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The World
Larry Campbell
350 Commercial Ave.
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

Re: Ryan Hughes for Circuit Court Judge?

Dear Sir or Madam

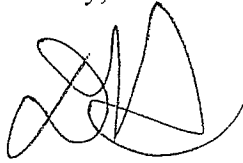
The World newspaper published an article on March 29, 2016, regarding Ryan Hughes. That article has been changed several times in the on-line version. Please compare the original article to the Oregon State Police Report and Mr. Hughes' Judgment of Conviction entered on January 5, 2016 regarding the incident, which I have included. I have serious questions about Mr. Hughes' statement in the article and Mr. Hughes fitness to be judge. The police report makes it clear that Mr. Hughes hit another car on his driver's side, forced it off the road and chose to drive away.

1. How plausible is it that he didn't know he was involved in a car wreck?
2. Why was Mr. Hughes driving so aggressively?
3. Why did he speed off erratically after he hit the other car instead of stopping?
4. Why was he driving a public vehicle for apparently private business?
5. Did he really call it in to the police or did he just get caught?
6. Did he really quit or was he forced out of the District Attorney's office?
7. Has he truly accepted responsibility for his criminal behavior?

Should a person convicted of two crimes who is still on probation be elected Judge? (see enclosed portions of the "Oregon Code of Judicial Conduct.")

Mr. Hughes said that it was “in the county’s best interest and [his] best interest to resign” from the Coos County District Attorney’s office. Judges are held to the highest standards of behavior in the legal profession - higher than a deputy DA. Why does Mr. Hughes think it would be in the citizens’ best interest for him to be judge?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "DMH", written in a cursive style.

Daniel M. Hinrichs

DMH/ca

enclosures



Oregon State Police

Incident: SP15318543

Incident details:

Incident Type: Crash - Hit and Run
Incident time: 10/07/2015 19:00 - 10/07/2015 19:05
Reported time: 10/07/2015 19:08
Incident location: 1 5, Mile post 184 184 SB, CRESWELL, LANE OR USA (Beat: SPO, Region: SWR)
Incident status: Open
Summary: Unit 1 was southbound weaving in and out of traffic, following too closely, making bad passes. Partway through a pass on the right of Unit 2, Unit 1 swerved into Unit 2, damaging both vehicles and forcing Unit 2 off the roadway into the median. Unit 1 continued south while still driving recklessly.

Involved Persons:

Name:	HUGHES, RYAN PATRICK	Gender:	Male
Classification:	Driver, Offender, Suspect	DOB:	[REDACTED]
DL:	[REDACTED]		
Address:	[REDACTED]		
Telephone:	[REDACTED]		
Name:	[REDACTED]	Gender:	Male
Classification:	Juvenile, Passenger, Victim	DOB:	[REDACTED]
DL:	[REDACTED]		
Address:	[REDACTED]		
Telephone:	[REDACTED]		
Name:	[REDACTED]	Gender:	Female
Classification:	Driver, Vehicle Owner, Victim	DOB:	[REDACTED]
DL:	[REDACTED]		
Address:	[REDACTED]		
Telephone:	[REDACTED]		
Name:	[REDACTED]	Gender:	Female
Classification:	Complainant, Driver, Victim	DOB:	[REDACTED]
DL:	[REDACTED]		

Address:



Telephone:

Name:



Gender: Male

Classification: Witness

DOB:

DL:

Address:

Telephone:



Name:



Gender: Male

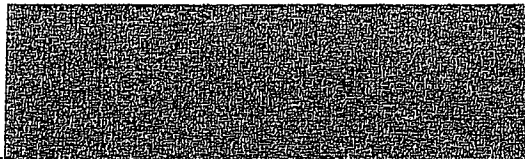
Classification: Witness

DOB:



DL:

Address:



Telephone:

Involved Property:

- P15031983 / Photograph / Evidence / PHOTO CD

Involved Vehicles:

- Damaged; involved in crash; Victim / LINC LS 2002 VIN:1LNHM87A22Y684389 / [Automobile: Sedan, 4-door] OR Reg #YVS064 (4D) Colors: Blue / Blue
- Damaged; involved in crash; Used to commit crime / JEEP CHK 2007 / [Automobile: SUV] OR Reg #153DRE Colors: Silver/Aluminum / Silver/Aluminum

Involved Officers:

- Other / DUREN, HANK / #49180 / OSP / Officer / SPRINGFIELD AREA COMMAND
- Reporting Officer/Case Lead / HOCKEMA, RYAN / #46848 / OSP / Officer / SPRINGFIELD PATROL
- Dispatcher/TC2 / FALK, MATTHEW / #34011 / OSP / Non sworn

Reports:

General report:

Author: #46848 HOCKEMA, RYAN

Report time: 10/10/2015 01:21

Entered by: #46848 HOCKEMA, RYAN

Entered time: 10/10/2015 01:21

Narrative:

DISTRIBUTION: LANE DA (c/o Erik Hasselman), OSP-GHQ, Coos County.

