

From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Wednesday, September 09, 2020 11:00:58 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: [REDACTED] - voter - Candia
Subject: Deputy Clerk Donna Hetzel returned my call

I spoke with Donna and relayed the concerns from the complainant, without identifying the complainant.

Donna was surprised considering the polling place had a mask requirement.

She noted that there was an “unmasked area” inside the polling place for voters unable or unwilling to wear a mask, but it was only used by approximately 5 people throughout the day. Otherwise, everyone in the polling place wore a mask.

She did confirm that the ballot counting device did breakdown. She explained that they have 2 devices. When the first one broke down, they deployed the second one immediately.

However, after the 2nd one broke down, they immediately contacted LHS Associates and requested aid. There was an approximately 30 min. delay, but LHS did show up at the polling place with a new machine.

While there was the delay, the officials utilized a cardboard box to collect completed in-person ballots, which they announced publically to those present at the polls.

Donna told me she would relay these concerns to the Moderator.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:36 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: [REDACTED] voter - Candia
Subject: NCY received call from Diane Quinlan

Diane reported that during her inspection, the group of 6 people sitting together were the Selectboard members and they were all wearing masks.

In addition, Candia imposed a mask requirement, and had a separate entrance/voting area used for voters unable or unwilling to wear a mask. When Diane arrived, only 1 voter had used the separate voting area.

She also observed that the polling place deployed hand sanitizer.

She was not aware that the ballot counting device broke down, nor did the officials contact her about that.

She did not that the separate entrance may not have been handicap accessible.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:24 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: [REDACTED] - voter - Candia
Subject: NCY Update - Note: Reporting Party wishes to remain anonymous

I tried calling Moderator Clark Thyng using the numbers shared to me by Deb Cornett, pulled off ElectioNet. The home phone number was disconnected ([REDACTED]) and the office number was for the Board of Selectmen, and was unanswered.

I called the number ElectioNet had on file for Deputy Clerk Donna Hetzel. [REDACTED]

I reached a voicemail box that only identified itself by the phone number ([REDACTED]). I left a message asking for a call back.

I called and updated Gayle about my progress thus far. She thanked me and she also informed me not to reveal her name to the local officials.

I called Diane Quinlan, the inspector assigned to Candia to follow-up on the information received from Gayle, and what Diane observed during her inspection. I left a voicemail for Diane.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:36 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: [REDACTED] - voter - Candia
Subject: [REDACTED] - voter - Candia

She did not feel comfortable or safe with the voting procedure in Candia with regard to COVID. She stated there were up to 6 people just sitting in chairs as one walked in (observers?). No one was adhering to social distancing, masks were not very evident. She also stated that the counting machine was broken, so people were putting ballots into a box. She said overall it had a 'party atmosphere' this year, which she found concerning, as she works in a hospital.

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Date: Wednesday, September 09, 2020 10:07:36 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Dave Scanlan heard report of a voter being turned away in Antrim
Subject: Dave Scanlan heard report of a voter being turned away in Antrim

I called and left a voicemail with the Antrim Town Clerk to call me back and put me in touch with the Antrim Moderator to confirm the accuracy of this report.

On Sept. 9 morning, Clerk Diane Chauncey returned my call. She had no knowledge of any voter being turned away on Election Day. She explained that the Antrim polling place did have a mask requirement, but provide a separate voting area for voters unable or unwilling to wear a mask.

Diane estimates approximately 5-10 voters were unable or unwilling to wear a mask, and all of those voters successfully voted by using the separate voting area.

She indicated that there was no controversy at the polling place.

Diane told me that Moderator Arthur Merrill would be meeting with her this afternoon. I asked Diane if she could confirm with Arthur that all voters arriving at the Antrim polling place successfully voted.

She said she would do that.

Diane mentioned off-hand that she was aware of the accessible voting process (RSA 659:20-a), but after speaking with the Antrim Police Chief, he mentioned that because the polling place is on a major route, it would not be feasible to offer the accessible voting process.

I made sure to clarify for Diane that the accessible voting process must be offered at the polling place, and it is not optional.

Diane said she understood and would work with the Chief on facilitating the accessible voting option at the Antrim polling place.

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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Wednesday, September 09, 2020 8:11:04 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Larisa Trexler - voter - Stoddard
Subject: Called Wednesday to update info

Larisa Trexler called at 0800 Wednesday to add that she has since been informed that 'the attendee for the ballot machine' is Rep. Daniel Eaton. She stated he had a mask on, so she could not identify him, but she was informed this is the male she referenced initially. She is now concerned that a state rep was suppressing her vote.

From: Mavrogeorge, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:41 PM
Posted To: Inbox
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Subject: MGM called - needs follow up

I spoke with Ms. Trexler and she noted that she was with her 8 year old daughter at the polls. She said that while she did not know the names of the election officials in question, she was checked in to vote by her neighbor Margot Santoro, who would know the names. Ms. Trexler explained that the woman who chased her down with the box of masks was a ballot clerk from the check in table with Margot. The male election law official was the one tending to the ballot box. This is the extent of the additional info she provided. She did confirm her prior statement that the ballot box attendee told her that she could not vote in November. She added that he said she couldn't vote in November without a mask. This is one that the election law unit will likely wish to follow up on.

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Ms. Trexler finished filling out her ballot and was stopped from checking-out/submitting her ballot by three poll workers who insisted she could not checkout because she did not have a mask. She states one woman chased her down with a box of masks. One of the three, a man, told her that she would not be allowed to vote in November. He also told her that it was a state law to wear a mask, but when she said it wasn't, he agreed. She said there was a sign on the entrance stating that masks were strongly recommended, but not mandated.

Eventually, she was able to submit her ballot, so she is all set for today's election. However, she is concerned about the statement that she would not be allowed to vote in November, and says the experience today was traumatic.


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Conversation: Tricia Piecuch reports drop-off situation of One4All system and results.
Subject: Tricia Piecuch reports drop-off situation of One4All system and results.

It was reported to the Secretary of State that Epping tried to drop off the one4all system and the election results at State Police Troop A, and were told that the Troop would not accept them.

Tricia said that she informed the officials to drop off the one4all system and results at the Troop Barracks in Exeter.

