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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
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Dear Governor Haley;

I ask that you do not directly reply to me. All I need to know is that you received this package. Respond through my e mail or contact Rep Pitts or Senator Verdin; they know me well and can tell you about my character.

It would surprise me if you receive another request to remove this Corrupt Mayor. If you decide to investigate him further and remove him from office you will also be giving a sheer convenience to multiple handicapped individuals. If you do leave office please see that the Lieutenant Governor has access to this letter and documentation.

There is much more that could be revealed if someone in your office could interview individuals and the news media. They have specific knowledge about his demeanor other than my account. People under his management at UTI have said that he used his influence to promote his desires. There is at least one other woman who was treated similar and got out in time. For Some reason The Index Journal in Greenwood had deleted all comments from their web page, You may be able to ask the reporter for those comments.

Please take note that I reported incidents before December 15,2015 I reported the Harassing call on that date. See LC report. Ware Shoals police never did a written report on any issue I reported to them.

Sincerely and in the interest of Citizens of Ware Shoals;

George Estes

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Mr. George Estes
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Thank you for the opportunity to be of assistance. Please do not hesitate to call Taylor AT 803-771-6112 if you have any questions.

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WS Postal Secretes Revealed

Items below have been derived from letters and documents previously given to elected officials within 29692 postal zone.

1. **Modifications will ever be allowed** to aid handicap or elderly persons.
2. **Post office has no Land** for Drive-Up Box; **State or Town should provide.**
3. 1st requested in summer of 2013; US Reps. Scott & Duncan got involved 2015.
4. **Box approved** by USPS Greater SC in Sept. 4, 2015 **but no Investigation of sites. They owned no land!**
5. Letter of Sep 4, 2015 states "Individuals may contact officials at the Ware Shoals Post office at **(CALL) (864)-456-7512, and they will make arrangements for anyone with special needs.**" I assume this is curb service.
6. Sen. Scotts on 11/16/15 **reports a serious deception involving USPS** that Box is in place and satisfied.
7. WS Council gave a Goolsby Location as reported by Observer in 12/16/2015, but was rejected by Post Office. **Postmaster was not present.**
8. **USPS has failed to answer a FOI as to ask for and rejected Sites. Postal matters are exempt from US Justice Department accountability.**
9. The **New Hand Rails** were required in 1973 per US Access Board.
10. WS council **sold Dewitt St, for \$4600 for Drive up banking.** Deed 8187. **WS continues not to voluntary provide a usable site for postal box to aid multiple Handicapped individuals.**
11. Letters from Duncan Feb. 17, 2016 and Scott March 2, 2015 both state: **a drive up box was not allowed by the city because of safety/traffic flow issues.** < Hansen is Chief Bloeker
12. The town could have used the **\$4600 to voluntary find and build a site for all.**
13. A postal Survey and map of 29692 in 2013 indicate 4938 delivery points and a population estimated at over **10,000 would benefit from a drive up deposit box.** It is not about naming one person who would benefit. < Postmaster HANIS is Removed/Retired for his Actions
14. Scotts letter of 3/2/2016 states **the current (sidewalk) location will be permanent** a handicapped or elderly person will **still be required to leave their car to mail a simple letter. Ware Shoals deserves better!**
15. Two independent eye Witnesses report; #1 a person in a car was seen driving up on the Side walk location to deposit mail, #2 a person now pleased with the new box would drive his motor cycle up and deposit his mail. #2 - Hansen @ A local Hardware Store Approached me with his verbal Tyrant in front of multiple witnesses

From: Dec. 7, 2015

Contact info: ghestes@backroads.net

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South Carolina State Ethics Commission

Att: Ms. Kathy Hazelwood and/or Mr. Bagnell

5000 Thurmond Mall, Suite 250

Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Investigators:

I demand a thorough and detailed investigation of the Mayor John Hanson of Ware Shoals, SC. As a seventy year old person who has lived in the area and invited to participate in Town affairs, seminars and youth organizations in the Ware Shoals area I have never been subjected to the intimidation and questioning by any other entity, police force or judge as the mayor has delivered. Hansen's actions have caused me great stress and concerns for others he controls by his words. If he had continued I would have sued him and the town as this happened outside the Town Hall.

This complaint is solely against John Hanson and his actions and bias remarks. It has absolutely nothing to do with the US Postal Service. In fact the postmaster has sealed his own demise by lying to Senator Tim Scott and his superiors. My personal involvement is documented in the attached Governmental letters.

