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GOVERNOR

STATE OF FLORIDA

Office of the Governor

THE CAPITOL
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0001

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850-717-9418

December 18, 2024

Mr. Robert W. Hamilton Jr.
311 SW 3rd St
Stuart, FL 34997

RE: Conclusion of Investigation of Notary Public Barry Keith Hamilton

Dear Robert W. Hamilton Jr.:

Thank you for contacting the Notary Section of the Executive Office of the Governor to file a complaint of notary misconduct against Florida Notary Public Barry Keith Hamilton. This office takes allegations of notary misconduct seriously, and relies upon vigilant citizens, like you, to ensure Florida notaries public adhere to the responsibilities and prohibitions of their office. However, the jurisdiction of this office is limited to the laws governing notary conduct, as defined in Chapter 117, Florida Statutes, and we are unable to file criminal charges or make a document null and void.

After investigating this matter, this office has determined Mr. Hamilton violated the Fla. Stat. §117.107(9), as well as multiple other apparent violations, as defined in Chapter 117, Florida Statutes. As a result, this office has formally requested Mr. Hamilton's **immediate resignation** of his commission as a Florida notary public.

If you have suffered monetary damages as a result of this transaction, you may be able to file a claim against the notary's surety bond. To obtain the name and address of the bonding company or a copy of the bond, you may contact the Department of State's Notary Commissions and Certifications Section at (850) 245-6975. Additionally, you may want to consult with an attorney to determine any legal options available to you.

Thank you for filing a complaint of reported notary misconduct. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at Notary@eog.myflorida.com.

Sincerely,

Diedre Leaks
Notary Coordinator



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October 22, 2024

Mr. Robert W. Hamilton Jr.
311 SW 3rd St
Stuart, FL 34997

RE: Investigation of Notary Public Barry Keith Hamilton

Dear Robert W. Hamilton Jr.:

The Notary Section of the Executive Office of the Governor has received your complaint of misconduct against Florida Notary Barry Keith Hamilton. This office takes allegations of notary misconduct seriously and relies upon vigilant citizens, like you, to ensure Florida notaries public adhere to the responsibilities and prohibitions of their office. However, the jurisdiction of this office is limited to the laws governing notary conduct, as defined in Chapter 117, Florida Statutes, and we are unable to file criminal charges or make a document null and void.

Based upon your complaint, this office has initiated an investigation of possible violations of Chapter 117, Florida Statutes. Mr. Hamilton is now required to provide a sworn written response to each of the matters under investigation by this office. Please be advised that the purpose of this investigation is to aid the Governor in the evaluation of the notary's fitness to serve in public office. At this time, no further correspondence is required. We will contact you if any additional information is needed.

If you have suffered monetary damages due to the alleged notary violation(s), you may wish to file a claim against the notary's surety bond. To obtain the name and address of the bonding company or a copy of the bond, you may contact the Department of State's Notary Commissions and Certifications Section at (850) 245-6053. Additionally, you may want to consult with an attorney to determine any legal options available to you.

Thank you for filing this complaint of reported notary misconduct. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at FL_GOV.Notary@eog.myflorida.com.

Sincerely,

Diedre Leaks
Notary Coordinator

Office of the Governor - Notary Section
The Capitol, Suite 209
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001
Telephone: (850) 717-9529 - Fax: (850) 488-9810

For Official Use Only:

Date Received _____

COMPLAINT FORM

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION (please print)

Your Name: Robert W. Hamilton, Jr. Telephone: 863-697-2245
Mailing Address: 311 SW 3rd St E-mail: roberthamiltonjr@aol.com
Stuart, Florida 34997

NOTARY PUBLIC INFORMATION (please print)

Notary Name: Barry Keith Hamilton Commission #: HH 469619
Notary Address: Orange Park, FL 32073-0000 Expiration Date: 12/03/27

PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS (please respond)

1. Is your signature on the subject document(s) a forgery? YES NO ☒
2. Did you personally appear before the Notary to sign or acknowledge your signature on the subject document(s)? YES NO ☒
3. Did you personally appear before the Notary on the specific date recorded in the jurat/notarial certificate? YES NO ☒
4. Did the Notary notarize the document(s) in your presence? YES NO ☒
5. Do you personally know the Notary? YES NO ☒
6. Is this Notary's commission currently active? YES ☒ NO ☐

[NOTE: To check to see if a Notary's commission is active, you can call the Florida Department of State at 850-245-6945, OR visit their Notary Directory Search at <http://notaries.dos.state.fl.us/not001.html> . IF A NOTARY'S COMMISSION IS NO LONGER ACTIVE, OUR OFFICE DOES NOT HAVE JURISDICTION.]