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From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 8:43:41 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester - Michael Gemme - Police at Polling Places
Subject: Manchester - Michael Gemme - Police at Polling Places

From: Edwards, Anne
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 8:43 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Response to your email: Police at polling places

Mr. Gemme, In New Hampshire, we have a long-standing tradition of having local police officers at polling places. These officers assist with a myriad of tasks including managing lines, traffic, disputes, and communications.

The police officers are at the polling places to be a resource for the moderators, who, under New Hampshire law, govern the election and the polling place. Our law enforcement have not been viewed as intimidating to the public. On occasion, a specific issue may be raised by a voter. In those cases, our office deals with the situation immediately through discussions with the voter, police officer, and moderator.

Thank you for your comments. Please contact us if you, or anyone you knows, encounters a situation while voting that makes you feel uncomfortable.

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Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 8:34 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester - Michael Gemme - Police at Polling Places
Subject: Manchester - Michael Gemme - Police at Polling Places

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Gemme [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 8:24 PM

To: DOJ-Election Law <electionlaw@doj.nh.gov>
Subject: Police at polling places.

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Hello.

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I actually thought to myself "is this the racist cop the police union forced Manchester to re-hire (see the Union Leader last week). Why do I have to pass this gauntlet in order to vote?"

America has a terrible history of law enforcement being used to intimidate certain populations on Election Day, and it would be really sad to see that history continue here in NH.

Please advise the legality of police intimidation at polling places in NH. As one side of this upcoming Presidential election has openly advocated for voter intimidation and myriad other shenanigans intended to intimidate the other side, this is a pressing issue.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Gemme

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Conversation: Richmond - Andrew Wallace - Selectman - Wearing Masks
Subject: Richmond - Andrew Wallace - Selectman - Wearing Masks

Andrew had left the polls but wanted information for the discussion about the November election. I confirmed that a quorum of the selectmen had to be allowed to attend the election as the election is an open meeting of the selectmen under the Constitution. We also told moderators that they could not exclude selectmen just because selectmen would not wear masks. He said his moderator required him to sit out on the porch in order to meet the quorum requirement.

I explained that the count was part of the election and that a quorum of the selectmen needed to be present for that as well. I also explained that other voters in town or members of the public could be excluded from the count if they did not wear masks.

I also told him that even though he could be allowed at the election, the moderator could segregate him from others and not allow him to do any polling place responsibilities, such as monitoring the ballot box, etc.

He stated that he has trouble with claustrophobia with having something on his face being a problem – which is why he cannot wear a mask. I did suggest that he try a face shield. I explained that the Governor allowed this as an alternative in the Universal Guidelines – and that while they don't govern in election matters, it was a position that he could argue.

From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 8:06:55 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Bill Fletcher - Mason - Wrong Party
Subject: Bill Fletcher - Mason - Wrong Party

He is very frustrated. He and his wife voted in the [REDACTED] party during the 2020 Presidential Primary because they were registered in that party. He doesn't remember what party he voted in the 2018 primary.

At the 2020 PP, the supervisors had him go to the change back table and complete the form to re-register as undeclared. The problem is that they are not allowed to do that with a voter. At some point, someone must have realized that and they did not process the change. I explained that this process is not a proper way to change party affiliation.

Today, when he arrived at the polls, he was told that he had to vote [REDACTED] and he was very angry. He raised the issue that they had been told to complete the form after they voted at the PP and they did it. He argued that no one ever told him he couldn't do that. He said that a male election official told him he could only change his party affiliation at a town meeting.

I explained the process several times. Mr. Fletcher was very argumentative and was not listening. I told him that he and his wife have to go to Town Hall to the Clerk's Office to change their party affiliation but do not need to go to a town meeting. He told me that he works all day in Epping and can't go to Town Hall. I looked up the hours and told him that Town Hall has night hours, from 6-8 PM (or 6-7:30) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and they should call and see if they could book an appointment to change their affiliation.

With much hyperbole about how terrible this country is, how much better Panama is, how no one at Town Hall worked during the COVID issues, and how he is never voting again, I explained the process for correcting this problem and told him we'd really like to see him voting again.

We should follow up with the Mason Moderator and Supervisors to see what happened here.

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Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 7:35 PM
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Conversation: Bill Fletcher - Mason - Wrong Party
Subject: Bill Fletcher - Mason - Wrong Party

From: Bill Fletcher [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:31 PM
To: DOJ-Election Law <electionlaw@doj.nh.gov>
Subject: Voter registration fraud

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I live in Mason and I am an independent. The town has me as a [REDACTED] During the presidential primary I wanted to vote [REDACTED] and they said I could not. My wife and I voted [REDACTED] and at the end we went over to the desk and changed it to independent. I showed up today and was told I had to vote [REDACTED] because they never change me or my wife. They said I could not change today and I would have to go to a meeting to change back to independent. I will not and should not have to go to a town meeting to vote the way I want. Taking away my right to vote the way I want is fraud at it's worst. If someone could call me I would appreciate it.

William J. Fletcher [REDACTED], Mason New Hampshire. [REDACTED] Thank you.

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 7:58:39 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Pete Bassilliere - moderator - Milford
Subject: NCY returned Pete's call.

I told him that the 5:00PM cutoff time must be observed for the ballots in the possession of the post office. I read the statute to Pete.

While we discussed this, it was approximately 7:55PM and the post office had still not arrived at the polling place.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 7:44 PM
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Subject: Pete Bassilliere - moderator - Milford

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Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Phillip Bryce Deering Moderator re: individual who wants to observe counting of ballots
Subject: Leah Christen called

She recapped the information that Phil provided to me and said that after removing her mask inside the area where the counting was taking place, she was asked to leave the area.

She was instead placed in an area where she could observe the proceedings through a window. By the noise on the phone, I could hear the proceedings.

Leah said she cannot wear a mask. She does not understand why she was not allowed to be inside the room if she was socially distant. She remarked that where she sat was 20 feet away, and her new location is now 5 feet away, except it is behind a window.

I told Leah that my understanding was that there were many integral officials needed for ballot counting that would leave if an individual was inside the polling place without a mask.

I commended Leah and the election officials at working through multiple compromises to arrive at one which allowed her to see and hear the proceedings, while being acceptable to the officials inside.

Leah said she understood.

