

## WALTER REED STATEMENT REGARDING THE GRAND JURY INDICTMENT

The indictment handed down today mirrors the press reports of the last year, many which are inaccurate, incomplete and sometimes misleading. In view of that extensive media coverage, we have issued this statement so that the public will not formulate any adverse conclusions based upon the Indictment which is merely an allegation and not evidence of guilt. The public should keep an open mind as this case will be tried in a court where all evidence can be considered.

### **I. There is No Allegation That Walter Reed Sold His Office**

A review of the indictment does not reveal no allegations of a bribery scheme or kickbacks for favors granted by Walter Reed as a public official. This is basically a tax case with allegations of mail fraud/wire fraud and money laundering based on the tax issues in the case.

### **II. Walter Reed Has Paid His Taxes**

Walter Reed has paid "90%" of the taxes the IRS says he should have paid for those four years, with the remaining 10% claimed by the IRS to be income questionable grounds (i.e. \$100,000.00 in campaign funds which were reported on his campaign disclosures, but now challenged by the IRS as personal income.

The bottom line is this case should be, at best, a civil tax case, not a criminal prosecution.

### **III. Walter Reed Campaign Funding and Expenditure**

The Walter Reed campaign funds were not public funds, but monies contributed by Walter Reed's supporters to aid his political efforts in the past. **Unfortunately and incorrectly, members of the media have used the terms campaign funds and public funds as though they are the same.** Such donations to his campaign funds

were reported to the State with extensive details regarding their source and the expenses incurred. Additionally, we will be challenging the use of an IRS investigation to enforce state campaign laws. (See Attachment "3").

#### **IV. St. Tammany Hospital Board Legal Fees**

Over 20 years ago, Walter Reed was approached by the then CEO, Paul Cordes of the St. Tammany Hospital who requested that he personally attend the St. Tammany Hospital Board meetings and that the Hospital would pay Walter directly for legal service. From its inception, his services the hospital made the checks payable to Walter Reed, individually, as a private attorney, not the District Attorney's office. Contrary to media reports, each check was deposited in his personal account, and never into the District Attorney's operating account. This verbal agreement was entered into some 20 years ago, and was never questioned by the CEO, Board members or others during the life of the relationship, until last year. While it is regrettable we cannot twenty years later find any formal resolution or contract between the Hospital and Walter, the attached document from nearly 20 years ago reflect Walter's understanding of retention. See Walter Reed's letter of October 1996; (Attachment "1"). There was also a draft resolution faxed to Cordes October 1, 1996.

Over the last 20 years, he consistently attended the meetings (ordinarily several hours) and contributed to the business agenda of the hospital personally attending over 150 board meetings.

Walter Reed resigned his position at the Hospital because of the obvious misunderstanding with the present Board, as to his status, not because of any misconduct.

From 2008 to present Walter Reed reported to the public all income from St. Tammany Parish Hospital in the amount of approximately \$30,000.00 annually paid

directly to him. See Attachment “2” a, b, c, d, e, f). For six years it was never a matter of scrutiny until shortly before the qualifying period for the Office of District Attorney.

What is not speculation is that Mr. Reed's position on this issue has been consistent. For nearly 20 years, Mr. Reed has operated under the impression created by the former Chairman of the Hospital Board that he was serving as private counsel to the Board. Checks made payable to Walter Reed and deposited in his personal account and report on his public disclosure form for six years are consistent with that belief.

**V. Outside Practice of Law**

In Louisiana, there is no legal limitation on a District Attorney engaging in an outside practice of law.

Starting shortly before Katrina in 2005, Walter Reed entered into an “Of Counsel” relationship with a law firm which was publicly noted in news articles at the time.

While certain individuals have urged that there be no other financial income for District Attorneys from any outside source, that is not the present law in Louisiana, which merely requires disclosure of such income. Importantly, such a change in the law might restrict a number of qualified persons who might undertake such positions of responsibility, but in any event there has been no violation of law, and the state legislature has never seen fit to change the law.

**CONCLUSION**

During the last nearly 30 years, Walter Reed has surrounded himself with dedicated Assistant District Attorneys and other staff members who were committed to the fair administration of justice. The most important measurement for the citizens of St. Tammany and Washington parishes is that Walter Reed’s office ensured the safety of our citizens and their community for the last 30 years.