MENTIONED OFFICER: Sergeant Hank Duren, DSP-Springfield

ACTION TAKEN

On the listed date and time I arrived at Interstate 5 South at mile 184 in response to a hit and run crash call. State Police dispatch advised that several callers had reported a silver Jeep had run a car off the roadway into the median and sped off.

EMS was already on scene when I arrived. EMS personnel informed me there were no injuries and medical treatment had been refused.

The Lincoln was in the grassy median facing south. It had minor damage to the right sideview mirror, door handle and side paneling. A man identifying himself as the husband of Wilson said there had also been some paneling hanging loose on the interior of the front right door but he had been able to snap that back into place.

The Wilsons were interviewed at the scene. They stated in substance they had been southbound in the fast lane at around 70mph. The Jeep had come up behind them fast, weaving its way through traffic in an aggressive manner. It had followed them so closely they couldn't see its headlights, then it swerved to the slow lane and passed them on the right at a high rate of speed. Before completing its pass, the Jeep cut back to the fast lane without signaling and hit them, with both vehicles being aligned side by side. The passenger said something from the Jeep had hit his window. The impact had forced Wilson to the left and off the roadway into the median. The Jeep had continued south at a high rate of speed.

Adams had been southbound with both Units and saw the Jeep driving south in an aggressive manner, weaving in and out of traffic at high speeds. It had been 'tangling' with a bunch of other cars before coming up on the Lincoln. While passing the Lincoln on the right the Jeep veered into the fast lane without signaling and sideswiped the Lincoln. He hadn't been able to see the driver of the Jeep due to its tinted windows.

All involved persons above described the Jeep as a light, probably silver Jeep Cherokee style sport utility vehicle. The paint transfer on the sideview mirror of the Lincoln appeared consistent with this color description. A reporting party identified in the call information as Singgels had followed the Jeep and obtained the listed plate, which came back with no return through DMV.

On October 8th at approximately 12:30pm I called DMV to determine the registered owner of the Jeep. I was told the owning agency would call me back. At 12:34pm I was called by Cal Mitts with the South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team (SCINT) in Coos Bay. Mitts identified himself as HUGHES' supervisor. He stated in substance HUGHES' Jeep did have damage to the driver side, to include blue paint transfer, and that HUGHES had been in Eugene the day before for a medical appointment.

Later, around 4:10pm, I called HUGHES and arranged to meet him in Coos Bay that night to interview him regarding the crash. I also called Singgels and left a voice message to call me for an interview.

At approximately 6:00pm I was called back by Singgels and interviewed her by phone. She stated in substance she had been southbound in the fast lane behind the Wilsons when HUGHES had come up behind her very fast and followed her very closely. So close she knew if anything happened and she had to brake that he would crash into her. He had then swerved to the slow lane and began to pass her on the right but came back into her lane with no signal partway through his pass, almost hitting her. She had braked and swerved, barely avoiding a collision. She had watched as HUGHES then did the same thing to Wilson. Mid-pass, he had come fast into her lane when he was directly next to her without a signal and hit her hard, forcing her off the roadway and into the median. The driving by HUGHES appeared very deliberate, like he was trying to run cars off the road. He didn't seem like he was trying to pass, he seemed like he was trying to run cars off the road. After the crash, she had followed him to try and get a plate number. She'd had to go 85mph just to keep up with HUGHES enough to see the plate then he took off at what she estimated to be 95-100mph, leaving her behind. She was still able to see his taillights ahead for a while as he continued weaving through traffic; and the brake lights of vehicles braking and swerving to avoid him. She had never seen anything like it. He could have killed someone. She took the first Cottage Grove exit and returned to the crash scene to render aid as she is a nurse.

