

## AFFIDAVIT

State of Colorado  
County of Delta

Before me, the undersigned Notary, on this 3, day of December, 2018, personally appeared an adult who identified himself to me by his Colorado driver's license as Omar Carreon, Jr.

1. I am thirty-three years old. I have lived most of my life in Delta Colorado. I am employed full-time by a steel and machine business in Delta, Colorado and have been so employed for nine years.
2. Until November 28, 2018, my parents, my brother, and I lived in a house at 10 Hartig Drive in Delta which is owned by Betty Ann Soper, mother of Matt Soper. My parents had rented that house and lived there with my brother since August of 2016. I moved in with them in May of 2017. Even before I moved to 10 Hartig Drive, I visited my parents there on a very frequent basis from the time when they rented that house. On November 28, 2018, my family and I moved from 10 Hartig Drive, Delta, Colorado to a residence in a nearby town.
3. In the Hartig Drive house, my brother and I each used one of the two upstairs bedrooms, and our parents used the other bedroom, which is downstairs. During the time our family lived at 10 Hartig Drive, no other person lived or worked at that address.
4. My mother has told me that at some point which I believe was near the beginning of 2018, her friend Betty Ann Soper asked her (my mother) if it would be okay for Matt Soper to receive mail at 10 Hartig Drive. My mother told me she agreed to that. Thereafter, I sometimes observed my mother preparing to carry Matt Soper's mail to Betty Ann Soper. Until September 23, 2018, I never gave any thought to why Matt Soper might want his mail to be delivered to the 10 Hartig Drive house.
5. I learned that Matt Soper was a 2018 political candidate while my brother and I were attending the annual Delta County Democratic Party BBQ. I have now checked as to the date of that event. It was held on Sunday, September 23, 2018. At that BBQ, my brother and I found ourselves sitting near Thea Chase. She told me that she was an Independent candidate in the Colorado House District 54 race and that her opponent was Matt Soper. In that conversation, I mentioned to Ms. Chase that I lived in a house owned by Matt Soper's mother. As the conversation continued, it came out that the address of that house is 10 Hartig Drive in Delta. To my surprise, Ms. Chase mentioned that it was her understanding Matt Soper lived at a house with that address. I informed her that was not accurate. It quickly concerned me that someone might think our family had been allowing Matt Soper's mail to be delivered to our residence while knowing some improper purpose might be involved. The fact is that no such thing ever occurred to us, and we certainly knew nothing about him being a political candidate.
6. A day or two before October 19, 2018, Sentinel Reporter Charles Ashby came to our residence at 10 Hartig Drive and interviewed me. In response to his questioning, among other things, I told him that Matt Soper had not lived or worked at 10 Hartig Drive since my family had been renting the house. Also, Mr. Ashby told me something to the effect that Matt Soper had informed him that he had maintained a room in the 10 Hartig Drive house but had decided to move out because of political arguments with me. I responded that Mr. Soper had not lived with us and that I had not had political arguments with him. While Mr. Ashby was at our residence, he told me that he understood that ballots had been mailed to voters the day before, and he asked if we had checked our mailbox that day. We hadn't. Mr. Ashby



asked if I would check our mailbox with him present. I did that, and all of the ballots of us four Carreons were there along with Matt Soper's ballot.

7. After Mr. Ashby interviewed me, and before anything appeared in the Sentinel about the situation, Matt Soper telephoned my mother. In that conversation, he made it clear that he knew that I had answered Sentinel Reporter Ashby's questions about him and 10 Hartig Drive, and he stated that my brother and I had to get out of our residence because I answered those questions. Matt Soper also said something like, "Well, just don't talk to a reporter anymore, and maybe we'll wait a couple of days and see if things cool off." My mother described that conversation to me on the day she said it happened. I took the conversation as a kind of threat.

8. In an article written by Mr. Ashby and published in the October 19, 2018, issue of Grand Junction Sentinel, Matt Soper was quoted as saying that he "has a room" at 10 Hartig Drive. That was not true then, and it was never the situation at any time while our family lived at 10 Hartig Drive. In that same October 19, 2018 edition of the Sentinel, Matt Soper was represented as saying that he and I had political arguments and that he moved out of 10 Hartig Drive because of those arguments. Those things are not true either. In fact, the only time I recall seeing Matt Soper in 2018 was when he, his mother, and his girlfriend stopped by 10 Hartig Drive, where I understand his deceased grandparents had lived for many years, to pick yellow roses to be placed on their graves. It was a friendly contact. Nothing was said by anyone present which could reasonably be called an argument or political in nature.

9. Shortly after October 19, 2018, my parents were served with notice that Betty Ann Soper was evicting all of us from the house at 10 Hartig Drive and that we must be out by the end of November, 2018. And again, two days later my parents were served by the sheriff with the same eviction notice. I saw both eviction papers.

Omar Carreon

SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2018.

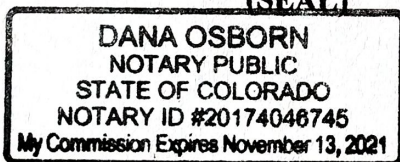
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SIGNATURE OF NOTARY

Dana Osborn

PRINTED NAME OF NOTARY

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 11-13-2013  
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Robert Mauley wrote this up for Omar  
(Retired state Atty - not lic'd in CO)