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Getting no credible answers from the post master, I located Mrs. Patty Walters who serves along with Marshall Webster and the Mayor on the Properties Committee. I gave Walters copies of all governmental documents starting in 2013. I ask her if she was aware of the planned box as she would have had to give the post office permission to use adjacent streets she replied no but we do need that for us older citizens.

My first cordial meeting with Hansen was in the drive way of his home with another man present on either Friday 27 th or Saturday 28 th. of November. My question was "do you have knowledge of the Drop Box or any direct contact by the Post master requesting a site". His answer was no. This is now confirmed by the fact the properties will consider this issue on the 7th or 8th of December to be presented on December 16 before all council members for a vote.

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My knowledge is that multiple wrongs have been committed by Hansen. I do not believe Mr. Leagans or Mr. Landrith would have been so animate in their advice to me but are bound by ethics; they do know something. As for Police Chief Irick, I personally believe he holds knowledge of Hansen miss deeds but has to suffer the fact that he and his wife serves at the discretion of the mayor.

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There is one other person who you should contact. I have not personally spoken to Ex-Police chief Calvin Culbertson, for months there were articles in observer about parking issues at Hansen's old address. I do know Calvin now had health issues but the timing of his resignation appears after Hansen becomes mayor. The truth is in the interview.

My friend Ronnie Davis (864-554-4217) who is also 70 relates an incident when Mayor Hansen appears at his home. Ronnie is not at home but Hansen warns his wife that he is receiving complaints about truck parking issues and he wants that to stop. According to Davis the Ware Shoals police force has never ticketed his truck or issued a warning. I do know he was not pleased by the Mayors visit.

Today I ask the Carolina Tool parts employee Tommy (864-861-7519) had he ever heard any comments about Mayor Hansen. To that he replied there are multiple older residents that dislike his administration. The facts from multiple sources can be verified if you diligently look.

Over the last 40 years I have continually been forced to involve myself in local matters that would have had a negative effect on my home, the nameless nearby residents and the entire population of Ware Shoals. My request actions are and were correct for the good for the entire Community. The postmaster has sealed his own faith as a federal employee. But do you have the power to at least investigate and correct the multiple abuses attributed to Hansen's favoritism and unquestionable dictatorial powers. Does another person as I have to fear a physical assault if he does not get his way?

Best Regards;

George Estes

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My personal complaint against the mayor begins on Monday Nov. 30 as I went into Town Hall to request being placed on agenda to speak on the box issue if needed. At that time Heather fields was not present to schedule me. Mrs. Irick the police chief's wife informed me that the mayor was in, I related to her that I previously had spoken to him and proceeded to leave. As soon As I reached my car the Mayor came out and the confrontation began.

The key to the ethics violation is that he had no right to aggressively condemn me for the instillation of the needed drop box. The mayor prejudiced himself by repediately and boisterously shouting directly into my face three times "name one person that would benefit, name one". I gave him the name of Marion Butler who that morning ask me how the postal box was proceeding. ` Second he stated that he sees me walking just fine and "I had no need or reason of the drop box". I leave quite upset and greatly traumatized by his actions which bothers me even today.

Had he known my age and physical condition probably would have made no difference to his convoluted agenda. I have had within the last two years 2 leg surgeries and now on my third life sustaining pacemaker. I decided not to appear before council but chose to speak directly to all but one council person, Jack Sullivan who refused meeting. Only 3 members were informed of the conduct of Hanson. In Addition no member ever divulged specific details but did know of his demeanor.

The first I contacted after the shouting match was John Brown (864-993-8533). On his front porch he indicated to me that he knew of communications problems and that he only catered to those that did not question his actions. Again Mr. Brown knew nothing of the process that should have occurred over 4 months ago.

The second person directly contacted was George Leagans, (864-456-9507)who works at our Burton Center. I also told him of postal request and how Hansen acted calmly on our first encounter then abusive in the second shouting match. I related to him what was said to and the in your face manner. The only thing George said was " I know you probably will not press formal charges but you do need to report this to our Police Chief. I did report this directly in front of two witnesses. The lady officer heard most of my verbal report the officer outside only knew I was their.

The third and final Council member I related this information to was Roy Landreth(864-554-3567). Roy is given the same detailed information; on completion he correctly referred to our ethics laws and his inability to talk to other members or me about any issue outside of council chambers. Roy being a friend urged that I report this to The Ethics Commission.



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General Information

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A public official, public member, or public employee of a county or municipality, may not knowingly represent a person before any agency, unit, or subunit of that county or municipality.