At approximately 7:05pm I arrived in Coos Bay at the Visitor's Center to interview HUGHES. Mitts was with him. The Jeep was there and I observed it had a substantial dent in the left passenger door extending from the window down about two feet and with a width of about a foot. There was blue paint transfer at the dent. The damage was at a height to be consistent with the damage from Lincoln. I took photos of the Jeep. HUGHES provided his driver license and vehicle information. I then advised him of his Miranda rights. When I asked HUGHES if he understood his Miranda rights he became visibly distressed but nodded his head in universal acknowledgement.

HUGHES stated in substance he'd had an appointment at Slocum off Coburg Road in Eugene at 11:00am but he'd been late. He had gotten out of his appointment around 12:10pm. HUGHES had a walking boot on his foot and indicated it when talking about his appointment. After the appointment he had gone shopping for footwear at the Oakway Mall and Burch's. He had headed home around 6:00pm. He had driven to Eugene alone and come back alone. He could recall nothing about his trip home that was consistent with what the victims and witnesses had said. He could provide no details at all about his drive home except when I asked him if he had been wearing his seatbelt and what his speed had been. He told me he had been wearing his seatbelt and his speed had been 75-80mph. He could not account for the several hours of time from his appointment until starting back to Coos Bay other than he had been to the above stores shoe shopping.

HUGHES said he was not on any pain medication. All he takes is blood pressure medication in the morning and it does not impair him in any way. I asked HUGHES if he had consumed any alcohol the day of the crash and he said no. He hadn't realized there was damage to the Jeep until that morning when he had been fueling in Coos Bay and someone had pointed it out to him. He had been surprised at the damage and assumed he'd been run into at one of the businesses he'd been to that morning. He had called the businesses in an attempt to obtain video footage so he might determine who had done it. When he hadn't had any luck there he

thought he may have been hit while parked at a lot in Eugene the day before and called Eugene police for assistance. Eugene police referred him to the State Police and he had talked briefly with Sergeant Duren at the Springfield Patrol Office that day.

At approximately 9:15pm I arrived at Wilson's residence in Cottage Grove and photographed the Lincoln. The photos were taken to the Springfield Patrol Office and entered into evidence. I asked Wilson if she remembered anything else about the crash and she said no, just that the driving by the Jeep had been terrifying and she was just very thankful neither she nor her son nor anyone else had been seriously hurt. She did say her son was experiencing soreness in his right side that day and believed he may have been hit by his door armrest during the impact.

CASE STATUS: Open, active. Request the Lane County District Attorney's Office review this report for possible criminal charges of Fail to Perform Duties of a Driver – Property, Reckless Driving and Reckless Endangering against HUGHES.

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR DUBUQUE COUNTY

X STATE OF IOWA,
CITY OF DUBUQUE,

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Plaintiff,
vs. Ruan Hughes
Defendant.

1998 OCT 21 AM 8:40 Criminal No. SMCR 035571

PIN: 483-11-1477

DISPOSITION & JUDGMENT

On this date, the defendant: (Checked phrase applies.)

X A) appeared and entered a plea of guilty to B) appeared and was found guilty of C) did not appear and bond is forfeited on
D) did/did not appear to answer, E) appeared and submitted to a finding of the Court to
the charge(s) of MARIJUANA INTOX which allegedly occurred on or about
10-1-98 in violation of Code of Iowa/Code of Ordinances section(s) numbered 123.46
The Court
has reviewed the contents of the file(s), arguments of counsel, and the defendants statements and finds no legal reason why judgment cannot be pronounced.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT (Checked paragraphs apply.)

- X 1. The defendant is GUILTY of the charge(s) listed above.
X 2. The defendant shall pay:
FINE(S) of \$
SURCHARGE(S) of \$
RESTITUTION of \$
FORFEITED BOND(S) of \$
ATTORNEY FEES of \$
PLUS ALL OF THE COSTS OF THIS (THESE) ACTION(S). COSTS KNOWN
AS OF THIS DATE ARE: \$ 25.-

TOTAL DUE AS OF THIS DATE: \$ 25.-
TO BE PAID AS FOLLOWS: X A) In full on this date OR B) in
equal installment(s) of \$, the first due on
Payments are then due every day(s) thereafter until paid in full.
ANY LATE PAYMENT RENDERS TOTAL IMMEDIATELY DUE!