We ask the public to not form any opinions based on the mere fact an indictment was returned or on media reports and allow this case to be resolved in the Courts where all the evidence will unfold.

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**MORGAN STEWART**  
**SPOKESPERSON**

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**RICK SIMMONS**  
**COUNSEL FOR WALTER REED**



**WALTER P. REED**

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

WASHINGTON - ST. TAMMANY PARISH  
22ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ST. TAMMANY PARISH  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
428 E. BOSTON STREET  
COVINGTON, LOUISIANA 70433  
898-2392 OR 646-4083

NON-SUPPORT DIVISION  
401 N. NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COVINGTON, LOUISIANA 70433  
892-3727  
649-0716

SLIDELL OFFICE  
520 OLD SPANISH TRAIL  
SUITE 340  
SLIDELL, LOUISIANA 70458  
646-4111

WASHINGTON PARISH D.A.'S OFFICE  
905 PEARL STREET  
FRANKLINTON, LA 70438  
839-6711

NON-SUPPORT DIVISION  
905-B PEARL STREET  
FRANKLINTON, LA 70438  
839-6303

BOGALUSA OFFICE  
328 AUSTIN STREET  
BOGALUSA, LA 70427  
732-9594

October 15, 1996

Mr. Paul Cordes  
St. Tammany Parish Hospital Board  
Covington, Louisiana 70433

Dear Paul:

As you know, approximately two years ago I began representing the Board of St. Tammany Hospital personally. Prior to that time, the District Attorney's Office was Counselor of Record. Through an oversight, the Board never did ratify my appointment as Counsel. It was only recently that I became aware of this. In order to correct this oversight, I am recommending that the Board vote to ratify my previous appointment at the next regular Board Meeting to be held Monday, October 21st.

Sincerely,

Walter P. Reed

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ORIGINAL REPORT

AMENDED REPORT

This Report Covers Calendar Year 2008

Office Held or Position Sought District Attorney, 22nd Judicial District  
Date of Election \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Qualifying \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Filer: Walter P. Reed

Full Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: 219 Thornwood Dr.  
Street Apt. #  
Covington, LA 70435  
City State Zip Code

Spouse's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Principal Business Address, if any:

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Suite # \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY

I do hereby certify, after having been first duly sworn, that the information contained in this personal financial disclosure form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Walter P. Reed  
Signature of Filer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this May day of 2009

Houston C. Gascon  
Notary Public  
Printed Name: Houston C. Gascon  
ID# 12171



Commission Expires At Death



**SCHEDULE D**  
**INCOME FROM THE STATE, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS,**  
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Filer  Spouse  Business Amount of Income \$ 30,000 

Name of Business, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Source of Income St. Tammany Parish Hospital

Type of Income:  State  Political Subdivision  Gaming Interest

Address 1202 S. Tyler St.  
Street  
Covington, LA Suite #  
City State Zip Code 70433

Filer  Spouse  Business Amount of Income \$ 2,642

Name of Business, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Source of Income Greater N. O. Expressway Commission (Causeway)

Type of Income:  State  Political Subdivision  Gaming Interest

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Suite #  
City State Zip Code

Filer  Spouse  Business Amount of Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Source of Income \_\_\_\_\_

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Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Filer  Spouse  Business Amount of Income \$ 30,000.00

Name of Business, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Source of Income St. Tammany Parish Hospital

Type of Income:     State     Political Subdivision     Gaming Interest

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street 1202 S. Tyler ST.  
City Covington, LA 70433 Suite #  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code

Filer  Spouse  Business Amount of Income \$ 51,923.00

Name of Business, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Source of Income State of Louisiana

Type of Income:     State     Political Subdivision     Gaming Interest

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street P. O. Box 94095  
City Baton Rouge, LA 70804 Suite #  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code

Filer  Spouse  Business Amount of Income \$ 87,524.00

Name of Business, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Source of Income ~~District Attorney's Office~~

Type of Income:     State     Political Subdivision     Gaming Interest

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street 701 N. Columbia St.  
City Covington, LA 70433 Suite #  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code



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AMENDED REPORT

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Office Held or Position Sought District Attorney, 22nd Judicial District

Date of Election N/A Date of Qualifying N/A

Full Name of Filer: Walter P. Reed

Full Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

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Covington LA Apt. # 70435  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Filer  Spouse  Business Amount of Income \$ 32,500.00