NATURE OF COMPLAINT

Must be typewritten or clearly printed. Specifically describe and provide facts of alleged misconduct, and attach a copy of the improperly notarized document(s). Additional space provided on second page, if needed.

On April 1, 2024, the City Of Stuart CDBG Contractor Patriot Response Group filed the notice of commencement with the Martin County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller.

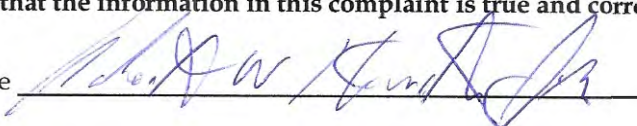
My signature on the filed notice of commencement was notarized by Barry Keith Hamilton.

Neither I nor my wife Olga Hamilton ever met Barry Keith Hamilton, spoke to him, and we do not know him personally. The filed notice of commencement was given to us by the Stuart CDBG HR program with no date to sign. I signed the document but was never invited to notarize my signature officially.

This false notarization of my signature, which my wife and I uncovered recently, makes us believe is one more scheme in the CDBG HR program my wife and I are concerned about.

I certify that the information in this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature



Date

8-13-24



Recorded in Martin County, FL 4/1/2024 8:28 AM
 Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller
 Rec Fees: \$10.00
 CFN#3064672 BK 3428 PG 446 PAGE 1 of 1

Permit Number _____
 PC Number _____

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

State of Florida County of Martin

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby gives notice that improvements will be made to certain real property, and in accordance with Section 713. of the Florida Statutes, the following information is provided in this NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT.

1. Description of property (legal description): POTSDAM E 50' OF LOTS 7 & 10 & S 2' OF E 50' OF LOT 6 BLK 8 OR 361/61

a) Street (job) Address: 311 SW 3rd St Stuart FL 34984

2. General description of improvements: Replace Roof, windows and exterior doors

3. Owner Information or Lessee information, if the Lessee contracted for the improvement:

a) Name and address: Robert Hamilton / 311 SW 3rd St Stuart FL 34984

b) Name and address of fee simple titleholder (if different from Owner listed above) _____

c) Interest in property: Owner

4. Contractor Information

a) Name and address: Patriot Response Group / 510 2nd St SW, Unit C, Vero Beach, FL 32962

b) Telephone No.: 850-698-8893

Fax No.: (optional) _____

5. Surety (if applicable, a copy of the payment bond is attached)

a) Name and address: _____

b) Telephone No.: _____

c) Amount of Bond: \$ _____

6. Lender

a) Name and address: _____

b) Telephone No.: _____

7. Persons within the State of Florida designated by Owner upon whom notices or other documents may be served as provided by Section 713.13 (1) (a) 7., Florida Statutes:

a) Name and address: _____

b) Telephone No.: _____

Fax No.: (optional) _____

8. In addition to himself or herself, Owner designates _____ of _____

to receive a copy of the Lienor's Notice as provided in Section 713.13 (1) (b), Florida Statutes.

Phone number of person or entity designated by Owner: _____

9. Expiration date of Notice of Commencement (the expiration date may not be before the completion of construction and final payment to the contractor, but will be 1 year from the date of recording unless a different date is specified): _____, 2024

WARNING TO OWNER: ANY PAYMENTS MADE BY THE OWNER AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT ARE CONSIDERED IMPROPER PAYMENTS UNDER CHAPTER 713, PART I, SECTION 713.13, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND CAN RESULT IN YOUR PAYING TWICE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR PROPERTY. A NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT MUST BE RECORDED AND POSTED ON THE JOB SITE BEFORE THE FIRST INSPECTION. IF YOU INTEND TO OBTAIN FINANCING, CONSULT WITH YOUR LENDER OR AN ATTORNEY BEFORE COMMENCING WORK OR RECORDING YOUR NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT.