- X 3. The defendant is to be incarcerated in the Dubuque County Jail for a
period of 1 day(s) with day(s) suspended. The defendant is
given credit for 1 day(s) previously served.
4. The defendant shall perform hours of community service at a
Court approved agency and file proof with the Clerk by
5.
6. Case no. is hereby dismissed at defendant's cost. (see #2)

Upon appeal, let the defendant be admitted to bail in the amount of \$200.00.
The posting of this appeal bond is not necessary to appeal the conviction but
posting will stay the execution of judgment until resolution of appeal. The
\$50 appeal costs will be assessed to the losing party when appeal is complete.

Defendant's bond is exonerated and shall be returned to the party posting except, if the defendant posted the bond, any amount due, shall first be deducted from bond.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the Defendant has not fully
complied with all requirements of this Order, including full payment
of all amounts due, she/he shall appear on the 2nd Floor of the
Dubuque County Courthouse on the day of
199, at . m., to show cause why she/he should not be punished
for contempt. FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY RESULT IN THE DEFENDANT'S ARREST!

Dated this 10-21-98 by: Francis Lange/Monica Ackley Magistrate, 1st Judicial District of Iowa

Copies to: Defendant (pink) Prosecutor (yellow)

Handwritten signature/initials

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR DUBUQUE COUNTY

X STATE OF IOWA,
CITY OF DUBUQUE,

Plaintiff,

vs. Ryan Hughes

Defendant.

) FILED

) Cr. # 15 No. 01311 SmCR 044009

) DISPOSITION & JUDGMENT

On this date, the defendant: (Checked phrase applies.)

 A) appeared and entered a plea of guilty to B) appeared and was found guilty of C) did not appear and bond is forfeited on

 D) did not appear to answer E) appeared and submitted to a finding of the Court to

the charge(s) of Public Intox which allegedly occurred on or about 9/2/00 in violation of Code of Iowa/Code of Ordinances section(s) numbered 123.47

has reviewed the contents of the file(s), arguments of counsel, and the defendant's statements and finds no legal reason why judgment cannot be pronounced.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT

(Checked phrases apply.)

- X 1. The defendant is GUILTY of the charge(s) listed above.
- X 2. The defendant shall pay:
 - FINE(S) of.....\$ _____
 - SURCHARGE(S) of.....\$ _____
 - RESTITUTION of.....\$ _____
 - FORFEITED BOND(S) of.....\$ _____
 - ATTORNEY FEES of.....\$ _____
 - PLUS ALL OF THE COSTS OF THIS (THESE) ACTION(S). COSTS KNOWN AS OF THIS DATE ARE:.....\$ 25

TOTAL DUE AS OF THIS DATE:.....\$ 25.00

TO BE PAID AS FOLLOWS: X A) In full on this date OR B) in _____ equal installment(s) of \$ _____, the first due on _____. Payments are then due every _____ day(s) thereafter until paid in full.

ANY LATE PAYMENT RENDERS TOTAL IMMEDIATELY DUE!

- 3. The Defendant shall immediately file with the Clerk of District Court:
 - A) a Voluntary Wage Assignment; B) an Automated Payment Agreement.
- X 4. The defendant is to be incarcerated in the Dubuque County Jail for a period of one day(s) with day(s) suspended. The defendant is given credit for one day(s) previously served.
- 5. The defendant shall perform _____ hours of community service at a Court approved agency and file proof with the Clerk by _____.
- 6. _____
- 7. Case no. _____ is hereby dismissed at defendant's cost. (see #2)

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Dated this 10/20/00

Copies to: by: date: 10-24-00

Francis Lange/Monica Ackley Magistrate 1st Judicial District of Iowa

[Defendant (pink);
[Prosecutor (yellow);

SEE DEVELOPED FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE

State of Oregon,)	
Plaintiff)	
)	Case No.: 15CR54854
vs.)	
)	JUDGMENT
)	
Ryan Patrick Hughes,)	Case File Date: 12/03/2015
Defendant)	District Attorney File #: 039286774

DEFENDANT

True Name: Ryan Patrick Hughes
Date Of Birth: 02/08/1978

HEARING

Proceeding Date: 01/15/2016

The defendant was represented by Attorney(s) BRADLEY A CASCAGNETTE, OSB Number 022686. Plaintiff appeared by and through Attorney(s) DAVID JAMES SCHWARTZ, OSB Number 003807. Defendant knowingly waived two day waiting period before sentencing.