She said that this needs to be fixed for the November elections. She stated that people cannot be waiting outside, nor expected to vote outside in November. I told Leah I would make a note of the information and encouraged her to share it as well with other state agencies like the Secretary of State and Governor's Office.

Leah thanked me for my time.

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After the counting began, the individual removed the mask and told officials that it wasn't necessary since she was socially distant from everyone.

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Phil was not part of this conversation.

Phil indicated that the necessity of this individual wearing a mask was imperative because if she didn't, all but 1 of his ballot counters would have left. He also said that his assistant Moderator who conducts the ballot reconciliation would also have left.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

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Subject: Bill Fletcher - Mason - Wrong Party

From: Bill Fletcher <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:31 PM
To: DOJ-Election Law <electionlaw@doj.nh.gov>
Subject: Voter registration fraud

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I live in Mason and I am an independent. The town has me as a [REDACTED]. During the presidential primary I wanted to vote [REDACTED] and they said I could not. My wife and I voted [REDACTED] and at the end we went over to the desk and changed it to independent. I showed up today and was told I had to vote [REDACTED] because they never change me or my wife. They said I could not change today and I would have to go to a meeting to change back to independent. I will not and should not have to go to a town meeting to vote the way I want. Taking away my right to vote the way I want is fraud at it's worst. If someone could call me I would appreciate it.

William J. Fletcher [REDACTED], Mason New Hampshire. [REDACTED] Thank you.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 7:31:00 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Paula at SOS - Ward 6 - ballot counting machine was not working earlier
Subject: Paula at SOS - Ward 6 - ballot counting machine was not working earlier

Jim checked and everything was all set.

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:48 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Paula at SOS - Ward 6 - ballot counting machine was not working earlier
Subject: Paula at SOS - Ward 6 - ballot counting machine was not working earlier

Let Jim Boffetti know as he is the inspector in the area. He will check on the status of the machine – and the ballots.

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And voters were raising concerns about the status of their ballots.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 7:30:18 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Phillip Bryce Deering Moderator re: individual who wants to observe counting of ballots
Subject: Phil called back, the individual is willing to wear a mask

From: ChongYen, Nicholas
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 7:21 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Phillip Bryce Deering Moderator re: individual who wants to observe counting of ballots
Subject: Phillip Bryce Deering Moderator re: individual who wants to observe counting of ballots

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 7:29:38 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Jonathan Scott Hudson reports no tables to complete accessible voting process
Subject: Jonathan Scott's phone number

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 7:28 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Jonathan Scott Hudson reports no tables to complete accessible voting process
Subject: NCY contacted Jim Boffetti, inspector for Hudson

I talked to Jim and he couldn't recall Hudson's setup for the accessible voting process (RSA 659:20-a) area.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:25 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Jonathan Scott Hudson reports no tables to complete accessible voting process
Subject: Jonathan Scott Hudson reports no tables to complete accessible voting process

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Conversation: David Deveau - voter - New Durham
Subject: David Deveau - voter - New Durham

He says that his wife went in first and then he went in after. Both were wearing masks but were sent back to the non-mask area. He said he tried to head to where they usually vote but were re-directed to the back.

I asked him if it were busy at the usual location, which might explain why masked voters were sent to the non-mask area, and he said no. He said there was hardly anyone in there.

This should be added to the list of items to deal with on New Durham.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 7:14 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: David Deveau - voter - New Durham
Subject: David Deveau - voter - New Durham

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 7:17:52 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Whitefield - Nicki - Town Clerk - Voter Issue
Subject: Whitefield - Nicki - Town Clerk - Voter Issue

The last voter of the evening, just before 7 PM, was a man who came in with his absentee ballot. He was told that he could not submit it but that he could vote in person. He decided to vote inside the polling location.

He was asked for the absentee ballot but he said that he needed to refer to it when he marked the new official ballot he received from the election official. Bruce (? The moderator) allowed the voter to take the ballot in with him with the agreement that he would give them the absentee ballot when he left.

The voter put his ballot in the box and started to walk out. Bruce told him that they had to have the absentee ballot packet in order to record that it was not voted. The man caused an argument and walked out.

Bruce followed him outside and insisted that they had to have the absentee ballot paperwork. The man had torn up the envelopes and handed Bruce the unmarked official ballot. He had taken his absentee ballot and stuffed it inside the ballot box.

I told Nicki to spoil the official ballot and write her explanation of what happened, including the voter's information, and then send it to us for follow up with the voter.

They are very frustrated this happened. They were trying to be helpful by allowing him to keep his absentee ballot to "copy." They understand that they should not do that in the future.

From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
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Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Allenstown - Judy Silva - Registering individuals with no proof of citizenship
Subject: Allenstown - Judy Silva - Registering individuals with no proof of citizenship

Judy called as she had several new voters trying to register who did not have their naturalization papers with them or any other proof of US Citizenship. I had her explain the Qualified Voter Affidavit to the individuals and ask them if they could swear to the citizenship part. They all agreed that they could swear to that so she is going to have them sign the QVAs.

From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 7:10:55 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location
Subject: emails received
Attachments: [RE Campaign signs at poll location.msg](#)
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From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:53 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location
Subject: NCY update to Mr. Ping re: Manchester PD

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:51 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location
Subject: Mr. Ping notified Deputy Clerk JoAnn Ferruolo and NCY that the signs are still up

As of 6PM, Mr. Ping said the signs are still up.

I notified Manchester PD about this and cited RSA 664:14 as the statute governing the removal authority of political advertising affixed to public property.

I noted that the polling place does close at 7PM, however asked Sgt. John Cunningham to see if an officer near the area could be deployed to address the matter.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:12 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location
Subject: Email from Deputy Clerk JoAnn Ferruolo confirming status of outstanding reports

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:57 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location
Subject: JoAnn called NCY.

She said that she will send someone from the City's Highway Department to remove the signs from the polling place.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:52 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location
Subject: NCY emails Manchester Deputy Clerk JoAnn Ferruolo and Clerk Matt Normand for follow-up

See attached.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:20 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location
Subject: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location

Matthew Ping reports that political signs have been posted at the Manchester Ward 11 polling place on the school grounds, as people walk-up on pull-in. Images are inside attached email.