I personally believe that Mayor Hansen deliberately approached me with the sole intent of intimidation. I do not know if he overheard my request to appear before Town Council; but that is the point he came after me. Mr. Hansen only duty was to approve a box location if the Postmaster had asked for one. (A Fact documented that no action was taken.) Hansen had no right ask me any questions. I believe that a mutual bond is between them solely that both are recent transplants from a northern state. It is definite that they at some point had conversed about issues only known by postmaster. Mr. Hansen as confirmed his stance on the box issue. Hansen crossed the line of ethics with his "NAME ONE" rant. He violated me personally and every local citizens under the American's With Disability Act. His comment to me was "I see that you are walking just fine and would have no trouble." I ask you did he ever consider the elderly, wheel chair bound or the sheer convenience that would resolve the fact that the Post office is Historic and has never had any device or plan to make it at least half way compliant to ADA.

George Estes

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HERBERT R. HAYDEN, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 17, 2015

Mr. George H. Estes
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RE: Your letter received December 11, 2015

Dear Mr. Estes:

I am in receipt of your letter mentioned above in which you question activities of Mary John Hanson.

I regret to advise you that the State Ethics Commission does not have the statutory authority to investigate matters as you have described. The jurisdiction of the Commission is limited to the enforcement of the Ethics Reform Act, Section 8-13-100, et. seq., Code of Laws for South Carolina, 1976, as amended. This statute pertains to use of public office for personal financial gain, financial disclosure by public officials, members and employees, campaign finance practices, and lobbying activities.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Herbert R. Hayden, Jr.
Executive Director

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October 11, 2016

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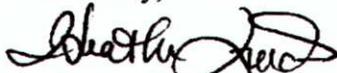
Re: FOIA Request for Ware Shoals Police Department

Dear Mr. Estes:

The Town of Ware Shoals received your FOIA request for copies of police reports in regards to law enforcement presence at 75 E Cork Street. At this time we do not have any reports or information to be released as this was a matter handled by the Sheriff's Department. You will need to contact them directly to ask about the information in your letter.

If there are any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Heather H Fields
Town Administrator

(over)



Greenwood County Sheriff's Office
Tony Davis, Sheriff

October 27, 2016

Mr. George H. Estes
12482 Highway 25 Business
Ware Shoals, South Carolina 29692

RE: Response to FOIA request

Dear Mr. Estes:

I have reviewed your written request made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and received October 11, 2016. Please allow this letter to serve as the determination of the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office as to the public availability of the requested records.

Your request is granted. The record responsive to your request contains information pertaining to an alleged crime which is under investigation by the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division. Pursuant to Section 30-4-40(a)(3) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, this information is exempt from disclosure at the present time. If a copy of the record were produced today with the exempt information redacted, the copy would be redacted to the point of being nearly illegible. Therefore, a copy of the record will be produced after SLED ends its investigation, with only that information redacted as may be allowed at that time by law.

Tony Davis

Tony Davis, Sheriff

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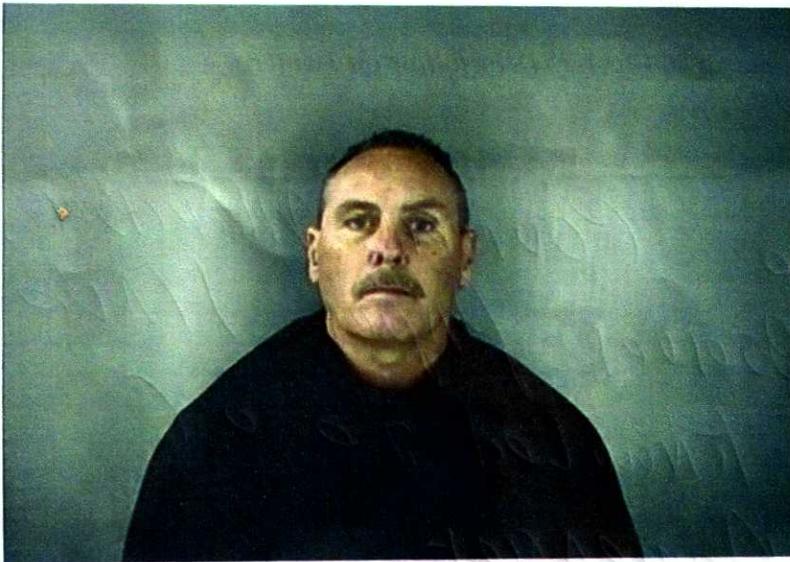
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Authorities arrested the mayor of Ware Shoals Friday on domestic violence charges.

