

STATE OF MARYLAND

\* IN THE DISTRICT COURT

v.

\* OF MARYLAND FOR

TYLER WALCH

\* BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* CASE NO. 3C00471579

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**CRIMINAL INFORMATION**

THE STATE PROSECUTOR for the State of Maryland informs and charges TYLER WALCH, Defendant, with having committed the following offenses:

**COUNT 1**

On or about June 25, 2018, at Baltimore County, Maryland, TYLER WALCH, Defendant, did willfully cause the publication, distribution and/or dissemination, in Baltimore County, Maryland, of campaign material that did not comply with the requirements of § 13-401(a)(1)(ii) of the *Election Law Article, Annotated Code of Maryland*, to wit: TYLER WALCH being then and there a campaign worker on the campaign of Delegate Richard Impallaria for election to the House of Delegates in the 2018 Maryland Primary Election, did cause the publication and distribution of approximately 9,000 automated telephone calls regarding Delegate Kathy Szeliga, another candidate in the Republican Primary with Delegate Impallaria for the House of Delegates in the 2018 Primary Election to Baltimore County residents, in which the speaker said:

Hi this is Ali, a donor to the national Center for Transgender Equality calling to ask you to support Delegate Kathy Szeliga in tomorrow’s Republican Primary Election. Kathy Szeliga is a true friend of the Transgender Community having voted for House Bill 1003 making it illegal to discriminate against Transgendered persons in the workplace. With the support of lawmakers willing work across the aisle like Kathy Szeliga, Transgenders will

soon be able to use the bathrooms of their choice. Again this is Ali calling to ask you to support Kathy Szeliga, a friend of the transgender community.

Thank you!

Before the call was distributed, TYLER WALCH communicated the contents of the call to Delegate Impallaria with the message above that did not contain the information required by § 13-401(a) of the *Election Law Article, Annotated Code of Maryland*, regarding the identity of the person authorizing and paying for the calls and whether the calls were authorized by any candidate, but instead was designed to conceal their identities as the persons authorizing and paying for those messages by failing to identifying the person or organization responsible for the message in violation of §13-401(a)(1)(ii) of the *Election Law Article, Annotated Code of Maryland*, with penalties described in §13-602(a)(9) of the *Election Law Article, Annotated Code of Maryland*, and against the peace, government and dignity of the State.

*CJIS Code 1-1551*

*Election Law Article, § 13-401(a)(1)(ii)*

*Maximum Penalty, 1 year, \$1,000.00, Election Law Article, §13-602(a)(9)*

## **COUNT 2**

On or about June 25, 2018, at Baltimore County, Maryland, TYLER WALCH, Defendant, did willfully cause the publication, distribution and/or dissemination, in Baltimore County, Maryland, of campaign material that did not comply with the requirements of § 13-401(b), of the *Election Law Article, Annotated Code of Maryland*, to wit: TYLER WALCH being then and there a campaign worker on the campaign of Delegate Richard Impallaria for election to the House of Delegates in the 2018 Maryland Primary Election, did cause the publication and distribution of approximately 9,000 automated telephone calls regarding Delegate Kathy Szeliga, another candidate in the Republican Primary with Delegate Impallaria for the House of Delegates in the

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