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From: Ferruolo.JoAnn
To: "Matthew Ping"; [DOJ-Election Law](mailto:DOJ-ElectionLaw)
Subject: RE: Campaign signs at poll location
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:47:06 PM

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Thank you for your email, the matter was forwarded to our Department of Public Works today at 2:04 pm.

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From: Matthew Ping [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:04 PM
To: Ferruolo,JoAnn; electionlaw@doj.nh.gov
Subject: Re: Campaign signs at poll location

Hello,

Just wanted to give you an update. It's 6p and the signs are still on the property. So does that mean at the general we can disregard the law and place signs where we please?

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Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:13 PM
To: CityClerk
Cc: electionlaw@doj.nh.gov
Subject: Campaign signs at poll location

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Thanks,

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From: [Matthew Ping](#)
To: [Ferruolo,JoAnn](#); [DOJ-Election Law](#)
Subject: Re: Campaign signs at poll location
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for STATE REPRESENTATIVE
FISCAL AGENT: KEITH GRIFFITH. PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT WILLIS GRIFFITH.

From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 7:08:11 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Robin Rousseau - Portsmouth
Subject: link to video received via email
Attachments: [20200908_114311.mp4.msg](#)

See attached email received via electionlaw inbox

-Jill

From: Broadhead, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:12 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Robin Rousseau - Portsmouth
Subject:

She claimed that the ballot box in Ward 5 was unattended when she arrived at the polls at around 12:30 today. She also claimed it was nattended again after she cast a ballot before she left. She demands that voters be able to see their vote scanned and her name checked off the checklist, rather than have it sit in a box.

She also demanded that I call her back and confirm that her ballot has been scanned and name checked off. I told her she can request that information from town hall and we would follow up with Portsmouth to make sure the ballot boxes are attended at all times. I spoke with Nick and he said that there is no requirement that the separate area have its own scanner, it can be contained in a ballot box and periodically scanned in. I was unsure about the checklist procedure so I would recommend following up on Portsmouth to ensure they are following the state's guidelines.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 5:15 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Robin Rousseau - Portsmouth
Subject: Robin Rousseau - Portsmouth

Ms. Rousseau left another voicemail. She has heard of people being harassed for not wearing a mask, so she has been instructing them to video their experiences.

Also, she has been told of ballot boxes in alternate voting areas that are not monitored. She is very concerned about this, and wants this office to call the Portsmouth Ward 5 moderator to demand that all the ballots in the alternative voting area have been electronically scanned/counted right now. She believes people not being able to see their voted electronically counted is a violation of their rights.



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[REDACTED] has shared the following video:

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Ribin Rousseau video at Little Harbor school Portsmouth, NH 9/8/20

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Conversation: Leah Scribner - voter - New Durham
Subject: Leah Scribner - voter - New Durham

We may want to follow up on this when we follow up on the Robinsons' complaints. It seems like some sensitivity guidance would be helpful in New Durham.

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Conversation: Leah Scribner - voter - New Durham
Subject: Leah Scribner - voter - New Durham

Called, voicemail picked up, and her mailbox is full. I will try to call again later.

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Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 6:05 PM
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She felt the experience of the alternative voting area for non-mask was not well done. She indicated they stated very loudly that non-maskers are to go to the back. She also indicated that she was not able to submit her ballot, but also that the election official looked at the ballot after taking it, which she did not like.



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From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 6:19 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Leah Scribner - voter - New Durham
Subject: Leah Scribner - voter - New Durham

Called, voicemail picked up, and her mailbox is full. I will try to call again later.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:52:41 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Karen Long - moderator - Lee
Subject: Karen Long - moderator - Lee

I gave her the SOS number so they can help.

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Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location
Subject: NCY update to Mr. Ping re: Manchester PD
Attachments: [RE Campaign signs at poll location.msg](#)

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:51 PM
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Subject: Mr. Ping notified Deputy Clerk JoAnn Ferruolo and NCY that the signs are still up

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Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:12 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location
Subject: Email from Deputy Clerk JoAnn Ferruolo confirming status of outstanding reports

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
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Subject: JoAnn called NCY.

She said that she will send someone from the City's Highway Department to remove the signs from the polling place.

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See attached.

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Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location

Subject: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location

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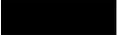
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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:41:07 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Larisa Trexler - voter - Stoddard
Subject: MGM called - needs follow up

I spoke with Ms. Trexler and she noted that she was with her 8 year old daughter at the polls. She said that while she did not know the names of the election officials in question, she was checked in to vote by her neighbor Margot Santoro, who would know the names. Ms. Trexler explained that the woman who chased her down with the box of masks was a ballot clerk from the check in table with Margot. The male election law official was the one tending to the ballot box. This is the extent of the additional info she provided. She did confirm her prior statement that the ballot box attendee told her that she could not vote in November. She added that he said she couldn't vote in November without a mask. This is one that the election law unit will likely wish to follow up on.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 6:22 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Larisa Trexler - voter - Stoddard
Subject: Larisa Trexler - voter - Stoddard

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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:36:54 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Linda Kahn - voter - New London

[I left a voicemail for Linda](#)

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 6:03 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Linda Kahn - voter - New London
Subject: Linda Kahn - voter - New London

She was undeclared and changed to [REDACTED] in February for the Presidential Primary. She voted in person at that time. She went today to vote and they had her as a [REDACTED]. She questioned it, and they brought her to a table to look into it more. Her voter history states that she voted absentee [REDACTED] in February, which she believes to be completely not true as she states she voted in person/[REDACTED]. The official stated they would look into it tomorrow, but there isn't anything they can do today except for a write-in. They said her voter number may have been entered in error causing the issue. She is unsure if there is any recourse for her today. She also noted that her middle name is spelled wrong ([REDACTED]).

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:36:13 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: [REDACTED] - voter - Candia
Subject: NCY received call from Diane Quinlan

Diane reported that during her inspection, the group of 6 people sitting together were the Selectboard members and they were all wearing masks.

In addition, Candia imposed a mask requirement, and had a separate entrance/voting area used for voters unable or unwilling to wear a mask. When Diane arrived, only 1 voter had used the separate voting area.

She also observed that the polling place deployed hand sanitizer.

She was not aware that the ballot counting device broke down, nor did the officials contact her about that.

