

File a Formal Complaint - John Geniuch

John reported (Sat, 9 Jun at 4:52 PM) via Portal **Meta**
To Whom it May Concern --

It has come to my attention that Ronald Krebs -- a candidate for San Juan County Sheriff in 2018 -- has violated RCW 42.17A.555 by using a picture of him in his official uniform on his campaign website. (See attachment.)

While the misuse of public resources started in 2014 when the picture was posted, it arguably continues today as Krebs is the incumbent sheriff candidate running for re-election. It is the largest and foremost picture featured when someone goes to the page "ronkrebs4sheriff.com". At the time of posting, Krebs was an employee of the agency.

See the Public Disclosure Commission's official interpretation of RCW 42.17A.555 (https://www.pdc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/04-02Revised052213.rev_.pdf).

Specifically, on page 14:

"Agency employees shall not use or wear their agency issued, agency-purchased, agency-owned or agency replaced uniforms to assist a campaign or to support or oppose a ballot proposition... ..this prohibition applies to use of any part of such a uniform (shirt, pants, shoes, hat, etc.)."

Additionally, Krebs has violated RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to include proper sponsor identification on his website. That statute requires that: all written political advertising (which includes websites per WAC 390-05-290), whether relating to candidates or ballot propositions, shall include the sponsor's name and address.

Kreb's website fails to accomplish this. (See attachment.)

Sincerely,