



Mark A. Sharp Weekly Capitol Report

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GREITENS ACCEPTS HEFTY FINE FOR CAMPAIGN VIOLATIONS

Disgraced former Gov. Eric Greitens signed a consent order with the Missouri Ethics Commission on Feb. 13 in which he admitted his election committee committed two violations of state campaign finance law and agreed to a fine of \$178,087. This marks the second time Greitens, a Republican, has admitted to violations of state law related to his 2016 gubernatorial campaign.

If Greitens pays \$38,000 within 45 days and doesn't commit any further violations over the next two years, the remainder of the fine will be stayed, a standard deal offered by the Ethics Commission when resolving cases. The fine can be paid by his still-active campaign committee, Greitens for Missouri.

The two campaign finance violations Greitens admitted to involved failure to disclose in-kind contributions from outside committees to his 2016 primary campaign. The commission dismissed several other allegations, citing either a lack of jurisdiction or evidence. In April 2017, Greitens agreed to pay \$1,000 fine failing to disclose his campaign's use of a donor list from the non-profit organization he used to run.

In the latest consent decree, the Ethics Commission said it found no evidence Greitens personally committed wrongdoing but noted that he ultimately is responsible for the actions of his committee. Greitens' issued a statement claiming he had been "exonerated" and "vindicated," claims that were widely ridiculed given his signed stipulation and acceptance of a hefty fine.

Greitens resigned as governor on June 1, 2018, just 17-months into a four-year term. At the time, impeachment proceedings against him were underway in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives over allegations of personal and professional misconduct. He also was facing a pending felony charge for computer tampering, which prosecutors agreed to drop in exchange for his resignation.

COMMITTEE HEARS GOP BILL TO ELIMINATE MARRIAGE

The House General Laws Committee on Feb. 17 held a public hearing on legislation that would eliminate marriage in Missouri and reclassify it as a "contract of domestic union." State Rep. Adam Schnelting, a St. Charles Republican, is sponsoring the measure, House Bill 2173.

The 382-page bill strips all references to marriage from state law and is widely seen as a sour-grapes proposal by some religious conservatives who are still upset over the U.S. Supreme Court's 2015 ruling legalizing same-sex marriage nationwide. Schnelting, whose House biography lists him as a "licensed minister and former pastor," said his intent is to remove government from its traditional role in legally sanctioned marriages.

The bill was met with bipartisan criticism from committee members. Other than the sponsor, no one testified in favor, while several people testified in opposition.

STATE MEDICAL MARIJUANA OFFICIALS FACE QUESTIONING

Members of a special House investigative committee grilled state health department

officials for several hours on Feb. 19 over the agency's controversial process for determining what businesses were awarded one of the limited numbers of licenses issued for various aspects of Missouri's new medical marijuana industry.

In November 2018, two-thirds of Missouri voters ratified a constitutional amendment legalizing marijuana for medical use and granting the state Department of Health and Senior Services the authority to regulate the cultivation, manufacture, dispensing, sale, testing, and transportation of medical marijuana products.

The department recently issued 338 licenses to either grow, process or distribute medical marijuana, but the licenses issued represent just a fraction of the applications submitted. Businesses that weren't chosen have complained of an inconsistent process for evaluating applications, including cases in which identical answers on different applications received different scores. Department officials said they expect hundreds of lawsuits to be filed by rejected applicants.

The House Special Committee on Government Oversight is slated to conduct another hearing into the matter, which will be its third, on Feb. 26.



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Dear Neighbor,

My name is Mark A. Sharp and I am the newly elected State Representative for District 36th. I wanted to present to you my new weekly "Capitol Report"

which will include the latest news and legislative updates about major developments here at the state capitol. As a new member of The 100th General Assembly, 2nd Session, I am proud to serve the people of South Kansas City.

My office in Jefferson City is available to assist you with questions you may have about state government or legislative issues. Please call, email or write anytime. If you are unable to reach me, my assistant Brian Farmer is ready to help you. If you are in Jefferson City, come by my Capitol office in room 109-G, and introduce yourself. The door is always open and I encourage you to visit.

Please forward this email to your friends and family who want to know how what is happening in Jefferson City will impact them here at home.

Yours in Service,
Mark A. Sharp





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My Legislation

[HB2107](#)- Modifies residency requirements for the A+ Schools Program

[HB2169](#)- Establishes Blair's Law, which creates the offense of unlawful discharge of a firearm for discharging a firearm within or into the limits of a municipality with criminal negligence

Update: [HB2169](#) was referred to General Laws Committee. I will keep everyone updated once a hearing on this bill is scheduled.

Local Events

Lights on KC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

February 28, 2020 6:00- 11:00PM
Middle School and High School Students

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
Arts and Crafts Stations
Silent Disco with DJ
Free Dinner 6:30-8:00
Special Guest Speakers

Connection Point Church Raytown Campus
10500 East 350 Highway
Raytown, Missouri 64138

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Had to show some love to the folks at assisted living homes of Villa Ventura for Valentine's Day

**GREATER KANSAS CITY CRIME STOPPERS
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**PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

FROM: Det. Kevin Boehm, Crime Stoppers Coordinator

SUBJECT: Reward Increase – 9 Year Old Dominic Young Homicide

KANSAS CITY, MO --- The Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Greater KC Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline continue to seek information in the January 20, 2018 homicide of 9 year old Dominic Young Jr. at 71 Highway and Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.

Dominic Young Jr. was apparently hit by a stray gunshot while occupying a vehicle driven by his father and died as a result of his injuries. Dominic, his father and brother were en route to Grandview at the time. The vehicle driven by Dominic's father was hit by gunshots from other vehicles apparently engaged in a gunfight according to statements.

KCPD found a possible crime scene near the intersection where the father said the shooting happened. When the father arrived home in Grandview, Dominic was not responsive. Grandview police initially responded to the father's home and found the boy in critical condition. He was later pronounced dead at a hospital.

A number of community leaders and organizations including State Representative Richard Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McManus, former City Councilmen Scott Taylor, Scott Wagner, John Sharp; the City of KCMO and Concord Fortress of Hope Church (Pastor Ron Lindsay) have come forward to increase the existing reward in the case up to \$30,000.00. Those leaders are available for comment in regard to the case.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers Greater Kansas City TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS (8477), TIPS may also be submitted electronically at www.KCcrimestoppers.com, or by downloading our NEW mobile app, P3TIPS, on Google Play or the Apple iOS stores for FREE. Information leading to an arrest and/or filing of charges could be eligible for up to \$30,000.00 in reward money. ALL INFORMATION IS ANONYMOUS.



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