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## **CEASE AND DESIST**

Dear Mr. (redacted),

This letter serves as your legal notice and final warning. Your recent conduct has given rise to a number of civil and potentially criminal violations and must stop immediately.

The website <u>www.paulbabeu.co</u>, was purchased by and for the benefit of the Sheriff's reelection committee, paid for with campaign funds, and is owned by that committee. You are not authorized to use this website for any reason.

This site was recently updated, making a number of personal and professional allegations against the Sheriff. At the same time, the aforementioned site purports to be the official website of Paul Babeu.

In so doing, you exposed yourself and your company to civil litigation over the following offenses: defamation, defamation per se, false light invasion of privacy, conversion, breach of contract, and breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing.

Recently, you unlawfully accessed the Mr. Babeu's account on Twitter. You have also illegally hijacked the campaign's Piryx account. This is and was at all relevant times his property and that of his re-election campaign. You had no authorization to do so.

Such action exposed you and your company to all of the aforementioned civil violations, as well as the following potential criminal charges; Federal criminal liability under "The Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act" of 1998, and other federal legislation that makes hacking and impersonating another a Felony; a number of Arizona Felonies, including but not limited to, A.R.S. 13-1802 – Theft, a Class 3 Felony; A.R.S. 13-2008 – Taking identity of another person or entity, a Class 4 Felony; A.R.S. 13-2107 – False statement as to financial

condition or identity, a Class 5 Felony; A.R.S. 13-2311 – Fraudulent Schemes and practices, a Class 5 Felony.

(Redacted), in the course of my legal practice I have seen people make a number of very bad mistakes which have had devastating consequences for them personally and financially, and for their families. Your continued possession and use of this stolen property and the identity of another would be the absolute worst.

Please be advised that you and your business will be sued, jointly and severally, for actual, consequential, and punitive damages, as well as attorneys' fees, and criminal charges may be filed with the appropriate law enforcement authorities if the following corrective action is not taken at once:

- 1. Remove the offensive postings at once;
- 2. Return control of <a href="www.paulbabeu.co">www.paulbabeu.co</a> to the Sheriff's re-election, its lawful owner, as well as any other similar sites under your control;
- 3. Begin no such new sites;
- 4. Make no further attempts to obtain access to any site owned by Paul Babeu or any campaign committee under his control;
- 5. Return control of the campaign's Piryx account at once;
- 6. Do whatever we ask to help Mr. Babeu regain control of his Twitter account;
- 7. Advise undersigned counsel at once, and in no case less than 24 hours from receipt of this message, if it is your desire to cooperate voluntarily rather than force us to vindicate our claims in a court of law and with law enforcement.

Regards,

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Attorney for Paul Babeu for Sheriff