

## **Go Away, Keith Stallworth ; Sleazy Gambit Fails in Court Test - Guilty former Wayne County politician tries deceit to hold on to county commission seat**

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Ex-Wayne County Commissioner **Keith Stallworth** 's sleazy bait-and-switch tactic on his resignation has been mercifully rejected by Wayne Circuit Judge Edward Thomas. Stallworth, an admitted felon, should now slink out of the public eye.

Stallworth, who entered a guilty plea in Detroit Federal Court earlier this month to financial duplicity in connection with an alleged drug distribution conspiracy, submitted a letter of resignation to the commission. He subsequently switched that letter with one withdrawing his resignation. And while his fellow commissioners thought they heard a resignation speech from him, his lawyer characterized it as a "vacation" speech.

When commissioners didn't buy his game, Stallworth sued. But Judge Thomas ruled this week that once his guilty plea to a felony in an "infamous" crime was entered, Stallworth was automatically out of office. His charade with the fake resignation was waste motion. The judge has usefully clarified the law.

And Stallworth leaves office as he occupied it--in bad faith.

Caption: Stallworth

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