

The report shows that the \$5000.00 threshold was reached by August 7, 2013. The latest date for Thomas Brown to file a Statement of Candidacy would have been August 22, 2013, and September 1, 2013, would have been the last day for the Statement of Organization to be filed. Said documents were not filed with the FEC until over more than two months later. With both the Statement of Candidacy and the Statement of Organization having been filed delinquently, the reports themselves prove that FEC rules were violated.

**Evidence to support that FEC filing should have occurred on or before July 17, 2013**

Additional cause to believe that Thomas Brown met the \$5000 threshold long before October 30, 2013, arises from the press conference that he called to announce the formation of his exploratory committee.

On or about July 17, 2013, Thomas Brown held a press conference to announce his intent to become a candidate, and that he would commence gauging support for the Democratic Party nomination for Georgia's 4th congressional District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives for the 2014 primary election.

Reporter Doug Richards of WXIA TV who wrote a commentary on the press conference, made the following statement: "In reports filed this month, Johnson reported having \$58,417 in his campaign coffers. Brown's campaign bank account isn't that far behind at \$46,459." (**Attachment 8**) In furtherance of his campaign, this story was posted and a video linked to it on the Citizens for Thomas Brown Face book page thus spreading and perpetuating this false comparison.

The contrast that the reporter made between the two accounts establishes probable cause to believe that at that time (July 17, 2013), Thomas Brown may have had a congressional campaign bank account, and had raised at least \$46,459 for his congressional campaign. Should that prove to be correct then it is clear indication that Thomas Brown has been severely dilatory in carrying out his responsibility to comply with FEC reporting requirements. If it is not correct, then he was using money from his Sheriff's account to fund his Congressional campaign which is clearly a violation of Federal campaign finance law.

**Billboard expenditure not reported and not attributed to any independent committee**

Another example of Thomas Brown ignoring his obligation to comport his campaign activities with FEC reporting requirements is evidenced by the fact that on or about October 1, 2013, continuously until January, 2014, a flashing electronic commercial billboard located on the heavily travelled Interstate Highway 20, in Rockdale County, Georgia, displayed the name Thomas Brown, as if on a printed ballot, with a checkmark in a box next to the name. The billboard is on the property of Courtesy Ford, 1636 Dogwood Drive SE, Conyers, GA 30013, and a road that runs parallel to I-20.

Rockdale County sits between Newton and DeKalb counties, with all three counties being a part of Georgia's Fourth Congressional District. Interstate Highway 20 is an east/west major highway artery that extends through and links all three counties. The above referenced billboard is located 2.5 miles