

## **"Dates the Alleged Conduct Occurred"**

Tax Fraud: 2014-2015; Possibly 2002-2017

Immigration Fraud: 2009

Student Financial Aid Fraud: 2009 to 2011.

Perjury: 2017

Kickbacks: 2018

Diversion of Campaign Funds: 2018

Profiteering: 2018

## **"Concise Statement of the facts. (As well as the source of the information, in the event that the person submitting the information does not have firsthand knowledge of the facts)."**

Representative Ilhan Omar has demonstrated a troubling pattern of making misstatements and falsehoods about her personal history. These wrongdoings may include committing perjury to gain access to resources and other advantages that would have otherwise been denied. Such unabashed lawbreaking had previously gone undetected. However, many of these actions have been uncovered through an inquiry from the Minnesota Campaign Finance Board. The findings from the board represent clear probable cause for a criminal investigation to begin regarding the activities of Ilhan Omar.

The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board was established by the Minnesota State Legislature in 1974 and is charged with the administration of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 10A, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act, as well as portions of Chapter 211B, the Fair Campaign Practices Act. The Board has six members, appointed by the Governor on a bi-partisan basis for staggered four-year terms. The appointments must be confirmed by a three-fifths vote of the members of each house of the legislature.

Rep. Omar refused to file a required key campaign finance report, the Statement of Economic Interest, preventing the disclosure of incriminating evidence, until 3 days after she had won the Democratic endorsement for US Congress. Filing the disclosure 5 months late, which is a violation of Minnesota law, also prevented a Minnesota House Ethics complaint from being filed, protecting her actions from disclosure to Democratic primary voters and from the weight of Minnesota House Ethic Committee sanctions. This could have been the deciding factor in her eventual victory in her congressional bid, and certainly gave her an advantage that she would not have enjoyed, had she followed the law.

## **"The Law, regulation or rule allegedly violated (if known)."**

**Tax Fraud:** 26 U.S.C. § 7201. Attempt to evade or defeat tax; Minnesota Statutes Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 851; Pub. L. 97-248, title III, § 329 (a), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 618

On June 6, 2019, the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Disclosure Board demanded that Rep. Omar turn over her records about filing for joint income tax returns in 2014 and 2015 with

Ahmed Hirsi - before they were legally married and during her 2009-2017 marriage to Ahmed Elmi.

**Immigration Fraud:** 18 U.S.C. § 1546. Fraud and misuse of visas, permits, and other documents.

On June 6, 2019, the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Disclosure Board demanded that Rep. Omar turn over information about the immigration records obtained by her lawyers in order to determine if it was a personal use or campaign use of funds. These may apply to her own record and her first legal husband Ahmed Elmi who was a British citizen and did not have refugee status in the US. Their marriage in 2009 would have given him the ability to stay in the US indefinitely and any other benefits accorded to that status until their divorce in 2017.

**Federal Student Aid Fraud:** 20 U.S. Code § 1097. Criminal penalties

Campaign Finance Board records indicate that Rep. Omar amassed large student loan debts at North Dakota State University. She may have filed for that debt with her first husband, Ahmed Elmi, as a way of avoiding reporting on the income and assets of her birth family.

**Perjury on A Court Application:** 2018 Minnesota Statutes 358.116

In her divorce papers seeking service on Ahmed Elmi from August 2, 2017, Rep. Omar repeatedly stated under penalty of perjury that she had not had contact with him since June, 2011. Furthermore, Omar stated that her last known location for Elmi's whereabouts was London in 2011. Yet a photo, posted by Elmi, on June 12, 2012 shows him holding her newborn baby at the hospital in Minneapolis. Court documents on July 31, 2012 show that Elmi personally accepted his eviction notice from his Minneapolis apartment. This was within ten blocks of Rep. Omar's residence. Eight instances of perjury occurred in the sworn court filing.

**Bigamy:** 2018 Minnesota Statutes 609.355

Under Minnesota law, bigamy is a five-year felony. Rep. Omar claimed joint status in 2014 and 2015 with Mr. Hirsi during her 2009-2017 marriage to Mr. Elmi. She may face state charges.

**Kick-backs:** Permanent Rules of the Minnesota House 2017-2018. 9.10 SOLICITATIONS DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSION. During regular or special session, a member of the House, a political party caucus, the member's principal campaign committee, a political committee with the member's name or title, or a committee authorized by the member that benefits the member, must not solicit or accept a contribution from a registered lobbyist, corporation, labor union, political committee, dissolving principal campaign committee, political fund, or a tribal organization.

On July 31, 2018, Rep. Omar returned \$2,500 in speaking fees from two Minnesota community colleges whose budgets she oversaw and approved as a member of the Higher Education Committee of the Minnesota House of Representatives. These pay-backs were not disclosed until

after the prospect of Minnesota House ethics charges against her were discussed while she ran for Congress last summer. The payments were a clear violation of House Rules.

**Diversion of campaign funds:** Minnesota Statutes Chapter 211B.12

On June 6, the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Disclosure Board found that Rep. Omar had repeatedly used campaign donations to pay for personal trips to Washington, Boston, New York, Chicago, and Florida to boost her national profile.

**Personal Profiteering:** Minnesota Statutes Chapter 211B.12

On June 6, the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Disclosure Board also found that she had used \$2,250 of campaign donations to pay for personal tax preparation services and immigration services. The Board fined her \$500 and ordered her to pay back the \$2,250 for those services.

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