She did not that the separate entrance may not have been handicap accessible.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:24 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: [REDACTED] - voter - Candia
Subject: NCY Update - Note: Reporting Party wishes to remain anonymous

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I called Diane Quinlan, the inspector assigned to Candia to follow-up on the information received from Gayle, and what Diane observed during her inspection. I left a voicemail for Diane.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:36 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: [REDACTED] - voter - Candia

Subject: [REDACTED] - voter - Candia

She did not feel comfortable or safe with the voting procedure in Candia with regard to COVID. She stated there were up to 6 people just sitting in chairs as one walked in (observers?). No one was adhering to social distancing, masks were not very evident. She also stated that the counting machine was broken, so people were putting ballots into a box. She said overall it had a 'party atmosphere' this year, which she found concerning, as she works in a hospital.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:28:09 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Gypsy Delizia - voter - Manchester

This voter was able to vote in person. She said she mailed her ballot on the 19th and claims that Manchester said they never received it. I recommend that we check in with Manchester to verify when documents were sent to her.

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Subject: Gypsy Delizia - voter - Manchester

She mailed in her absentee ballot, but when she went to check on it today, she was informed they did not receive it. She is also concerned there are other people who did not have their ballots received to be counted as well.

She called WMUR who advised her to call here.



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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:26:57 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Brigit Feeny Manchester Ward 2 Ballot Drop-off
Subject: Brigit Feeny Manchester Ward 2 Ballot Drop-off

Brigit called and wanted to confirm her understanding that completed absentee ballots can be dropped off at both the clerk's office as well as the polling place up until 5:00PM.

I confirmed with Brigit that her understanding was correct.

I said that if a voter missed the cutoff time, while the completed absentee ballot could not be accepted, they would still be able to vote using one of the voting options at the polling place.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:13:40 PM
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Conversation: John Garrigan called re: Plymouth and cutoff times for absentee ballots
Subject: John Garrigan called re: Plymouth and cutoff times for absentee ballots

John called me and asked for clarification on the cutoff times for absentee ballots dropped-off at the polling place.

I explained that completed absentee ballots dropped off by a voter/deliver agent are subject to the 5:00PM cutoff time by statute.

I distinguished this from the accessible voting process, which also utilizes an absentee ballot, but which is completed by the voter at the polling place, and is statutorily exempt from the cutoff time.

I added that if a voter shows up with a completed absentee ballot after the 5:00PM cutoff, the voter will be told that while their absentee ballot cannot be accepted, there are other voting options at the polling place that will allow them to vote today.

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Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Robin Rousseau - Portsmouth

She claimed that the ballot box in Ward 5 was unattended when she arrived at the polls at around 12:30 today. She also claimed it was nattended again after she cast a ballot before she left. She demands that voters be able to see their vote scanned and her name checked off the checklist, rather than have it sit in a box.

She also demanded that I call her back and confirm that her ballot has been scanned and name checked off. I told her she can request that information from town hall and we would follow up with Portsmouth to make sure the ballot boxes are attended at all times. I spoke with Nick and he said that there is no requirement that the separate area have its own scanner, it can be contained in a ballot box and periodically scanned in. I was unsure about the checklist procedure so I would recommend following up on Portsmouth to ensure they are following the state's guidelines.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 5:15 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Robin Rousseau - Portsmouth
Subject: Robin Rousseau - Portsmouth

Ms. Rousseau left another voicemail. She has heard of people being harassed for not wearing a mask, so she has been instructing them to video their experiences.

Also, she has been told of ballot boxes in alternate voting areas that are not monitored. She is very concerned about this, and wants this office to call the Portsmouth Ward 5 moderator to demand that all the ballots in the alternative voting area have been electronically scanned/counted right now. She believes people not being able to see their voted electronically counted is a violation of their rights.


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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:05:19 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Leah Scribner - voter - New Durham
Subject: Leah Scribner - voter - New Durham

She felt the experience of the alternative voting area for non-mask was not well done. She indicated they stated very loudly that non-maskers are to go to the back. She also indicated that she was not able to submit her ballot, but also that the election official looked at the ballot after taking it, which she did not like.



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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:05:12 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Joan O'Connell - Sandown
Subject: NCY contacted Clerk Dawn Nicolaisen and Joan O'Connell

I called Dawn and relayed the situation to her, she indicated that she would check the documents sent to Shannon, but indicated that the second mailing had been returned to the Clerk's office today (9/8) and marked as undeliverable.

I contacted Joan and she explained that the residence is located on a street than borders Hamstead. As a result, while the same street runs through both towns, it is known by 2 different street names depending on which part of the street you reside on.

In Shannon's case, Joan explained that their house is such that their domicile is Sandown, but the mailing address is a Hamstead address.

I called Dawn back, and she explained that the address used on the first mailing, which arrived successfully, was the Sandown address.

Dawn recognized it was an error on the second mailing, because the absentee ballot paperwork submitted by Shannon had listed the Sandown address as her domicile, but listed the Hamstead address as the mailing location.

I told Dawn that I recognize that officials this year have been extremely inundated with preparations for elections in light of the public health crisis. However, it is important to ensure the accuracy of the process, particularly where absentee ballots are requested. I notified them that in the future, they should observe the mailing address section of the paperwork to ensure voting materials are sent to the correct address.

I called Joan back and updated her with this information.

She thanked me for this information.

We should follow-up with this after the election with a letter that reminds the Sandown clerk's office of what we discussed.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:45 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Joan O'Connell - Sandown
Subject: NCY called and left message for Clerk Dawn Nicolaisen to follow-up.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:34 PM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Joan O'Connell - Sandown

Subject: Joan O'Connell - Sandown

Her daughter (Shannon O'Connell) requested an absentee ballot weeks ago. There was a mistake and her party affiliation was not requested initially, so the town had to reach back out to her to send the party request. In all of this, the absentee ballot did not make it to the daughter as of yet. Ms. O'Connell is very concerned that this happened, especially as her daughter will need to vote absentee in November as well.

