

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of entry 05/24/2021

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents, and the purpose of the interview, [REDACTED] voluntarily provided the following:

[REDACTED] worked for the SHELBY COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (SCHD) since [REDACTED] ALAN SPESARD began working for the SCHD in approximately May 1999 as the Shelby County Highway Engineer. Prior to SPESARD, STAR REINERT (phonetic) and JIM MOSE held the position of Shelby County Highway Engineer. Both REINERT and MOSE had their own engineering company that conducted business with Shelby County. SPESARD began his own business, SHELBY ENGINEERING, right around when he joined SCHD. [REDACTED] believed this was normal and the previous Shelby County Highway Engineers had all done the same. In the past, Shelby County and Shelbyville didn't have engineers, so SHELBY ENGINEERING was hired to do the county and city a service.

Other Shelby County and Shelbyville (city) public officials were aware of the arrangement of SHELBY ENGINEERING working for Shelby County and Shelbyville, despite SPESARD being the owner. Previous Committee Chairs of the county board (DAVE CURITT and BRUCE CANNON) were aware and approved of SHELBY ENGINEERING doing business with the county. The work SHELBY ENGINEERING did for the county and city did not need to be bid out. [REDACTED] believed "professional services cannot be bid." When asked what kind of services were not professional services, [REDACTED] listed "contract services." When asked would SHELBY ENGINEERING's contracted work done for the city be considered contract services, [REDACTED] said he didn't completely understand the policy and was unsure. Because the Mayor and City Council approved and signed off on the contracts awarded to SHELBY ENGINEERING, [REDACTED] and SPESARD believed it was not illegal.

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