

STATE OF MARYLAND

* IN THE

VS

* CIRCUIT COURT

HELEN L. HOLTON

* FOR BALTIMORE CITY

* CASE NO: **109209024**

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6. In July, 2007, Helen L. Holton met with Ronald H. Lipscomb and John Paterakis and requested that they pay for the survey to be conducted by Ronald Lester.

7. In July, 2007, Ronald H. Lipscomb and John Paterakis agreed to pay for the Ronald Lester survey and each agreed to contribute one-half of \$12,500.00.

8. The amounts to be paid by John Paterakis and Ronald Lipscomb exceeded the limits provided by Maryland law and the money was to be paid without delivering said contribution to Audrey Parham Stewart, the treasurer of Citizens for Helen Holton.

9. Councilwoman Helen L. Holton bypassed her campaign finance treasurer and told Ronald Lester to contact Ronald H. Lipscomb directly to obtain payment for the survey.

10. On or about July 27, 2007, Lester & Associates issued its invoice for the survey to be performed for Councilwoman Helen L. Holton in the amount of \$12,500.00 to Doracon Contracting, Inc.

11. On or about July 30, 2007, Doracon Contracting, Inc. issued a check in the amount of \$12,500.00 to Lester & Associates.

12. Between approximately July 30, 2007 and August 9, 2007, Ronald Lester used the \$12,500.00 amount to perform an election survey for Councilwoman Helen L. Holton.

13. On or about August 9, 2007, Councilwoman Helen L. Holton received the survey results from Ronald Lester and forwarded the information via e-mail to Ronald H. Lipscomb.

14. On or about August 10, 2007, John Paterakis requested that a check be issued to "Duracon Construction" (sic) in the amount of \$6,000.00 to be drawn on the account of J&B Associates.

15. On or about August 10, 2007, a J&B Associates check was issued and made payable to "Duracon Contracting, Inc." (sic) in the amount of \$6,000.00 which represented the one-half of the payment by John Paterakis for the survey performed on behalf of Helen L. Holton and her campaign.

16. The \$6,000.00 payment made by John Paterakis to finance the campaign activity on behalf of Helen Holton was not disclosed to the treasurer of Helen Holton's campaign, Audrey Parham Stewart, by Helen L. Holton, John Pakerakis or Ronald Lipscomb and was not reported on the campaign finance reports which were required by law to be filed.

COUNT I

CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS (Conspiracy, Common Law)

17. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1-16 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

18. Between on or about July 3, 2007 and August 10, 2007, the exact dates to the Grand Jury being unknown, at Baltimore City, Maryland,

HELEN L. HOLTON

did conspire knowingly and willfully with Ronald H. Lipscomb and John Paterakis to violate the campaign finance laws of the State of Maryland by conducting campaign finance activity for an election other than through a campaign finance entity, by

exceeding the campaign contribution limits and by requesting payment of money to another person other than a campaign finance entity to defray the costs of the campaign, contrary to the form of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided against the peace, government and dignity of the State.

(Common Law of Maryland)

COUNT II

Conducting Campaign Finance Activity Other than Through a Campaign Finance Entity

19. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1-16 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

20. Between approximately July 3, 2007 and August 10, 2007, in Baltimore City, Maryland,

HELEN L. HOLTON

knowingly and willfully did conduct campaign finance activity other than through a campaign finance entity by requesting that an expenditure for the campaign be made directly to a third party without having the money pass through the hands of the treasurer of the Citizens for Helen Holton campaign finance entity for the purpose of conducting campaign activity in support of the Helen L. Holton re-election campaign, contrary to the form of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided against the peace, government and dignity of the State.

(Election Law Article §§ 13-202 (a) and 13-603)



Robert A. Rohrbaugh
State Prosecutor

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Black/Female DOB 08/18/1960

Indictment – 1. Conspiracy to Violate the Campaign Finance Law
2. Campaign Finance Law (EL 13-202 and 13-603)

(True Bill)

_____, Foreman

WITNESSES:

John Poliks, et al.

Filed _____, 2009

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1. This paper charges you with committing a crime.
2. If you have been arrested, you have the right to have a judicial officer decide whether you should be released from jail until your trial.
3. You have the right to have a lawyer.
4. A lawyer can be helpful to you by:
 - (A) explaining the charges in this paper;
 - (B) telling you the possible penalties;
 - (C) helping you at trial;
 - (D) Helping you protect your constitutional rights; and
 - (E) Helping you get a fair penalty if convicted.
5. Even if you plan to plead guilty, a lawyer can be helpful.
6. If you want a lawyer but do not have the money to hire one, the Public Defender may provide a lawyer for you. The court clerk will tell you how to contact the Public Defender.
7. If you want a lawyer but cannot get one and the Public Defender will not provide one for you, contact the court clerk as soon as possible.
8. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DATE OF YOUR TRIAL TO GET A LAWYER.** If you do not have a lawyer before the trial date, you may have to go to trial without one.