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing and that the facts in it are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature of Owner or Lessee, or Owner's or Lessee's Authorized Officer/Director/Partner/Manager/Attorney-in-fact)

(Print Name and Provide Signatory's Title/Office)

State of Florida County of Martin

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or sworn to (or affirmed) by ☐ online notarization, this 28 day of

March, 2024 by Robert Hamilton as Owner

Name of Person

Type of authority

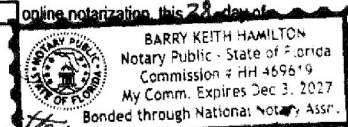
for _____ (name of party on behalf of whom instrument was executed).

Personally Known ☒

Produced ID ☐

Type of ID _____

Notary Signature Barry Keith Hamilton
 Print name Barry Keith Hamilton



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NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

TO BE COMPLETED WHEN CONSTRUCTION VALUE EXCEEDS \$2,500.00
OR WHEN HEATING OR AIR CONDITIONING REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT EXCEEDS \$7,500.00

PERMIT #: _____ TAX FOLIO #: 05-38-41-014-008-00070-5

State of Florida, County of Indian River, the undersigned hereby gives notice that improvement will be made to certain real property, and in accordance with chapter 713, Florida statutes, the following information is provided in this notice of Commencement.

1. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (AND STREET ADDRESS IF AVAILABLE):

Potsdam E 50' of lots 7 & 10 & 52' of E... 311 SW 3rd St., Stuart

2. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENT:

Roofing; Windows, doors & other CDBG eligible activities

3. ☒ OWNER INFORMATION or ☐ LESSEE INFORMATION (If Lessee contracted for the improvement)

a. Name: Robert Hamilton and Olga Hamilton

Address: 311 SW 3rd St., Stuart, FL 34994

b. Interest in property: Homeowner

c. Name and address of fee simple title holder (if other than owner):

N/A

4. CONTRACTOR:

a. Name: Patriot Response Group

Address: 2770 Indian River Blvd., Suite 501, Vero Beach, FL 32960

b. Phone number: (850) 698-8893

5. SURETY COMPANY (If Applicable, a copy of the payment bond is attached):

a. Name & Address: N/A

b. Phone number: N/A

Bond amount: N/A

6. LENDER/MORTGAGE COMPANY:

a. Name & Address: Stuart City Council c/o CDBG Program:

b. Phone number: 772-283-2532

7. PERSONS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA DESIGNATED BY OWNER UPON WHOM NOTICES OR OTHER DOCUMENTS MAY BE SERVED AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 713.13 (1) (a) 7., FLORIDA STATUTES:

a. Name & Address: Antonio Jenkins: Guardian CRM: 15000 Citrus Country Dr. Ste. 331 Dade City, FL 33523

b. Phone number: 888-482-7393 fax number: 863-583-0357

8. IN ADDITION TO HIMSELF OR HERSELF,

a. Owner designates Antonio Jenkins of Guardian CRM, Inc to receive a copy of the lienor's notice as provided in section 713.13(1)(b), Florida statutes.

b. Phone number: 888-482-7393

9. EXPIRATION DATE OF NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT:

(THE EXPIRATION DATE IS ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE DATE OF RECORDING UNLESS A DIFFERENT DATE IS SPECIFIED).

WARNING TO OWNER:

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UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING AND THAT THE FACTS IN IT ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF (SECTION 92.525, FLORIDA STATUTES)

SIGNATURE OF OWNER or LESSEE or OWNER'S AUTHORIZED OFFICER/DIRECTOR/PARTNER/MANAGER

Homeowner

SIGNATORY'S TITLE/OFFICE

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME THIS 13 DAY OF March, 2024, BY:

Robert Hamilton and Olga Hamilton

AS Homeowner

FOR 311 SW 3rd St CDBG Rehab Project

NAME OF PERSON TYPE OF AUTHORITY

NAME OF PARTY ON BEHALF OF WHOM INSTRUMENT WAS EXECUTED

☒ PERSONALLY KNOWN

OR

☐ PRODUCED IDENTIFICATION TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION PRODUCED

NOTARY SIGNATURE

NOTARY PRINTED NAME

NOTARY SEAL



DAWN M. COBB
Commission # HH 277782
Expires September 16, 2026

RE: The Notary Section Investigation - CDBG HR Notice of Commencement Concern

From: Christina Hunter (chunter@martinclerk.com)

To: roberthamiltonjr@aol.com

Date: Friday, January 3, 2025 at 02:55 PM EST

Good afternoon,

I appreciate the update. I've shared the investigation response with the official records team so they are aware.

