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Secretary of State  
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Concord, NH 03301

**NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

Re: 2008 General Election Voter Fraud Report/Investigation  
Pursuant to RSA 654:12, V.

Dear Secretary Gardner:

**I. Introduction**

In New Hampshire, 76,755 persons registered to vote for the first time on November 4, 2008, General Election day. Of those 76,755 persons, according to the local election officials who entered voter registration information into the Statewide Voter Registration System ("SVRS"), 201 persons registered to vote by proving their qualifications without using photo identification ("ID") as defined by RSA 654:12, II. As a result, pursuant to RSA 654:12, V (b), the Secretary of State's Office sent out identification verification letters to those 201 persons who allegedly registered to vote for the first time at the 2008 General Election without proper ID.

The purpose of the identification verification letter was to determine whether any election fraud had been committed, i.e., whether the person whose name was used to register and vote, actually registered and voted. Of the 201 identification verification letters that were sent, ten letters were returned by the United States Post Office as not deliverable. The Secretary of State's Office requested that the Attorney General's Office investigate these ten persons.

This report regards the Attorney General's investigation of the ten New Hampshire persons who, for the first time, registered and voted on Election Day, during the 2008 General Election at a New Hampshire polling place using means other than a qualified photo ID to prove their qualifications as voters. These investigations were initiated pursuant to RSA 654:12, V (a), (b) and (c). That statute provides:

(a) The election official approving the application for registration as voter of a person who does not present an approved form of photo identification as proof of identity when registering, shall mark the voter registration form to indicate that no photo identification was presented. The person entering the voter information into the centralized voter registration database shall determine if the person is listed in the system as having been previously registered in the town or ward reported by the applicant on the voter registration form. If the person is a new registrant who has not been previously registered anywhere in New Hampshire or if the centralized voter registration database does not confirm a previous registration claimed on the voter registration form, the election official shall cause the record created in the centralized voter registration database to indicate that the person is a new applicant in New Hampshire and that no photo identification was presented. When municipalities enter information on people who register on election day into the centralized voter registration database, to the extent practical applicants who are registering for the first time in New Hampshire and who also register without presenting an approved photo identification shall be entered first.

(b) The secretary of state shall cause a letter of identity verification to be mailed by first class mail to each voter identified at a state general election as a first-time election day registrant in New Hampshire who also did not verify his or her identity with an approved photo identification. The letter shall be mailed within 90 days after the general election. The secretary of state shall mark the envelope with instructions to the United States Post Office not to forward the letter and to provide address correction information. The letter shall notify the person that a person who was unable to present photo identification registered or registered and voted using his or her name and address and instruct the person to contact the attorney general immediately if he or she did not register and vote.

(c) The secretary of state shall cause any letters mailed pursuant to subparagraph (b) that are returned as undeliverable by the United States Post Office to be referred to the attorney general. Upon receipt of notice from a person who receives a letter of identity verification that the person did not register and vote, or upon receipt of a referral from the secretary of state, the attorney general shall cause an investigation to be made to determine whether fraudulent registration or voting occurred.

Your Office notified this Office that the United States Post Office (“USPO”) returned as undeliverable identity verification letters sent to: (A) Melissa Sue Breton, (B)

Aaron Joseph Burns, (C) Amanda Diana Hawkins, (D) Corrisa Ann Charles, (E) Tianna Martin, (F) Taylor Lanier Peters, (G) Stephan Bryant Ordway II, (H) Angela Brooke Corson, (I) Josh Adam Hunt, and (J) Stephanie Marie Murphy-Mejia. As a result, this Office conducted an investigation to determine whether fraudulent voter registration or voting occurred. Specifically, in March through May 2009, New Hampshire Attorney General Investigator Richard Valenti conducted interviews of the ten individuals in question.

## **II. Investigation**

### **A. Melissa Sue Breton**

On November 4, 2008, Melissa Ann Breton registered to vote at the Belmont, New Hampshire polling place and voted in the General Election on that day. Ms. Breton listed 17 Judkins Drive #8, Belmont, NH as her home address. She provided no form of photo identification when she registered.

In March 2009, Investigator Valenti interviewed Ms. Breton. Ms. Breton stated to Investigator Valenti that she did vote on Election Day. Furthermore, she provided Mr. Valenti with her New Hampshire driver's license to verify her information.

### **B. Aaron Joseph Burns**

On November 4, 2008, Aaron Joseph Burns registered to vote at the Gilford, New Hampshire polling place and voted in the General Election on that day. Mr. Burns listed 35 Beacon Hill Rd, Gilford NH as his home address. He provided no form of photo identification when he registered.

In March 2009, Investigator Valenti was unable to locate Aaron Burns at his listed address. However, the property owner advised Mr. Valenti that State Representative Tom Rice might know his address. Mr. Valenti called Mr. Rice, who confirmed that Aaron was living with him. Aaron then verified he was the person who voted on Election Day.

### **C. Amanda Diana Hawkins**

On November 4, 2008, Amanda Diana Hawkins registered to vote at the Belmont, New Hampshire polling place and voted in the General Election on that day. Ms. Hawkins listed P.O. Box 590, Belmont, NH as her home address. She provided no form of photo identification when she registered.

