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**COURTS COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

In re MATTHEW L. SULLIVAN)
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Judge of the Circuit Court)

Fifth Judicial Court of the State of Illinois)

No. 2026-CC-01)
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ANSWERS TO COMPLAINT

NOW COMES the respondent, Matthew L. Sullivan, judge of the Circuit court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, and answers the complaint as follows:

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. Admitted.
2. Admitted that on the date alleged the respondent operated his vehicle recklessly, and had open alcohol in the vehicle.
3. Respondent admits that another motorist made allegations as claimed, but denies the specific allegations, and affirmatively states that the alleged witness appears to have possibly misidentified a different vehicle.
4. Respondent admits that another motorist made allegations as claimed, but denies those specific allegations and affirmatively states that the alleged witness appears to have possibly misidentified a different vehicle.
5. Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegation as he has no personal knowledge regarding the alleged statements.
6. Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegation, as he has no personal knowledge regarding the alleged statements, but admits that officers from the Charleston Police Department did make contact with him when they observed him in the parking lot as alleged.
7. Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegation, as he has no personal knowledge regarding the observations of the Charleston Police officers.
8. Admitted.

9. Respondent admits that the officer did perform a HGN test but can neither admit nor deny the allegation as to the officers' observations from that test. Respondent further admits that he was unable to perform any other field sobriety tests because of his prior hip replacement.
10. Admitted.
11. Admitted.
12. Admitted.
13. Respondent admits that there were cans of beer in his vehicle, both unopened and open, crushed, and empty, but can neither admit nor deny the specific number alleged found.
14. Admitted.
15. Admitted.

VIOLATIONS COUNT I

16. Respondent incorporates his answers 1 – 15 above.
17. Respondent admits that he pleaded guilty to the charge of Reckless Driving.
18. Admitted.
19. Admitted.

COUNT II

20. Respondent incorporates his answers 1 – 19 above.
21. Admitted.
22. Admitted.
23. Admitted.

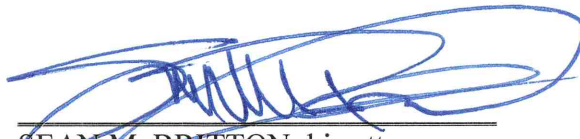
COUNT III

24. Respondent incorporates his answers 1 – 23 above.
25. Admitted.
26. Denied.
27. Denied.
28. Denied. Respondent affirmatively states that at the time of his conversation with Officer

Dicus, who was not the principal arresting officer, he assumed he was being arrested and in no way intended or believed it would impact any decisions being made by the officers.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Respondent, Matthew L. Sullivan, respectfully requests the Illinois Courts Commission enter an order which is appropriate and just.



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