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Michael Foley dismisses his attempt to get a Protection Order Against Tyler Starline

Starline Asks: "Where Do I Go to Get My Reputation Back?"

Dayton OHIO November 12, 2025— Following today's dismissal of Montgomery County Clerk of Courts Mike Foley's request for an ex parte protection order against Tyler Starline, Mr. Starline expressed relief while questioning how he can restore his reputation after what he characterizes as a baseless attack.

"Where do I go to get my reputation back?" Starline asked, echoing the words of a former public official wrongly accused. "This petition should never have been filed."

Tyler Starline is a lifetime public servant and father of two children. His distinguished career includes service as a Guardian ad litem, Judicial assistant, private practice attorney, Director of Human Resources for the Montgomery County Clerk of Courts, and vital member of the Board of Elections. He is known throughout the legal and political community as a man of integrity and professionalism.

When questioned in 2022 by investigators from the Ohio Auditor of State about possible legal violations by Mike Foley, Mr. Starline did what any honest public servant would do—he told the truth. Now, as Mr. Starline prepares

to testify in Mr. Foley's upcoming criminal trial, Mr. Foley has attempted to weaponize the court system against him.

"Mike Foley had no duty to fear Tyler Starline," said his attorney Terry Posey Sr. "Tyler is a fine man, known and respected by all who know him. This protection order was not about safety—it was about intimidation."

The timing of Mr. Foley's action speaks volumes. With his criminal trial approaching (December 8, 2025) and Mr. Starline scheduled to testify as a key witness, Mr. Foley filed protection orders against both Mr. Starline and community activist David Esrati on the same day—October 16, 2025. Both men have been critical of Mr. Foley's conduct in office.

Mr. Starline thanks Judge Wolaver for his careful consideration of the facts at the ex parte hearing and looks forward to continuing his public service to Montgomery County.

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