Joan O'Connell [REDACTED]

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:04:45 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Anne Copp - candidate - Derry
Subject: Anne Copp - candidate - Derry

From: Casey McDermott <cmcdermott@nhpr.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Giaquinto, Kate <Kate.Giaquinto@doj.nh.gov>
Cc: ChongYen, Nicholas <Nicholas.ChongYen@doj.nh.gov>; Edwards, Anne <Anne.Edwards@doj.nh.gov>
Subject: RE: memo to election officials

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Just wanted to follow up: My editor and I looked over all of the local news items we ran today about the election, and we can't find anything that told people to register at their clerks office. We've been telling people repeatedly in our recent coverage that in-person registration is available [at the polls](#) on Election Day. Thanks for bringing this to our attention, regardless, we'll stay vigilant about making sure the correct information is out there.

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Casey McDermott, [NHPR](#) (Pronouns: She/Her/Hers)
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From: Casey McDermott
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Giaquinto, Kate <Kate.Giaquinto@doj.nh.gov>
Cc: ChongYen, Nicholas <Nicholas.ChongYen@doj.nh.gov>; Edwards, Anne <Anne.Edwards@doj.nh.gov>
Subject: RE: memo to election officials

Thank you for passing this along! We're reviewing our newscast copy now to make sure all of the info we've shared about registration today is accurate – if we find anything we'll correct ASAP. And again, please don't hesitate to reach out if there's any other issues that come up, we want to make sure we're providing reliable information.

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Subject: memo to election officials

Hi Casey,
Please see attached.

The message we received was that NHPR reported that someone can register to vote with their town clerks today.

Thank you,
Kate

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From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:11 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Anne Copp - candidate - Derry
Subject: Anne Copp - candidate - Derry

From: Giaquinto, Kate <Kate.Giaquinto@doj.nh.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 8:12 AM
To: DOJ: 2020 State Primary <2020StatePrimary@doj.nh.gov>
Cc: Edwards, Anne <Anne.Edwards@doj.nh.gov>; Young, Jane <Jane.Young@doj.nh.gov>; Tekin, Jill <Jill.Tekin@doj.nh.gov>; Tracy, Richard <Richard.Tracy@doj.nh.gov>
Subject: Re: Anne Copp - candidate - Derry

Casey. I'll be in soon to discuss.

On: 08 September 2020 07:56,
"DOJ: 2020 State Primary" <2020StatePrimary@doj.nh.gov> wrote:

Morning Kate-

See below complaint we received. A voter can only register to vote, on Election Day, at the polls with the Supervisors of the Checklist.

Who do you think the best person to contact at NHPR would be so we can clear this up?

Thanks,

Nick

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 7:49 AM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Anne Copp - candidate - Derry

Subject: Anne Copp - candidate - Derry

She states that NHPR is indicating people can register today with their Town Clerks. She would like the misinformation addressed. [REDACTED]

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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:03:13 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Linda Kahn - voter - New London
Subject: Linda Kahn - voter - New London

She was undeclared and changed to [REDACTED] in February for the Presidential Primary. She voted in person at that time. She went today to vote and they had her as a [REDACTED]. She questioned it, and they brought her to a table to look into it more. Her voter history states that she voted absentee [REDACTED] in February, which she believes to be completely not true as she states she voted in person [REDACTED]. The official stated they would look into it tomorrow, but there isn't anything they can do today except for a write-in. They said her voter number may have been entered in error causing the issue. She is unsure if there is any recourse for her today. She also noted that her middle name is spelled wrong ([REDACTED]).

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:00:56 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Anonymous - voter - Tuftonboro
Subject: Anonymous - voter - Tuftonboro

I spoke with the Chief and he said that he only wore the mask when he was inside. When he was outside, he took it off but remained 6 feet away from others.

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:21 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Anonymous - voter - Tuftonboro
Subject: Anonymous - voter - Tuftonboro

[Left a message with the Carroll County Sheriff's Office to ask to have Chief Andrew Shagoury call me.](#)

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:46 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Anonymous - voter - Tuftonboro
Subject: Anonymous - voter - Tuftonboro

Caller stated the election workers went above and beyond to maintain a safe voting area during COVID concerns, with placement of hand sanitizer and plastic guards, etc. However, the Chief of Police is standing at the only exit doors, unmasked, and all voters have to go within inches of him to leave the polling location.

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From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:59:26 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Paula at SOS - Ward 6 - ballot counting machine was not working earlier
Subject: Paula at SOS - Ward 6 - ballot counting machine was not working earlier

Jim checked and the ballot counting machine was all set.

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:48 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Paula at SOS - Ward 6 - ballot counting machine was not working earlier
Subject: Paula at SOS - Ward 6 - ballot counting machine was not working earlier

Let Jim Boffetti know as he is the inspector in the area. He will check on the status of the machine – and the ballots.

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:47 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Paula at SOS - Ward 6 - ballot counting machine was not working earlier
Subject: Paula at SOS - Ward 6 - ballot counting machine was not working earlier

And voters were raising concerns about the status of their ballots.

From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:58:28 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Gypsy Delizia - voter - Manchester
Subject: Gypsy Delizia - voter - Manchester

She mailed in her absentee ballot, but when she went to check on it today, she was informed they did not receive it. She is also concerned there are other people who did not have their ballots received to be counted as well.

She called WMUR who advised her to call here.



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From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:45:36 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Christen Freeman - voter - New Boston
Subject: Christen Freeman - voter - New Boston

There is another entry for a New Boston voter – Nancy Biederman. I sent Eric back to the polling place and I spoke with Lee Nyquist, the Moderator.

The info is in that entry. There isn't an issue here.

From: Broadhead, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 5:41 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Christen Freeman - voter - New Boston
Subject:

I spoke with the voter. She said that “although there are signs in shops to require masks, I don't follow them and they still treat me like a citizen.” She went on to say that she felt like she was treated as a second class citizen by being prevented from entering the polling area without a mask. I explained that moderators can require masks provided there are alternative voting options. She was not given the option to vote using an absentee ballot (this was prior to 5pm) and to vote in a separate area. She ultimately chose the path described below.

