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**FORMER SENATE CANDIDATE AGREES TO PAY FINE TO
SETTLE COMPLAINT ALLEGING CAMPAIGN REPORTING
VIOLATIONS**

BOSTON -- A state Senate candidate has agreed to pay a \$1,200 fine to settle a Suffolk Superior Court complaint that alleged violations of the campaign finance law in connection with his 1998 campaign, Attorney General Tom Reilly and Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) Director Michael J. Sullivan announced today.

Thomas F. Healy, who ran for state Senate in the 5th-Middlesex District in 1998, the Healy for Senate Committee and Scott D. Peterson, the committee's treasurer, signed the agreement with the AG's Office and OCPF. The August 2001 complaint filed by the AG's Office will be dismissed within 30 days after Healy pays the \$1,200 fine.

In September 2000, OCPF referred alleged violations of campaign finance law to the AG's Office. OCPF alleged that the candidate and the treasurer failed to comply with the requirement that the candidate keep detailed accounts of all campaign-related contributions. In particular, OCPF was trying to determine the source of a single \$2,475 deposit by the committee into the campaign account. State law limits individual contributions for the benefit of any one candidate to \$500 per calendar year. OCPF also alleged a violation of a year-end reporting requirement because the committee filed its 1999 year-end report 237 days late.

After the AG's Office filed its complaint, Healy was able to obtain copies of the 14 checks that comprised the contested September 14, 1998 deposit into the campaign account. Healy filed amended campaign finance reports that demonstrated no violations of the individual contribution limit.

Assistant Attorney General Deirdre Roney of AG Reilly's Government Bureau handled the case.

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