

# Parker's ex sues over unpaid credit card

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A former girlfriend of Comal County Precinct 3 commissioner candidate Greg Parker has sued him over an unpaid balance on a joint credit card — winning a \$4,000 default judgment.

A “default” in a civil case means Parker didn’t appear in court and so the judge — in this case Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Diana Guerrero — decided the suit in favor of the plaintiff.

Sherri Elizabeth Belicek of San Antonio, who described herself in court papers filed April 23 as formerly dating Parker, said she obtained a credit card in her name with Parker designated as the card user.

“After we broke up, I started checking on the balance and found it was over the limit,” Belicek wrote.

“When we dated a couple years ago, I opened a credit card account for him to use and he ran up the balance and went over the limit and didn’t pay the minimum a couple of times,” Belicek said Monday. “He’s kind of messing up my credit because it was under my name.”

She filed suit hoping to encourage Parker to pay off the balance faster — and to give herself legal recourse if he didn’t, Belicek said.

“We have it to where he’s paying pretty much the minimum on the credit card,” Belicek said. “He’s going to be in debt for years at this rate, and I was hoping it could get taken care of.”

Campos issued the default judgment July 27, assessing Parker the \$3,966.55 for the original debt, 5 percent interest and \$73.50 in court costs for a total of \$4,045.05

Parker said Tuesday he acknowledged the debt, has been making payments on it and would continue to do so.

“I was paying before she sued me, and I am paying now,” Parker said.

He didn’t go to court, he said, because he doesn’t deny owing the money, knew the claim would end in a judgment he had already accepted — and because it would be paid.

The situation grew out of an unfortunate falling out, Parker said, and would be resolved. Voters should have no concern about the way he would conduct the county’s business, he added.

“I was in a 15-month relationship where, as most people do, we shared lots of things, including money,” Parker said. “When the relationship went sour, feelings were hurt.”

Parker said he believed the decision to sue him in order to document the claim was not uncommon in a divorce or breakup situation.

“She just chose to sue me in small claims court for an obligation which I am currently paying,” Parker said.