Her husband said that he voted in the non-mask area and he was left alone with the ballot box, with no other election officials while the election official brought his ID to the checklist. This clearly should not happen, as no ballot box should be left unattended. There should either be a separate checklist printed for that area or there should be another official staffing the area. We will need to follow up with New Boston on this issue.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 3:45 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Christen Freeman - voter - New Boston
Subject: Christen Freeman - voter - New Boston

Ms. Freeman said she was treated like a second class citizen by the non-mask procedure. She had a police escort to the back of the building, where the ballot box was unattended. She stated she wanted to see her ballot be counted, so she put a mask on, under her chin, then put a paper bag over her head (to prove a point because the face is hidden in a mask, so one cannot tell who a person is with a mask). She feels her rights were violated by the mask requirement and non-mask procedure.


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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:42:13 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester - Allison Vachon - North West Elementary School
Subject: Manchester - Allison Vachon - North West Elementary School

The HAVA system would not run a ballot through the printer this morning. They alerted the City Clerk's Office but it has been offline all day. They have been assisting voters who need assistance.

Two ballot boxes – the seals were fine but something was not quite right. Allison has put it on her inspection report.

From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:41:27 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Christen Freeman - voter - New Boston

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From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:39:17 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester Ward 8 - Brigit Feeney - call about absentee ballots and the 5 PM deadline
Subject: Manchester Ward 8 - Brigit Feeney - call about absentee ballots and the 5 PM deadline

Brigit said that Mike Delaney told Jim Guadette at Ward 8 that the 5 PM deadline didn't apply to absentee ballots per the memo issued by the AGO today.

I told her that that is completely the opposite of what the memo says. I explained the reason for the memo and that the deadline applies but voters should be directed to the accessible voting process.

From: [Mavrogeorge, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:38:39 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Heather Stockwell - voter - Dublin
Subject: needs general follow up

I spoke to Heather and she said it was his son Dan Stockwell, III. She is upset that they made him vote in person when they were supposed to just accept his absentee ballot when he is delivering it in person before 5. She took issue with the guidance coming from the SOS' office, stating that election officials are confused. She just wants to make sure that her son does not get accused of voting twice. She wants her name left out of this because if her name is disclosed she will have to move. There probably should be at least some general follow up with the town to make sure they understand what the proper procedures are for November.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 5:12 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Heather Stockwell - voter - Dublin
Subject: Heather Stockwell - voter - Dublin

Her son filled out an absentee ballot and went to the polls this morning to return it. They took his absentee ballot, but then had him vote in person. She did not see the absentee ballot be destroyed and is concerned that if there is a clerical error, he could have inadvertently voted twice through no fault of his own. Also, when she called SoS regarding this, they informed her that there should have been someone taking the absentee ballot (either outside or inside), and he should not have had to vote in person, unless he was requesting to do so.

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:28:28 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester Deputy Clerk JoAnn Ferruolo called re: Ward 8 and cutoff time for dropped-off absentee ballots.
Subject: Manchester Deputy Clerk JoAnn Ferruolo called re: Ward 8 and cutoff time for dropped-off absentee ballots.

JoAnn called and reported that she heard third-hand that the Ward 8 moderator was informed by one of DOJ's inspectors that completed absentee ballots could be dropped off at the polling location after 5:00PM.

Together, JoAnn and I confirmed her understanding that the 5:00PM cutoff time does apply to completed absentee ballot dropped-off at the polling place.

The cutoff time does not apply to absentee ballots used during the accessible voting process under RSA 659:20-a.

JoAnn thanked me for confirming her understanding and said she would reach out to all the Ward moderators to confirm the same.

I contacted Brigit Feeney, our inspector for Ward 8 and relayed the information I received from JoAnn. Brigit confirmed that this may be a misunderstanding stemming from information that had been provided by Mike Delaney at the polling place.

Brigit confirmed her understanding of the cutoff time with me, and also confirmed that she knew the cutoff time did not apply to the accessible voting process.

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:24:38 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Jonathan Scott Hudson reports no tables to complete accessible voting process
Subject: Jonathan Scott Hudson reports no tables to complete accessible voting process

Jonathan called and reported that he showed up in Hudson and refused to wear a mask. He was offered an absentee ballot, but his complaint was that there were no tables, writing surfaces, or shade from the sun to complete the ballot.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:21:36 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Heather Stockwell - voter - Dublin
Subject: MGM is calling

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 5:12 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Heather Stockwell - voter - Dublin
Subject: Heather Stockwell - voter - Dublin

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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:21:26 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Potential voter suppression?
Attachments: [REDACTED] [screenshots.docx](#)

Screenshots attached

From: Broadhead, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:15 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Potential voter suppression?
Subject:

Dick requested assistance from the Deerfield Police, who will advise that it is a possible felony to intentionally give false information about voting.

From: Broadhead, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 1:04 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Potential voter suppression?
Subject:

I spoke with [REDACTED] and she texted me the attached image. I contacted Dick to see whether we could send an investigator out to interview this individual and [REDACTED]. He's been identified as [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Deerfield, NH and a possible phone number is [REDACTED].

This may be a possible felony under RSA 659:40, III (b) or (c)

-Matt

From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:43 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Potential voter suppression?
Subject: Potential voter suppression?

[REDACTED]

She is concerned about potential voter suppression stemming from a resident's public post on FB.

Sincerely,

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Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Joanne - Manchester city clerk"s office - 5pm deadline
Subject: Joanne - Manchester city clerk"s office - 5pm deadline

I called and left a message explaining the 5 PM deadline and the need to explain the accessible voting system to voters so they could still vote. I also explained spoiling their absentee ballots if they show up with them by writing "After 5 PM" and including a time on them.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 5:01 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Joanne - Manchester city clerk's office - 5pm deadline
Subject: Joanne - Manchester city clerk's office - 5pm deadline question

She is unsure about the 5pm deadline with absentee ballots. Needs call back ASAP

[REDACTED]

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:17:51 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Sue McKinnon - Town Clerk - Newfields
Subject: all set - MGM

I spoke with Sue and we went over the reasons for rejecting absentee ballots as listed on p. 353 of the EPM. The scenario she described is not listed as an authorized reason for rejecting the ballot. As such, I recommended that they count the ballot, but that they put the ballot, but that the ballot and related documents be subsequently placed in an envelope in case there is a recount.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
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Posted To: Inbox
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Subject: Sue McKinnon - Town Clerk - Newfields

Absentee ballot is not sealed within the inner envelope/affidavit. Otherwise, everything is filled out properly. Can she accept this ballot?



