

STATE OF KANSAS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RON RYCKMAN
SPEAKER

To: Susan Kannarr, Chief Clerk
Date: January 13, 2021
Re: Membership for Select Investigating Committee

On January 12, Chief Clerk Susan Kannarr delivered a complaint in accordance with Article 49 of the House Rules. The complaint in question was signed by the House Minority Leadership, along with seven members of the Minority caucus and names Rep. Aaron Coleman (D-Kansas City) as the respondent. Having reviewed the Clerk's communication and attached statement of the complaint, it conforms to the requirements of House Rule 4901. I hereby appoint, pursuant to House Rule 4902, the following House members to serve on the select investigating committee:

Rep. John Barker (Chair)
Rep. Susan Humphries
Rep. Kristey Williams
Rep. Dennis "Boog" Highberger
Rep. Cindy Neighbor
Rep. Susan Ruiz

A copy of the signed complaint will be given to Chair Barker, who will then proceed under the House Rule to convene the Committee and initiate its inquiry. Pursuant to House Rule 4902(b), the select committee shall constitute an investigating committee and shall have the powers thereof under Article 10 of chapter 46 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated. Rules and Journal Committee staff are assigned to assist.



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Speaker, House of Representatives

cc: House Minority Leader Tom Sawyer
House Majority Leader Dan Hawkins
Legislative Research
Revisor's Office

Offenses of Aaron Coleman

- Directly and publicly threatened the Governor of Kansas with a “hit” through Twitter on November 4, 2020. The tweet read:

“I’m not playing around. People will realize one day when I call a hit on you it’s real. the Democratic gubernatorial primary will be extremely bloody in 2022. This will allow the progressive third-party candidate a chance to win.”
- https://www.kctv5.com/politics/state-rep-elect-from-kck-vows-to-call-out-a-hit-on-kansas-governor-says/article_037d3d6e-2026-11eb-95b4-8b128bc61d2e.html
- Harassed and threatened an elected official in Wyandotte County, who had obtained a criminal Do Not Contact Order.
- Told former Republican state lawmaker John Whitmer, “John, I’m going to laugh and giggle when you get COVID and die.” “At least we can say you died doing what you love. Ask your buddy Herman Cain how it worked out for him.”
 - <https://kansasreflector.com/2020/07/31/mask-it-or-casket-democratic-house-candidate-hopes-gop-stricken-by-covid-19/>
- Admits to physically abusing his girlfriend. When she broke up with him because of this behavior, he choked and hit her multiple times. Following that incident, she provided news outlets with text messages that again, he admits to sending.
 - <https://www.vice.com/en/article/pkv44m/teen-candidate-who-blackmailed-a-girl-for-nudes-admits-he-abused-his-ex-girlfriend>
 - <https://theintercept.com/2020/08/25/aaron-coleman-ex-girlfriend-assault/>
 - “Air out the clip into your head.”
 - “Mag dump yourself. Do that midnight tonight. If I never hear from you again, then I’ll know what happened.”
 - “I hope you get abducted raped chopped up and have ya pieces scattered around and Burnt in different locations. You might get lucky and they might kill you first then rape your corpse.”
- Revenge porn of a young female student; harassed a fellow female student to the point of attempted suicide—telling her to kill herself; blackmailed a female student for nude photos
 - <https://www.themarvsue.com/aaron-coleman-kansas-still-harassing-women/>
- Threatened to shoot up a school
 - <https://www.timesofisrael.com/report-iewish-candidate-for-kansas-state-house-arrested-for-gun-threat-as-teen/>