John Kay Hansen, 57, of 75 E. Cork St., Ware Shoals was arrested by a State Law Enforcement Division agent and charged with second and third-degree domestic violence, according to the Greenwood County Public Index. A judge set bond at \$2,500 cash for each charge, which Hansen posted.

SLED spokesman Thom Berry said Friday night no documents related to the case were available, including any incident reports and warrants. He said the arrest stems from a 2015 case.

"It's not something that happened recently," he said. "It involved information that came out of a family court case."

When reached for comment, Hansen said, "On the advice of counsel, no comment."

Hansen was first elected in 2012, and won a second term in November -- defeating Town Council member George Leagans with 371 votes to 302.

Messages were left for multiple members of the Ware Shoals Town Council, including Marshall Webster, Patricia Walters and Mayor Pro Tempore George Leagans.

Councilman Jack Sullivan said he had just read about the mayor's arrest at about 7 p.m. Friday, but declined to comment as he didn't know enough about the situation. Councilman John Brown likewise said he didn't know much about the situation.

Councilman Roy Landreth declined to comment.

Contact staff writer Damian Dominguez at 864-634-7548 or follow on Twitter @JDDOMINGUEZ.

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Warrants: Ware Shoals mayor assaulted, spit on woman

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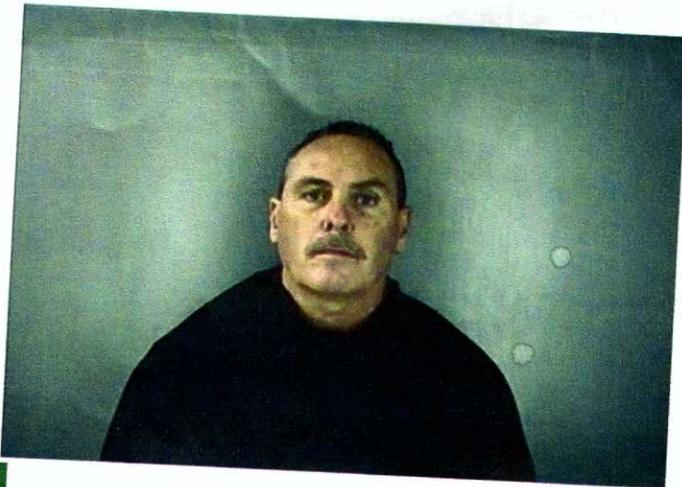
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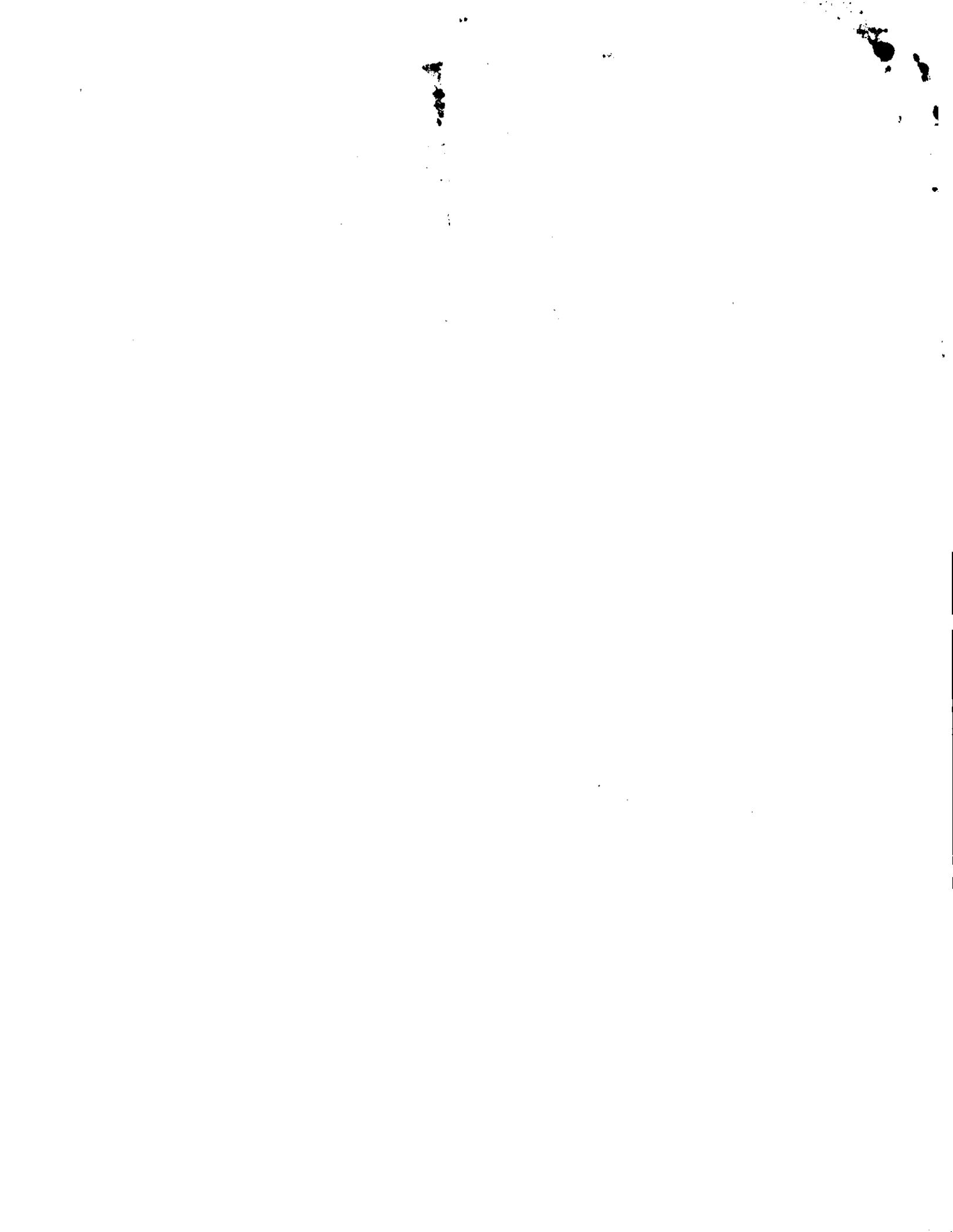
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Account.*

