

Why might the Executive Director of the
Jensen Beach Chamber of Commerce
be interested in **Chase Lurgio's**
candidacy for Martin County
Commission?

Chase Lurgio has maintained that no one influenced him to run for County Commission...

"I am kind of doing it for fun, I guess you can say"

~ Quote to TCPalm, June 28

"To set the record straight, nobody influenced my decision to run for the Martin County Commissioner in District 1. When I decided to sign up in June to qualify as a write-in candidate, I did it because I wanted to encourage my age group to get more involved in the political process. When I discovered a write-in candidate had no filing fee and is allowed by law, my friends encouraged me to run."

~ Letter to the Editor, October 13

"I did a little research and saw the write-in was free, so I went and signed up and I'm here now."

~ Excerpt from Channel 5 News Interview, October 19

...But did Chase really do this all on his own?

Chase Lurgio was required to file, among other forms, an Oath of Candidate to register as a write-in candidate.

Even to a casual eye, it appears two different people filled out his Oath.

Someone else's
handwriting?

OATH OF CANDIDATE (Section 99.021, Florida Statutes)			
I, <u>CHASE AUSTIN LURGIO</u> <small>(PLEASE PRINT NAME)</small>			
am a write-in candidate for the office of <u>MARTIN COUNTY Commissioner #1</u> <small>(office) (district #) (circuit #)</small>			
<u> </u> ; I am a qualified elector of <u>MARTIN</u> County, Florida; I am qualified <small>(group or seat #)</small>			
under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; I have qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek; and I have resigned from any office from which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.			
X <u>C L</u> <small>Signature of Candidate</small>		<u>(828) 406-2341</u> <small>Telephone Number</small>	 <small>Email Address</small>
<u>1742 San Soui st</u> <small>Address</small>	<u>Stuart</u> <small>City</small>	<u>FL</u> <small>State</small>	<u>34994</u> <small>ZIP Code</small>

Chase's
handwriting?

The handwriting in Chase Lurgio's 2016 campaign filings also appears in another write-in candidate's filings from 2014....

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer/Deputy <input type="checkbox"/> Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Office <input type="checkbox"/> Party	
2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last) CHASE AUSTIN LURGIO	
3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code) 1742 SAN SOUCL STUART FL 34994	
4. Telephone (828) 406-2341	5. E-mail address
6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number) MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST#1	
7. If a candidate for a <u>nonpartisan</u> office, check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.	
8. If a candidate for a <u>partisan</u> office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write-In <input type="checkbox"/> No Party Affiliation <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Party candidate.	

Even to an untrained eye, the similarity between the two filings is striking (e.g. "Stuart")

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer/Deputy <input type="checkbox"/> Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Office <input type="checkbox"/> Party	
2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last) RONALD EUGENE ROSE	
3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code) 636 SW BRYANT AVE. STUART FL 34994	
4. Telephone (772) 600-5442	5. E-mail address rerose2@comcast.net
6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number) MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2	
7. If a candidate for a <u>nonpartisan</u> office, check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.	
8. If a candidate for a <u>partisan</u> office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Party Affiliation <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Party candidate.	

We commissioned two independent expert analyses to determine whether the same person filled out Ron Rose's and Chase Lurgio's filings.

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4. Telephone (828) 406-2341	5. E-mail address ↑	1742 SAN SOUCL STUART FL 34994 ←
6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number) MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST#1		7. If a candidate for a <u>nonpartisan</u> office, applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> My intent is to run as a Write-In S1a

RONALD EUGENE ROSE		code)
4. Telephone (772) 600-5442	5. E-mail address ↑ rerose2@comcast.net	636 SW BRYANT AVE. STUART FL 34994 ←
6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number) MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2		7. If a candidate for a <u>nonpartisan</u> office, applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> My intent is to run as a Write-In S2a

- Similarity in letter forms
 - Purple arrows = "4" shaped letter "y"
 - Red arrows = small "6" shaped letter "G"
 - Green arrows = short ending stroke on the letter "u". (Many other letters are consistent)
- Black arrows = second number "4" in zip code is largest number in both.
- Similar spacing between words.

*** Please see the full expert reports made available in connection with this presentation.

Two separate expert analyses opined that there was a common writer in Lurgio's and Rose's filings.

Expert Opinion #1

Based on the documents available for examination and comparison, in my opinion, it is highly probable (proof by clear and convincing evidence) that the writer of S1ae and the writer of S2ae (*with exceptions) were written by one and the same writer. There is consistency in letter form construction, spacing, alignment, letter slant, speed, letter connections, and range of variation.

(*Note: In my opinion, the writer identified in S2a, Ronald Eugene Rose, only wrote lines 1 thru line 9 on the page. The remaining writing on this page may be attributed to the writer identified as Sue Zachman.)

Expert Opinion #2

Based upon thorough analysis of these items, and from an application of accepted forensic document examination tools, principles and techniques, it is my professional expert opinion that the same person authored some of the handwriting on the questioned documents. The same person did indeed write the words 'Martin County Commissioner District' on the questioned documents 'Q1' through 'Q3' and the name of Ronald Eugene Rose on 'K1', Box 2 and the name of Chase Austin Lurgio on Line 1 on 'Q3'.

I am willing to testify to this fact in a court of law and I will provide exhibits to the Court showing that I had sufficient data and that my opinion is correct. My Curriculum Vitae is attached and incorporated herein by reference.