Thank you,

Christina Hunter, FCRM

Chief Deputy of Records & Administrative Services

772.288.5555 | chunter@martinclerk.com

Tell us how we're doing by filling out a [comment card](#)!

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From: Olga&Robert W. Hamilton, Jr <roberthamiltonjr@aol.com>

Sent: Friday, December 27, 2024 2:03 PM

To: Christina Hunter <CHunter@martinclerk.com>

Subject: Re: The Notary Section Investigation - CDBG HR Notice of Commencement Concern

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Dear Ms. Hunter,

Please find the attached letter from the Office of Governor: Conclusion of Investigation of Notary Public Barry Keith Hamilton, a public notary who notarized the Notice of Commencement filed by the City of Stuart CDBG HR Program contractor Patriot Response Group on April 1, 2024, Book 3428, Page 446.

The letter states: "After investigating this matter, this office has determined Mr. Hamilton violated the Fla. Stat. § 117.107(9), as well as multiple other apparent violations, as defined in Chapter 117, Florida Statutes. As a result, this office has formally requested Mr. Hamilton's immediate resignation of his commission as a Florida notary public."

My complaint is attached, and as I stated I have never met and have no relation to Barry Keith Hamilton.

Regards,

Robert W. Hamilton, Jr.

311 SW 3rd St., Stuart, FL 34994

Olga - (772) 708-2968

Robert - (863) 697-2245

On Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 09:02:35 AM EST, Christina Hunter <chunter@martinclerk.com> wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for sharing, please keep me posted of the outcome.

Christina Hunter, FCRM

Chief Deputy of Records & Administrative Services

772.288.5555 | chunter@martinclerk.com

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From: Olga&Robert W. Hamilton, Jr <roberthamiltonjr@aol.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 8:28 AM

To: Christina Hunter <CHunter@martinclerk.com>

Subject: Re: The Notary Section Investigation - CDBG HR Notice of Commencement Concern

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Dear Ms. Hunter,

I have filed my complaint with the Notary Section of the Executive Office of the Governor on Notary Barry Keith Hamilton who notarized my signature on the NoC (CFN#3064672 BK 3428 PG 446 PAGE 1 of 1) filed by Patriot Response Group . I have received a letter, stating that the Notary Section has initiated an investigation. Please find the attached letter.

Regards,

Robert W. Hamilton, Jr.

311 SW 3rd St., Stuart, FL 34994

Robert - (863) 697-2245

On Monday, August 12, 2024 at 04:48:51 PM EDT, Christina Hunter <chunter@martinclerk.com> wrote:

From: Christina Hunter
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 4:33 PM
To: roberthamiltonjr@aol.com
Cc: Clerk <clerk@martinclerk.com>
Subject: RE: CDBG HR Notice of Commencement Concern

Mr. Hamilton,

It was a pleasure speaking with you, thank you for reaching out with your concerns. A property owner may terminate the period of effectiveness of a notice of commencement by executing and recording a notice of termination. I've attached a blank Notice of Termination of Notice of Commencement form for your convenience. Please feel free to call my direct line listed below if you need assistance with the form. As we discussed, additional information is also available in section 713.132 of the Florida Statutes.

I researched the recorded document and determined it was submitted electronically (see screen shot below for submitter details). If you are unfamiliar with the document that was recorded, or have concerns about the notary acknowledgement, it is recommended that you contact your local law enforcement agency or seek advice from a legal professional.



If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, I'm happy to help!

Thank you,



Christina Hunter

Chief Deputy of Records & Administrative Services

772.288.5555 | chunter@martinclerk.com