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Sent: Bob Kathe Mensik <br/>
Shmensik@gmail.com> Thursday, October 13, 2022 9:02 PM

**To:** Cook, Scott

**Cc:** aulax44@gmail.com

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: New Complaint received by COPP- Bohleen v Mensik-Lohmuller

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**Attachments:** 20221013\_1.jpg

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South Services 13, 2022 0.07 PM

Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2022 9:07 PM

To: Cook, Scott
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: New Complaint received by COPP- Bohleen v Mensik-Lohmuller

**Attachments:** 20221013\_2.jpg

Subject: Photographic Evidence #2 refuting allegations of Complaint received October 13, 2022: Bohleen v. Mensik-Lohmuller, COPP-2022-CFP-020

On Thu, Oct 13, 2022 at 9:04 PM Bob Kathe Mensik < bkmensik@gmail.com > wrote:

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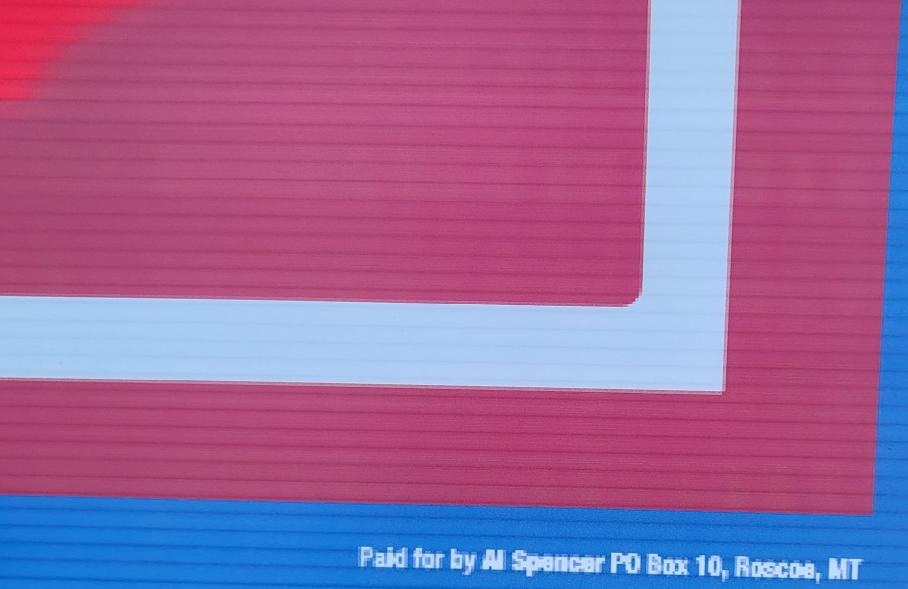
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**To:** Cook, Scott

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: New Complaint received by COPP- Bohleen v Mensik-Lohmuller

**Attachments:** 20221013\_3.jpg

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: New Complaint received by COPP- Bohleen v Mensik-Lohmuller

**Attachments:** 20221013\_4.jpg

Subject: Photographic Evidence #4 refuting allegations of Complaint received October 13, 2022: Bohleen v. Mensik-Lohmuller, COPP-2022-CFP-020

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