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VoterGA Ethics Complaint Indicates Gwinnett D.A. Danny Porter Hid Donors for \$29,811 in Campaign Funds

ATLANTA GA – VoterGA announces today the filing of an [ethics complaint](#) against Gwinnett County District Attorney (D.A.) Danny Porter for **campaign finance violations**. The complaint was filed with the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission. It alleges **Porter failed to identify the donors for nearly \$30,000 of contributions** dating to 1998.

[O.C.G.A. 21-5-32(a), 21-5-34(b)]

Mr. Porter was first elected as D.A. in 1992. His 1999 [campaign contribution report](#) lists \$29,811.50 in donations received but provides no sources for them. The funds were not listed as carried over from the previous year and **Porter did not file any required 1998 campaign finance reports** according to a [search](#) of Secretary of State [disclosure records](#).

Candidates must file financial reports that identify all major contributions and the amount donated. **They are obligated to return anonymous contributions** to the state treasury. [O.C.G.A. 21-5-30(e)]

When donations are incorrectly reported, the inaccuracies propagate in subsequent reports filed all the way until the present cycle. Furthermore, the complaint contends the **statute of limitations does not commence until the time a violation is discovered** which was late last year. Under an overriding Georgia code cited the allegations can still be subject to adjudication using state records. [O.C.G.A. 17.3.2(2)]

The complaint also alleges Mr. Porter has unpaid filing fees that are a year old and have **disqualified him from performing the duties of his current office**. Georgia public officers are required by the U.S. Constitution and Georgia law to swear they are not holding unaccounted for public money. Holding anonymous contributions or unpaid fees are **oath of office violations** that are defined as felonies. [Art. II Sec II Para 3, O.C.G.A. 45-3-1, 16-10-1]

Mr. Porter is also the subject of serious, unresolved allegations in his role as a D.A. in 2019. A [prosecutorial misconduct motion](#) filed by a criminal defense attorney claims Porter made false charges against a defendant. A [criminal complaint](#) filed by a former Judge claims Porter illegally blocked citizen access to a grand jury. The complaint also asks the commission to deliver its allegations to a grand jury.