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Statement about Estelle Carson by Jefferson County Democratic Party Chair Chris Kennedy

“The Jefferson County Democratic Party relies heavily on the generosity of hundreds of volunteers who care about our community. Last November, I chose to recognize Ms. Carson with a volunteer award at an annual dinner based on her work that I had seen. Three days before the dinner was held this past January, I was contacted by three people who accused Ms. Carson of the activities that later brought about the criminal charges against her. Because charges had not been filed and I could not verify the accusations, I proceeded with the award. The next time I heard any update on the case was last Friday, a day after her conviction.

“Upon learning of Ms. Carson’s conviction and in consultation with other party leaders, I revoked her award. She has been notified of this revocation. Had these accusations been verifiable in January, obviously I would not have presented any award to Ms. Carson.”

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