



## BOMBSHELL: Whistleblower Reveals MI Petition Ringleader Who Allegedly Gathered Fraudulent Ballot Signatures For 5 GOP Gubernatorial Candidates Being Kicked Off Ballot ALSO Worked For 2 Current DEM Members of Congress

### Description

USA: [\*\*100 Percent Fed Up Exclusive\*\*](#)— On Monday, five of twelve MI GOP gubernatorial candidates, including the top two Republican Gubernatorial candidates, former Detroit Police Chief James Craig and self-made billionaire Perry Johnson and three other GOP candidates for governor, were found to have an insufficient number of signatures to be placed on the ballot in the August primary election. Gubernatorial candidates in Michigan must submit a whopping 15,000 signatures to be eligible to run for governor.

The other three candidates include Michael Markey, MI State Police Captain Michael Brown, and Donna Brandenburg. They were notified by the State of MI Bureau of Elections that thousands of fraudulent signatures had been identified on their nominating petitions, which placed them all in danger of being removed from the primary ballot in August.

The MI Board of Canvassers will make the final decision on May 26. The board is comprised of two Democrats and two establishment Republicans.



Former Detroit Police Chief James Craig



### Self-made billionaire businessman Perry Johnson

Yesterday, I spoke exclusively with a whistleblower\* tied to the petition gathering process in Michigan as I tried to understand better how so many intelligent candidates were caught up in what appears to be a significant signature forgery scheme.

During a lengthy conversation with a Michigan whistleblower who's been in the signature-gathering business for a long time, she named some of the key figures involved in the unethical and likely illegal practice of gathering forged signatures for candidates paying them in good faith to complete their nominating petitions.

The first name we discussed was First Choice Consulting founder "Shawn Wilmoth." When I mentioned his name, the whistleblower immediately responded, "Shawn is definitely" behind the scandal. When I asked her to define Wilmoth's alleged role in the gathering of fraudulent signatures, specifically for the GOP gubernatorial candidates whose campaigns are in jeopardy, she explained: "Shawn owns a company called First Choice Consulting, and he just had too many clients." In addition to being overwhelmed with too many clients, the whistleblower also blamed a "labor shortage" for some of the unethical practices within the signature-gathering community, citing an "unusually long winter" coupled with a shortage of workers because "so many people are still getting government assistance [COVID payments]." She admitted that it'd become a challenge to get the same amount of required signatures for candidates with fewer workers.

Another source in the business of collecting signatures told me, "If Shawn Wilmot's behind the [GOP

fraudulent signature] scandal, the person who hired him needs to be held accountable.” He explained that Wilmoth has two previous voter fraud felony convictions,” and almost everyone in this business who hires him knows what they’re getting into” when they hire him.

In April 2011, Wilmoth was [arrested](#) in Michigan and accused of instructing employees to fraudulently sign petition pages. Wilmoth pleaded guilty. A statement of facts entered as part of the plea reveals that Wilmoth hired two ex-cons, who were ineligible to collect petition signatures under state law, and asked them to not only collect signatures but to sign as a witness on dozens of petition sheets filled with signatures they did not collect.

As part of the plea deal, Wilmoth was given two concurrent 5-year sentences, with 4 years and 8 months suspended on the condition of good behavior and repayment of court and extradition costs, and sentenced to 3 years of supervised probation. He was also released from jail after being credited with time served.



Shawn Wilmoth, owner of First Choice Contracting



We reached out to **John Yob**, Chief Craig's former and Perry Johnson's current campaign strategist, to ask if he was responsible for hiring Shawn Wilmoth to get signatures for Chief Craig and Perry Johnson? Yob did not respond to my request. A political insider told me that Yob allegedly hired Wilmoth out of desperation to get signatures for both Craig and Johnson.

Yob shared his outrage over the decision on Twitter.

The staff of the Democrat Secretary of Staff does not have the right to unilaterally void every single signature obtained by the alleged forgers who victimized five campaigns.

— John Yob (@strategic) [May 24, 2022](#)

In subsequent tweets, Yob claims the invalidity of one signature on a ballot does not invalidate all signatures and that the burden of proof is on Michigan's dirty Democrat Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson.

Perry Johnson retweeted Yob's tweet threatening legal action and accusing the board of refusing to count the thousands of legitimate signatures.



According to the MI Bureau of Elections report, 36 petition circulators have been identified as passing along fraudulent signatures to the campaigns of the five GOP gubernatorial candidates, including two of the front-runner candidates, James Craig and Perry Johnson.

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**STAFF REPORT ON FRAUDULENT NOMINATING PETITIONS**

**I. Introduction**

During review of candidate nominating petitions submitted for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election, Bureau of Elections (Bureau) staff identified 36 petition circulators<sup>1</sup> who submitted fraudulent petition sheets consisting entirely of invalid signatures. All petition sheets submitted by these circulators displayed suspicious patterns indicative of fraud, and staff reviewing these signatures against the Qualified Voter File (QVF) did not identify any signatures that appeared to be submitted by a registered voter. Taken together, these circulators provided nominating petitions in at least 10 petition drives. During standard petition review, staff identified the same circulators in several sets of petitions for which at least 2,000 signatures were required to appear on the ballot, including candidates for governor, circuit judge, and district judge.

In total, the Bureau estimates that these circulators submitted at least 68,000 invalid signatures submitted across 10 sets of nominating petitions. In several instances, the number of invalid signatures submitted by these circulators was the reason a candidate had an insufficient number of valid signatures. In other instances, while invalid signatures were identified in the candidate's filing, the number was insufficient to move the number of signatures below the threshold for ballot qualification.

Although it is typical for staff to encounter some signatures of dubious authenticity scattered within nominating petitions, the Bureau is unaware of another election cycle in which this many circulators submitted such a substantial volume of fraudulent petition sheets consisting of invalid signatures, nor an instance in which it affected as many candidate petitions as at present.

Because of the pervasiveness of fraudulent petition sheets and the fact that sheets submitted by the same circulators affected multiple candidates, staff have prepared an omnibus report documenting the detection of, and staff response to, these petition sheets. The extent to which each candidate's ballot qualification is affected by these circulators is proportional to the number and percentage of these circulator sheets in the candidate's nominating petition submission. This report explains how and when staff identified the fraudulent petition sheets, the process developed to address the fraudulent sheets, and an appendix showing examples of the practices these circulators used to submit invalid signatures.

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The whistleblower explained how forgery became prevalent in their industry. "A couple of years ago, Mark Jacoby, he's a big name in the industry—started paying people to do a 'plebiscite,' which means it's a fake petition, it's not a real. And then people would get signatures; they really wouldn't get signatures; what they would do, is they would forge all of them. And in our industry, it would open the door for people who are not petitioners to forge stuff—and that's what we've been getting deluged

with—with all of these forgeries. Mark Jacoby is the founder of “Let The People Decide.”

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