Name of Business, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Source of Income St. Tammany Parish Hospital

Type of Income:  State  Political Subdivision  Gaming Interest

Address 1202 S. Tyler St.  
 Street  
Covington, LA Suite #  
 City State Zip Code  
70433

Filer  Spouse  Business Amount of Income \$ 50,000.08

Name of Business, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Source of Income State of Louisiana

Type of Income:  State  Political Subdivision  Gaming Interest

Address P. O. Box 94095  
 Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804 Suite #  
 City State Zip Code

Filer  Spouse  Business Amount of Income \$ 95,007.45

Name of Business, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Source of Income District Attorney's Office

Type of Income:  State  Political Subdivision  Gaming Interest

Address 701 N. Columbia St.  
 Street  
Covington, LA 70433 Suite #  
 City State Zip Code



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Full Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

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Street Apt. #  
Covington, LA 70433  
City State Zip Code

Spouse's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Principal Business Address, if any:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Suite #  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

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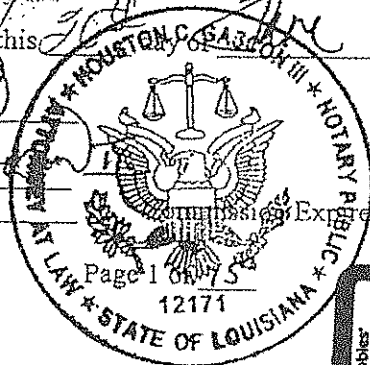
Walter P. Reed  
Signature of Filer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of June, 2012

Notary Public

Printed Name: Houston C. G...

ID# 13-171



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Filer  Spouse  Business Amount of Income \$ 30,000

Name of Business, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Source of Income St. Tammany Parish Hospital

Type of Income:  State  Political Subdivision  Gaming Interest

Address 1202 S. Tyler St.  
Street  
Covington, LA 70433 Suite #  
City State Zip Code

Filer  Spouse  Business Amount of Income \$ 49,003

Name of Business, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Source of Income State of Louisiana

Type of Income:  State  Political Subdivision  Gaming Interest

Address P. O. Box 94095  
Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804 Suite #  
City State Zip Code

Filer  Spouse  Business Amount of Income \$ 102,970

Name of Business, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Source of Income District Attorney's Office

Type of Income:  State  Political Subdivision  Gaming Interest

Address 701 N. Columbia St.  
Street  
Covington, LA 70433 Suite #  
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Date of Election - Date of Qualifying -

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Street Apt. #  
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Filer  Spouse  Business Amount of Income \$ 8,375

Name of Business, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Source of Income Washington Parish Government

Type of Income:  State  Political Subdivision  Gaming Interest

Address 909 Pearl St.  
 Street Franklinton, LA Suite # 70438  
 City LA State LA Zip Code 70438

Filer  Spouse  Business Amount of Income \$ 30,000

Name of Business, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Source of Income St. Tammany Parish Hospital

Type of Income:  State  Political Subdivision  Gaming Interest

Address 1202 S. Tyler ST.  
 Street Covington, LA Suite # \_\_\_\_\_  
 City LA State LA Zip Code 70433

Filer  Spouse  Business Amount of Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Source of Income \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Income:  State  Political Subdivision  Gaming Interest

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ Suite # \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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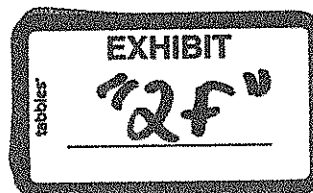
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Name of Business, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

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Address 1202 S. Tyler St.  

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Filer  Spouse  Business Amount of Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Source of Income \_\_\_\_\_

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## Our View of the Law

5<sup>th</sup> Circuit case law: *US v. Ratcliff* 488 F3d 639, 648 Restricts the use of federal law to enforce state campaign law violations: "Louisiana law establishes a comprehensive regulatory system governing campaign contributions and finance disclosures for state and local elections, with state civil and criminal penalties in place for making misrepresentations on campaign finance reports. ". "[w]e resist the Government's reading of §1341[mail fraud]...because it invites us to approve a sweeping expansion of federal criminal jurisdiction in the absence of a clear statement by Congress" (citing *Cleveland vs. US*, 531 US 12, 24 (2000))(Louisiana's video poker case). (*emphasis added*)

