

## **Shelby County Treasurer - Erica Firnhaber**

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**From:** Shelby County Treasurer - Erica Firnhaber  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 11:39 AM  
**To:** statesattorney@shelbycounty-il.com  
**Cc:** 'Orman, Bobby'  
**Subject:** Keith Petard insurance  
**Attachments:** Keith Petard Consociate Breakdown.docx; k.p. medicare doc.jpg; SPD Effective 9.1.17. with highlight for k.p.pdf; Copy of Keith Petard.xls

State's Attorney Kroncke,

As the elected and duly sworn Treasure of Shelby County with a statutory duty to "safely keep the revenues and other public moneys of the county" (55 ILCS 5/3-10005), I would like to request that civil or criminal action be taken against Keith Petard.

(55 ILCS 5/3-9005) (from Ch. 34, par. 3-9005)  
Sec. 3-9005. Powers and duties of State's Attorney.  
(a) The duty of each State's Attorney shall be:  
(1) To commence and prosecute all actions, suits, indictments and prosecutions, civil and criminal, in the circuit court for his county, in which the people of the State or county may be concerned.  
(3) To commence and prosecute all actions and proceedings brought by any county officer in his official capacity

I believe the statutes referenced above allow for me to request for this action be taken. The general fund has been depleted by \$34,297.01 due to Keith Petard not informing me of being on Medicare. I contacted Keith before the end of every month starting in December of 2018 through June of 2020 because he had informed the prior treasure that he was applying and would be on Medicare soon after retiring on October 30, 2018. I was told every month that he was not on Medicare and therefore, the county continued to keep him on the health insurance. In June of 2020, Keith sent a copy of his Medicare coverage and it clearly states he was on Medicare Part A starting November 1,2018.

I have attached documentation regarding the county Consociate insurance plan that clearly states once a retired employee is Medicare eligible and/or on Medicare (either part) they are no longer eligible to be on the county plan. Because Keith was not truthful each month he was contacted, non-qualifying claims were paid. That report from Consociate is attached. This member was terminated retroactive to November 1, 2018. The county has not refunded his premiums due to the amount of claims that were paid out of the general fund.

I am asking that whatever steps are appropriate, whether civil or criminal, be taken to recover the funds in the amount of \$34,297.01 on behalf of taxpayers who have been defrauded of this money.

Thank you,

*Erica Firnhaber*  
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