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If one were to assume that a candidate would personally complete their oath in front of notary, some conclusions can be drawn.

OATH OF CANDIDATE
(Section 99.021, Florida Statutes)

I, RON ROSE
(PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT * - NAME MAY NOT BE CHANGED AFTER THE END OF QUALIFYING)

am a candidate with no party affiliation for the office of MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER, 2
(office) (district #)

 (circuit #) ; I am a qualified elector of MARTIN County, Florida;
(group or seat #)

I am qualified under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; I have qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek; and I have resigned from any office from which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

X OROSE (772) 600-5442 verose2@comcast.net
Signature of Candidate Telephone Number Email Address

636 SW BRYANT AVE. STUART FL 34994
Address City State Zip Code

If Ron Rose filled out his entire candidate oath in 2014...

Presumably this is what Ron's handwriting looks like(?)...

...Did he also fill out part of Chase Lurgio's oath and almost all of Chase's other filings in 2016?

...And presumably this is what Chase's handwriting looks like(?).

OATH OF CANDIDATE
(Section 99.021, Florida Statutes)

I, CHASE AUSTIN LURGIO
(PLEASE PRINT NAME)

am a write-in candidate for the office of MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER, #1
(office) (district #) (circuit #)

 (group or seat #) ; I am a qualified elector of MARTIN County, Florida; I am qualified

under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; I have qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek; and I have resigned from any office from which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

X CL (772) 406-2341
Signature of Candidate Telephone Number Email Address

1740 San Soui St. Stuart FL 34994
Address City State ZIP Code

In another extraordinary coincidence, Ron Rose and Chase Lurgio used the exact same bank branch for their respective campaigns.

From Lurgio's
form DS-DE 9
filed in 2016

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer CHASE AUSTIN LURGIO				
11. Mailing Address 1742 SAN SOUCI				12. Telephone (828) 406-2341
13. City STUART	14. County MARTIN	15. State FL	16. Zip Code 34954	17. E-mail address
18. I have designated the following bank as my <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Depository				
19. Name of Bank HARBOR COMMUNITY BANK			20. Address 3250 SE FEDERAL HIGHWAY	
21. City STUART	22. County MARTIN	23. State FL	24. Zip Code 34994	

From Rose's
form DS-DE 9
filed in 2014

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer Sue ZACHMAN				
11. Mailing Address 577 NE PEEDS WAY				12. Telephone (772) 285-9417
13. City Jensen Beach	14. County MARTIN	15. State FL	16. Zip Code 34957	17. E-mail address SUEZACHMAN@yahoo.com
18. I have designated the following bank as my <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Depository				
19. Name of Bank HARBOR COMMUNITY BANK			20. Address 3250 SE Federal Hwy	
21. City stuart	22. County MARTIN	23. State FL	24. Zip Code 34997	

Who is Ron Rose?



Career Local Politician with a slant towards big business and growth

- Has run for local office several times
2010 Stuart City Commission
2011 Stuart City Commission
2014 Martin County Commission
- Currently serves as Executive Director of Jensen Beach Chamber of Commerce (Doug Smith is an ex officio)
- Has worked closely with and supported Doug Smith over the years

Why might the Executive Director of the Jensen Beach Chamber of Commerce be interested in an 18 year-old boy's candidacy?

Screenshot from Ron Rose's Facebook Page



The screenshot shows a Facebook post by Ron Rose, dated August 20. The post features a large group photo of people, many of whom are holding green signs that say "CIAMPI for Commissioner". Some signs also mention "SMITH" and "HAROLD Jenkins". The photo is taken outdoors, possibly at a community event. Below the photo, there are options for "Mobile Uploads" (3 of 29) and "Options | Share | Send".

Ron Rose
August 20 · 🌐

A picture is worth a thousand words!

Share

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Yes it is Ron, yes it is...

Who is really responsible for this strategy??

➤ ***Was Ron Rose instrumental in putting Chase Lurgio into the race?***

➤ ***Ron Rose has been a supporter of Smith's campaign, and has advanced Smith's agenda in his position at Jensen Chamber of Commerce and elsewhere***

➤ ***Doug Smith almost certainly benefited from Lurgio's last minute candidacy***



Chase Lurgio

Ron Rose

Doug Smith



Closing thoughts

Chase, people love you, now is your chance to come clean about how you got into this race.

To all others, more to come...

Please see the following documents made available in connection with this presentation:

1. **Chase Lurgio filings:** DS-DE 9 (Appointment of Campaign Treasurer), DS-DE 84 (Statement of Candidate), DS-DE 24A (Oath of Candidate), Form 6 (Public Financial Disclosure)

<https://www.docdroid.net/kS1bxgc/doc-1-chase-lurgio-filings.pdf.html>

2. **Ron Rose filings:** DS-DE 9 (Appointment of Campaign Treasurer), DS-DE 84 (Statement of Candidate), DS-DE 24A (Oath of Candidate), Form 6 (Public Financial Disclosure)

<https://www.docdroid.net/evnMHsg/doc-2-ron-rose-filings.pdf.html>

3. **Expert Handwriting Analysis and Opinion #1**

<https://www.docdroid.net/wuWNzv8/doc-3-rose-handwriting-opinion-redacted.pdf.html>

4. **Expert Handwriting Analysis and Opinion #2**

<https://www.docdroid.net/JGDotnM/doc-4-rose-handwriting-opinion-2-redacted.pdf.html>