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Defendant	Richard de Vere (Somerset)
Charges brought by	The Imperial Crown (HIM Maedb Hawkins, HIM Karl von Katzburg)
Original charges filed	October 2, 2002
Royal Court held	November 11, 2002
Magistrate	Sir Arthur O'Tyne
Justicar	Friar Matthew
Crown Advocate	Dabhid MacFhearghus
Defense Advocate	Gwerith verch Albrecht (Richard de Vere did not attend)
Bailiff	Lt. Thomas Bolitho
Scribe	Sorche Krykeby
Charge: Disharmony	Guilty (charges 8, 11, 13)
Charge: Malfeasance of Office (mishandling of funds)	Guilty (charges 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9)
Charge: Exceeding Authority	Guilty (charges 4, 8, 9, 10, 13)
Charge: Harm	Guilty (charge 7)
Recommended sentence	A public apology
	Banishment from Adria to begin from date of apology
	Restitution of misappropriated funds (\$40 to date)
	Lifetime ban on ministerial positions
Imperial Crown review	
Final sentence	
Notes	Membership Expiration: May 24, 2003, but membership in Adria was revoked by Richard de Vere effective immediately (October 4, 2002) via e-mail
	Richard de Vere did not appear for the final adjudication, and no request for postponement was received.
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REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION

Sent to the Board of Directors October 2, 2002. A quorum of at least 5 members was met (7), with a vote of at least 2/3s (100% in favor of suspension). Because of the need for quick action in this case, and the fact that the 2 non-responsive members of the panel would not have affected the vote, the suspension of membership was approved on October 4, 2002. (Note: the two non-responsive members of the panel did respond in the negative on October 7.)

Official Request to the Board of Directors to immediately suspend the membership of Shane Evans in order to investigate further his inappropriate and perhaps illegal actions.

I am including below the text of the message sent to Shane relieving him of his duties as Viceroy. It outlines what was known at the time (September 13, 2002). Since that time, more incidents have come to light.

- In February, he was collecting memberships to send in (his own to be sent that weekend, but didn't arrive until May 24). April 8, he still hadn't sent them in (13 people). said he'd be sending the the next week. This was supposed to be a "sent it but the post office lost it, I will replace everything right away." Went back and forth and we eventually got all but 4 by July 8 (not sure how many he sent in and how many others sent). He was supposed to send in copies of the checks, money order receipts, anything. He did manage to find one ten-dolloar receipt that he sent us.
- March 3, he offered all SCA a free year's membership (rescinded the offer as soon as he told me about it)
- March 23 - MY ACTION: based on the "in the mail" went ahead and had estates charter the shire (mistake)
- Took \$20 cash from a Jane in May, and hasn't sent in any paperwork for it (again, we just found out - the lady called and asked if she was a member yet. Shane didn't admit to this one, but there were witnesses).
- Took \$20 cash from a Bob Miller in June or July, but has not sent in any paperwork on it. (we just found out about it, and he does admit to this one)
- August 29: Had one of his friends sign someone else's names to two membership forms and send them in. Told her it was okay
- Offered one woman a ladyship title if she would join his house.

He was told, repeatedly, that he was not to collect any money from anyone. They were supposed to send them in themselves. All of these issues are mundane, and money-related. There were other issues as well, but no one would come forward in a timely manner to take any action. I am attaching the e-mail that I sent him, relieving him of his duties as governor/viceroy.

I believe that Mr. Evan's membership should be suspended immediately and that he be prevented from attending any events or communicating with any members. He has a history of bullying people, and of intimidating them. Further, he has not abated in actions in which he has specifically been directed to cease. If he is allowed to continue attending events, there is absolutely cause to believe that he will not cease these actions (outlined above), and that he will attempt to intimidate the people attending events. There is also cause to believe that he will try to manipulate any evidence that may exist.

- Immediately after being relieved of his duties as Viceroy, Shane went into the shire chat room, and raised quite a ruckus, cursing at everyone there.
- Shane has repeatedly called (at least) one of the shire's members, argued and cursed at her, and hung up on her. This has been severe enough that the current Viceroy is concerned for her physical safety, and has recommended she get a legal restraining order against him.

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RELIEVING RICHARD DE VERE AS VICEROY (GOVERNOR) OF SOMERSET

From: Maedb <taltos@mindspring.com>

To: Shane Evans <richarddevere@yahoo.com>; Karl von Katzburg <ontis@compuserve.com>

Subject: Position of Viceroy

Date: Friday, September 13, 2002 7:50 PM

Shane,

This is to confirm our recent conversations. It is very clear that you need more serious training than we have been able to provide. I have repeatedly counselled you on topics. While it seems that you listen, you repeatedly ignore my directives, requests, and even direct orders.

The situation regarding your conduct with women has been a serious concern for a long while. We had thought your behavior had changed. Perhaps it has, and this last is just an over-reaction, but it matters not. Because of the past situation, we cannot take a chance that it is true.

The situation with memberships is another great concern. What should have taken a few weeks to straighten out, took months. And it is still not straight. You have instructed people to commit fraud in your name (you cannot sign another person's name to a contract). We are still getting complaints from people who thought you had mailed in their memberships.

The situation with the mead is alarming at best. It was extremely apparent that you intended to use mead NOT made by you as an arts entry. It may have been a gross misunderstanding, if so it again illustrates your lack of understanding of basic Adrian principles (arts entry versus demo show-and-tell).