COUNT(S)

It is adjudged that the defendant has been convicted on the following count(s):

Count 1 : Reckless Driving

Count number 1, Reckless Driving, 811.140, Misdemeanor Class A, committed on or about 10/07/2015. Conviction is based upon a Guilty Plea on 01/15/2016.

License Suspension / Revocation

Defendant's Drivers License is Suspended for 90 day(s).

Probation

Defendant is sentenced to Bench Probation for a period of 24 month(s) and shall be subject to the following conditions of Probation:

Defendant is subject to the following general conditions of probation (ORS 137.540):

- Violate no law and shall report to the Court in writing every citation or arrest on any new crime or major traffic offense within five days after citation or arrest. Mail correspondence to: Lane County Circuit Court, 125 East 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon, 97401, and include the case number.
- Notify the Court, District Attorney, and defendant's attorney, in writing, within 5 days of any change in residence, employment, or name. Mail correspondence to: Lane County Circuit Court, 125 East 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon, 97401, and include the case number.
- Pay the Money Award in full. If a Payment Agreement is ordered, defendant must make payments according to that schedule. The entire judgment must be paid in full 60 days prior to the expiration of probation. Payments should be mailed to: Lane County Circuit Court, 125 East 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon, 97401, and all correspondence should include the case number.

Monetary Terms

Defendant shall be required to pay the following amounts on this count:

Fees and Assessments: Payable to the Court.

Type	Amount	Modifier	Reduction	Actual Owed
Fine - Traffic	\$100.00			\$100.00
Bench Probation Fee	\$100.00			\$100.00
Total	\$200.00			\$200.00

Defendant will pay within 30 days.

Count 2 : Recklessly Endangering Another Person

Count number 2, Recklessly Endangering Another Person, 163.195, Misdemeanor Class A, committed on or about 10/07/2015. Conviction is based upon a Guilty Plea on 01/15/2016.

Probation

Defendant is sentenced to Bench Probation for a period of 24 month(s) and shall be subject to the following conditions of Probation:

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- Perform 200 hours of Community Service at the rate of not fewer than 15 hours per month, with the first being due no later than February 29, 2016.. Defendant shall report to Lane County Adult Corrections, 101 W. 5th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon, no later than 3:00 p.m. on February 29, 2016, to make arrangements for Community Service. All Community Service must be completed no later than March 31, 2017.

Monetary Terms

Defendant shall be required to pay the following amounts on this count:

Fees and Assessments: Payable to the Court.

Type	Amount	Modifier	Reduction	Actual Owed
Fine - Misdemeanor	\$100.00			\$100.00
Total	\$100.00			\$100.00

Defendant will pay within 30 days.

COUNTS DISPOSED WITH NO CONVICTION

Count # 3, Failure to Perform Duties of Driver-Property Damage is Dismissed.

If convicted of a felony or a crime involving domestic violence, you may lose the right to buy, sell, transport, receive, or possess a firearm, ammunition, or other weapons in both personal and professional endeavors pursuant to ORS 166.250, ORS 166.291, ORS 166.300, and/or 18 USC 922(g).

MONEY AWARD

Judgment Creditor: State of Oregon

Judgment Debtor: Ryan Patrick Hughes

Payees are to be paid as ordered under Monetary Terms.

Defendant is ordered to pay the following monetary totals, including restitution or compensatory fine amounts stated above, which are listed in the Money Award portion of this document:

Type	Amount Owed
Bench Probation Fee	\$100.00
Fine - Misdemeanor	\$100.00
Fine - Traffic	\$100.00
Total	\$300.00

The court may increase the total amount owed by adding collection fees and other assessments. These fees and assessments may be added without further notice to the defendant and without further court order.

Subject to amendment of a judgment under ORS 137.107, money required to be paid as a condition of probation remains payable after revocation of probation only if the amount is included in the money award portion of the judgment document, even if the amount is referred to in other parts of the judgment document.

Any financial obligation(s) for conviction(s) of a violation, which is included in the Money Award, creates a judgment lien.

Payment Schedule

Payment of the fines, fees, assessments, and/or attorney's fees noted in this and any subsequent Money Award shall be scheduled by the clerk of the court pursuant to ORS 161.675.

Payable to:

Lane County Circuit Court
125 E. 8th Ave.
Eugene, Oregon 97401
P: 541-682-4020
F: <http://courts.oregon.gov/Lane>

Dated the _____ day of _____, 20_____

Signed: 1/15/2016 03:49 PM

Signed: _____



Maurice K. Merten, Circuit Court Judge