

THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Campaign Finance and Practices

Complaint Form (08/17)

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Type or print in ink all information on this form except for verification signature

Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Neil S. Lahr Complete Mailing Address PO Box 385 Browning, Montana 59417 Phone Numbers: Work Home (406) 845 9341

Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

Complete Name Jess Edwards Complete Mailing Address PO Box 348 Browning, Montana 59417 Phone Numbers: Work Home (406) 450 6090

Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alledged violation.

Verification by oath or affirmation

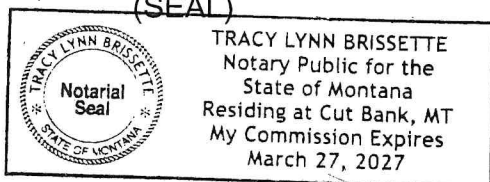
State of Montana, County of Glacier

I, Neil S Lahr, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of May, 2026.

Signature of Notary Public



My Commission Expires:

**Statement of facts:**

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting this complaint regarding the apparent failure of Jess Edwards, candidate for the Glacier County Coroner/Sheriff election to comply with Montana campaign finance reporting requirements.

The candidate filed a C-1A Statement of Candidate and selected the "C" box designation, which indicates the candidate is required to file C-5 campaign finance reports under Montana law and Montana Commissioner of Political Practices reporting requirements.

Despite this requirement, the candidate has apparently failed to submit the required C-5 campaign finance reports within the mandated reporting periods. These disclosures are essential to maintaining transparency and public confidence in the electoral process by informing voters of campaign contributions, expenditures, and financial activity.

Failure to file the required reports may constitute a violation of Montana campaign finance and disclosure laws. I respectfully request that this matter be reviewed to determine:

1. Whether the candidate was legally required to file C-5 reports.
2. Whether required filings were missed or remain delinquent, and
3. Whether enforcement action, penalties, or corrective measures are appropriate under applicable law.

Transparency and equal enforcement of campaign finance laws are critical to preserving public trust in local elections, particularly in offices involving public safety and public accountability.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I respectfully request confirmation that this complaint has been received and reviewed.

**Complaints must be:**

- signed
- notarized
- delivered in person or by mail.