We are continually receiving complaints about micromanagement, bullish behavior, and disrespect. You will become angry with a minister, and fire them, only to make up and re-appoint them the next week. A Shire cannot function like that. A Viceroy represents Adria in all things. And Adria cannot function like that.

Sir Karl and I are placed in a position that we simply cannot allow you to continue as Viceroy of Somerset. I believe that you have seen these same things, too, else you would not have resigned your position. I hope that you will continue to be a member, to learn, and to be qualified to return to a position of authority in future. But it will be your choice. I will still be available to guide you and mentor you should you choose to remain in Adria.

~Maedb Hawkins, Empress of Adria

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CHARGES AS FILED WITH PRIMA FACIE CASE

1. In February, he was collecting memberships to send in (his own to be sent that weekend, but didn't arrive until May 24).
2. April 8, he still hadn't sent them in (13 people). said he'd be sending the the next week. This was supposed to be a "sent it but the post office lost it, I will replace everything right away." Went back and forth and we eventually got all but 4 by July 8 (not sure how many he sent in and how many others sent).
3. He was supposed to send in copies of the checks, money order receipts, anything. He did manage to find one ten-dollar receipt that he sent us.
4. March 3, he offered all SCA a free year's membership (rescinded the offer as soon as he told me about it)
5. Took \$20 cash from a Jane in May, and hasn't sent in any paperwork for it (again, we just found out - the lady called and asked if she was a member yet. Shane didn't admit to this one, but there were witnesses).
6. Took \$20 cash from a Bob Miller in June or July, but has not sent in any paperwork on it. (we just found out about it, and he does admit to this one)
7. August 29: Had one of his friends sign someone else's names to two membership forms and send them in. Told her it was okay
8. Offered one woman a ladyship title if she would join his house. Offered another baroness, etc.
9. He was told, repeatedly, that he was not to collect any money from anyone. They were supposed to send them in themselves. All of these issues are mundane, and money-related. There were other issues as well, but no one would come forward in a timely manner to take any action. I am attaching the e-mail that I sent him, relieving him of his duties as governor/viceroy.
10. Continuously overstepped the authority he was given. At first, it was because he didn't know what a Viceroy could and could not do. But it quickly became apparent that he knew, and didn't care. He was told numerous times not to do something very specific (like handle money, or send e-mails without me seeing it first, or make any deals or agreements) and immediately ignored the prohibition.

All of the above have e-mails to back up the statements. All of these things also happened in phone conversations, but there are e-mails to provide back-up for the statements.

11. Immediately after being relieved of his duties as Viceroy, Shane went into the shire chat room, and raised quite a ruckus, cursing at everyone there.

12. *Dropped.*

These two items can be proven by deposition of the people involved (Boe will be able to help with this).

13. As enticement to stay in Adria, assigned a lady-friend the position of MoR. Would have an argument with her, fire her, want to date her again, re-assign her to the position, argue, fire, etc.

This item can be proven by deposition of the person involved, as well as partially proved via e-mails.

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COURT FINDINGS

A Royal Court was convened 11 November 2002 at 7:55 pm EST at Dabhid MacFergus' residence. Acting as Bailiff was Lt. Thomas Bolitho, as Magistrate Sir Arthur O'Tyne, as Justicar Friar Matthew (Adrian name in progress), Dabhid MacFergus as Crown Advocate, Gwerith verch Albrecht as Defense Advocate, and Sorche Kyrkeby as Scribe.

Complaints against Richard de Vere, former Viceroy of Somerset, concerning the performance of his duties were presented to the Imperial Crown. The Imperial Crown delegated the matter to Sir Arthur O'Tyne, the Viceroy of Somerset. The Viceroy and Acting Chancery, Miguel Alonso Garcia de la Mar and Lt. Thomas Bolitho, investigated the complaints in consultation with The Imperial Crown and Chancery and evaluated the complaints. They were found legitimate and warranted trial.

The Defendant was notified of the charges by email at his active address. The Defendant responded and refused to participate. The Defendant claimed that the alleged offenses occurred beyond the statute of limitations. The claim was without merit; the complaint was filed in a timely manner. Trial date was set and notification was emailed to the Defendant at his active email address. The Defendant has presented no defense, either in person, in writing, or by appointing an advocate. The Crown has appointed an Advocate to protect the rights of the Defendant. The Defendant has chosen not to review the evidence.

As per Imperial Bylaws Article XI. B. 2. a & c (disharmony and violation of rights), in addition, he is charged with malfeasance, misfeasance, and nonfeasance of office, based on the allegations.

The first 10 charges and Number 13 had numerous emails submitted in evidence; charges 11 and 12 by deposition.

Justicar indicated he is ready to deliver his verdict: guilty of malfeasance as follows: mishandling of funds (charges 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 9); exceeding authority (charges 4, 8, 9, 10, and 13); and harm (charge 7); he is also found guilty of causing disharmony as per Imperial Bylaw Article XI.B.2.a in charges 8, 11, and 13. Violation of rights (XI.B.2.c.) was dropped by the Crown due to a lack of evidence (charge 12).

Sir Arthur makes recommendation to the Crown that a public apology and banishment for 3 years from date of apology, restitution of misappropriated funds, and a lifetime ban on ministerial positions be the Defendant's sentence.