In March 2009, Investigator Valenti visited Ms. Hawkins's home at 310 DW Highway #8, Belmont NH to verify she was the person who voted on Election Day. Ms. Hawkins was not home, so Mr. Valenti left his business card. Ms. Hawkins called later that day to verify she had registered and voted on Election Day.

**D. Corrisa Ann Charles**

On November 4, 2008, Corrisa Ann Charles registered to vote at the Laconia, New Hampshire polling place and voted in the General Election on that day. Ms. Charles listed 136 Baldwin St, Laconia NH as her home address. She provided no form of photo identification when she registered.

In March 2009, Manchester Police Officer Richard Valenti Jr. interviewed Ms. Charles. Ms. Charles stated to Investigator Valenti that she did vote on Election Day, and previously lived at Baldwin St. in Laconia, but had since moved to Manchester.

**E. Tianna Martin**

On November 4, 2008, Tianna Martin registered to vote at the Keene, New Hampshire polling place and voted in the General Election on that day. Ms. Breton listed 141 Marlboro St Apt 1, Keene, NH as her home address. She provided no form of photo identification when she registered.

In March 2009, Investigator Valenti spoke with Ms. Martin's grandmother, Corrine Hitchcock, who verified Ms. Martin had been living off and on with her. A week later, Ms. Hitchcock stated she had spoken to Ms. Martin, who had stated she had voted on Election Day. Mr. Valenti was able to confirm this information with Ms. Martin later in April.

**F. Taylor Lanier Peters**

On November 4, 2008, Taylor Lanier Peters registered to vote at the Dorchester, New Hampshire polling place and voted in the General Election on that day. Mr. Peters listed 25 Cheever Rd., Dorchester NH as his home address. He provided no form of photo identification when he registered.

In April, 2009, Investigator Valenti reached Taylor Peters on the phone, who was now living in Massachusetts. He verified he had voted in Dorchester, New Hampshire on Election day, and stated at the time he had been living at the listed address with his girlfriend's family.

**G. Stephan Bryant Ordway II**

On November 4, 2008, Stephen Bryant Ordway II registered to vote at the Newmarket, New Hampshire polling place and voted in the General Election on that day. Mr. Peters listed 3 Central St., Apt 2R, Newmarket NH as his home address. He provided no form of photo identification when he registered.

In April, 2009, Investigator Valenti spoke with Stephen Ordway II's father, Stephen Ordway, who verified that his son voted in Newmarket on Election Day. He also stated his son is a student at the University of New Hampshire. Investigator Valenti later confirmed this information with Stephen Ordway II.

**H. Angela Brooke Corson**

On November 4, 2008, Angela Brooke Corson registered to vote at the Belmont, New Hampshire polling place and voted in the General Election on that day. Ms. Corson listed 48 Orchard Hill Rd. #3, Belmont NH as her home address. She provided no form of photo identification when she registered.

In April, 2009, Investigator Valenti spoke with Ms. Corson on the phone. Ms. Corson verified she had voted on Election Day. Shortly thereafter, she moved back to Florida to live with her parents.

**I. Josh Adam Hunt**

On November 4, 2008, Josh Adam Hunt registered to vote at the Rochester, New Hampshire polling place and voted in the General Election on that day. Mr. Hunt listed 211/2 Knight St., Rochester NH as his home address. He provided no form of photo identification when he registered.

In May 2009, Investigator Valenti spoke with Mr. Hunt over the phone. Mr. Hunt verified that he had voted on Election Day, and also provided his date of birth for verification.

**J. Stephanie Marie Murphy-Mejia**

On November 4, 2008, Stephanie Marie Murphy-Mejia registered to vote at the Rochester, New Hampshire polling place and voted in the General Election on that day. Ms. Murphy-Mejia listed 14 Chasse St. Rochester NH as her home address. She provided no form of photo identification when she registered.

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In May, 2009, Trooper Chris Kelby spoke with Ms. Murphy-Mejia. Ms. Murphy-Mejia confirmed she had voted on Election Day, and that at the time she was living with her parents at the address listed, but has since moved.

### **III. Analysis**

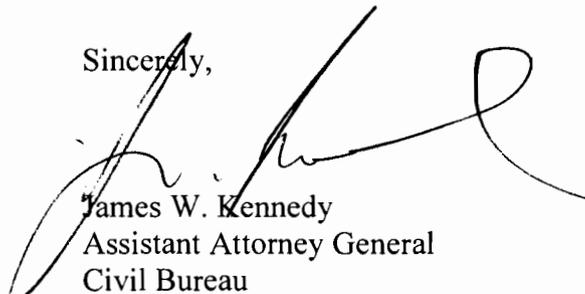
To determine whether fraudulent registration or voting occurred, this Office conducted an investigation to determine whether the above persons actually registered and voted at the specified polling places during the 2008 General Election. Further, this Office conducted an inquiry to determine whether the identified voters were domiciled at the address reported on their voter registration form in the New Hampshire town in they voted.

### **IV. Conclusion**

The evidence shows that the above ten New Hampshire persons registered and voted in New Hampshire's 2008 General Election in conformance with New Hampshire law. Accordingly, based on this investigation, this Office concludes that no fraudulent registration or voting occurred regarding the subject-registered voters.

These investigations are now closed. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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