Warrants obtained from the State Law Enforcement Division on Tuesday detail the two incidents that led to domestic violence charges for Ware Shoals Mayor John Hansen.

On July 27, 2015, Hansen pushed a woman against a wall, pulled her hair, painted her face with house paint and spit in her face, according to one warrant dated Dec. 28.





Another warrant said on Sept. 19, Hansen pushed her against a wall and grabbed her by the arms -- visibly harming her and damaging a door in his 75 E. Cork St., Ware Shoals home. He also took her cellphone after she said she wanted to call 911, the warrant said.

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"It's not something that happened recently," said SLED spokesman Thom Berry on Friday. "It involved information that came out of a family court case."

In a case filed with the Greenwood County Family Court, the woman was issued an order of protection by Judge John Rucker after she gave a statement about being assaulted.

"Sept. 19, 2016 is not the first time that John has put his hands on me," said the written statement, which was signed Oct. 3, 2016. "I have been terrified and afraid for my life to call the police because John is the mayor of Ware Shoals."

In the statement, she said she was afraid no one would believe her, and that she was afraid for her livelihood. The case contained photos of the bruises on her arms and back.

When reached for comment Friday, Hansen said, "On the advice of counsel, no comment."

The woman texted a comment Tuesday night, asking for people to refrain from commenting on social media.

"Even though we have the freedom to do so, remember that your remarks about what you think you know and what you may know are not helping anyone," she said. "You are not only hurting the two parties involved but you are hurting other family members as well. Please take that into consideration."

The woman gave a statement to Greenwood County's Victim Services on Sept. 19, detailing her assault. She said she had told Hansen she bought a mattress frame and other items for a relative as a housewarming gift when Hansen became mad, the statement said.

"He then grabbed me (and) threw me on the bed after he had slammed me against the wall," she wrote in the statement.

When she said she would call the police, Hansen took her phone from her and told her to walk to a pay phone, the statement said. As she got ready for work, he gave her back the phone and told her if she "called the police he would say I threw my



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November 10, 2016

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Under The Freedom of Information Act please provide the requested incident reports of law enforcement activity at the residence of John Hansen at 75 Cork Street Ware Shoals, SC.

Documented Photographic evidence of Oct 5, 2016 places three or more Greenwood County deputies at this address.

Release under FOI the two or more incidents and /or 911 calls made concerning this address. The latest 911 incident possibly occurred the week prior to the 10/05/2016 dispatch of Greenwood County deputies to that address.

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Best Regards,

George Estes



Att: Photographs



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