members, Gibbon's office calendar, a complaint by Lisa Ciampoli, and emails with from the State's Attorney Office with the words "rent", "hall", "fundraiser", "fundraising", "campaign", "donation", "raffle", "prize", "bet", or "tournament" from 2006 to 2016.

A failure to respond under the Illinois Freedom Information Act is considered a denial by the public body.

Dorman says according to the act records of a public body are presumed to be open to inspection even if Tom Gibbons wants to keep the records secret.

"Gibbons failed to respond to my request," Dorman said. "I want to know if there are records of political fundraising on county time in the office of the State's Attorney going back to 2006, as well as his involvement in the task force. I believe Tom Gibbons is covering up important information on unethical conduct in the State's Attorney's Office."

Email from Rob Dorman to Tom Gibbons

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 17, 2020, at 9:18 AM, rob dorman <rob62234@gmail.com> wrote:

Under the provisions of the freedom of information act I am requesting a digital copies of:

Your office calendar from September 1 2017 through December 31st 2017.

Any and all lists of members of the Madison county public corruption task force.

Any email to or from members of the public corruption task force and yourself between Sept 1 2017 and Jan 24th 2020.

Any email from any SA county email from 2006 through 2016 with any or all of the following words -

Rent
Hall
Fundraiser
Fundraising
Campaign
Donation
Raffle
Prize
Bet
Tournament

A copy of any complaint by Lisa Ciampoli.

Ty!