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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:15:23 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Robin Rousseau - Portsmouth
Subject: Robin Rousseau - Portsmouth

Ms. Rousseau left another voicemail. She has heard of people being harassed for not wearing a mask, so she has been instructing them to video their experiences.

Also, she has been told of ballot boxes in alternate voting areas that are not monitored. She is very concerned about this, and wants this office to call the Portsmouth Ward 5 moderator to demand that all the ballots in the alternative voting area have been electronically scanned/counted right now. She believes people not being able to see their voted electronically counted is a violation of their rights.



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From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:13:44 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Nancy Biederman - voter - New Boston
Subject: Nancy Biederman - voter - New Boston

I spoke with Lee Nyquist after Eric returned to the polls. He said that his Assistant Moderator, Rodney Towne, was the individual who helped Ms. Biederman. He said that Rodney opened the door to allow them to come into the alternative voting area. He believes they've only had about 5 people use it today. He said they were escorted by the police officer.

Rodney took the IDs to check them in. Lee said at one point, he was looking over to the area and that he could see that the older gentleman was agitated. He said that the older gentleman was saying things like "Nazis" and "communists." He said that while they were voting, the older gentleman, in a non-threatening tone kept saying accusatory things about the polling place and the election officials. And he said negative things about the United States because he was not allowed to vote without a mask.

Lee said that the ballot box is locked and that it is in the plain view of the election officials at all times. He said there is a large separation between the voting booths and the box has been checked on all day.

Eric is going to take some photographs of the set up and the ballot box.

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 4:43 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Nancy Biederman - voter - New Boston
Subject: Nancy Biederman - voter - New Boston

Nancy stated that she and her older friend, who was voting with her, were intimidated by a CERT trained person who greeted them at the entrance. When they said they couldn't wear masks, they were directed around the building. The officer followed and she told the officer that he wasn't needed but he followed them to the locked door. She cannot remember who unlocked the door. She said the officer followed them in and stayed with them the whole time they voted. Her older friend became intimidated and started shaking. She said that the police officer was polite and nice to them.

After the moderator took their IDs to get their ballot, Nancy commented that they were being left alone with the ballot box which wasn't safe. The officer commented that he was there. Nancy said, "Well you weren't here 2 minutes ago so this box was left alone." She sent photographs of the box which shows the front and top but not the back. She does not know if there was a lock on the back.

She asked to see her ballot be put into the machine. She was told no and the moderator said they would be taken to the machine when the polls closed. She does not feel confident that their ballots will be counted and she cannot go and watch because she cannot wear a mask.

I talked about the oath the election officials take. She said that she has never felt this way about voting and that she does not like it.

I called Eric Forcier and asked him if he would go back to New Boston and check on the ballot box, see if it is locked, explain the concerns raised by the voter, and even put me on the phone. Lee Nyquist is the moderator and Eric said that he explained their whole process to Eric which sounded good to him. Eric will return to the polls and call me so I can talk with Lee too.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 3:29 PM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Nancy Biederman - voter - New Boston

Subject: Nancy Biederman - voter - New Boston

Ms. Biederman felt intimidated in the non-mask voting procedure, and does not believe the ballot box was secured/monitored properly, making her doubt her ballot will be counted.

She was met at the front doors by two police officers who indicated if she did not wear a mask, she needs to go to the separate voting area. One officer followed her around the building to the separate area. Ms. Biederman said she knew how to go, but the officer followed. She stated the room was locked, and had to be unlocked when she got there. The ballot box (old wooden) was unattended within. She was left with the officer and her while an election official took her license to get her ballot. She asked for her ballot to be counted while she was there, but it was refused.

She indicated a friend had gone earlier and was not escorted by police, but was left with the ballot box, alone for the time it took to check his ID and get a ballot.

Ms. Biederman is greatly concerned for November, if this is the process that continues then.

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Conversation: Heather Stockwell - voter - Dublin
Subject: Heather Stockwell - voter - Dublin

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:10:32 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Anonymous voter called about whether an official taking a completed ballot from a voter's hands is a violation of the chain of custody.
Subject: Anonymous voter called about whether an official taking a completed ballot from a voter's hands is a violation of the chain of custody.

The voter did not identify herself, nor did she leave a callback number or indicate which town or city she was calling about.

She asked if someone walks into a polling place, refuses to wear a mask, goes into the separate voting area, completes her ballot, then the official takes the ballot and walks off with it, is it a "violation of the chain of custody?"

Without the contact information for the caller or the town or city that her complaint stems from, we will be unable to effectively answer the question.

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Subject: MGM handling

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:04:43 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Timothy Bailey - voter - Deering
Subject: voter is all set but elections unit may wish to follow up with town

Mr. Bailey explained that the main voting area is large enough to allow the separate voting space for non-mask wearing voters to be in the same room. However, he explained that they set this area up in a separate room and when a non-mask wearing voter gets escorted into that room, the Moderator brings in a ballot box and puts the ballot in it after the voter votes and then brings the box back into the main voting room. I explained to him that in hand count towns there is a state law that requires the Moderator to deposit the ballots into the ballot box. I told him that our office would follow up with the town about their process for handling ballots cast by those not wearing masks. He appreciated that and thanked me for taking the time to hear his concerns.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 4:49 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Timothy Bailey - voter - Deering
Subject: Timothy Bailey - voter - Deering

Voicemail indicated he believed his rights were violated by not being allowed to put his ballot into the ballot box.

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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:00:52 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Joanna Hyat - voter - Chester
Attachments: [Voter Party Affiliation.msg](#)

I spoke with the voter and sent the attached email to the town clerk for follow up.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 4:22 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Joanna Hyat - voter - Chester
Subject: Joanna Hyat - voter - Chester

Ms. Hyat stated she has always voted [REDACTED] but when she went to vote, she was handed a ballot, but upon going into the booth noted it was a [REDACTED] ballot. She came back to the table and demanded a [REDACTED] ballot. The ballot clerk told her she could not do anything but give her the [REDACTED], as that was the party she was listed with on the checklist. Another election official came by (I asked if it was the moderator, but she did not believe that was her title), and after a discussion (they knew each other, and are secretary/treasurer on a [REDACTED] committee), Ms. Hyat was given a [REDACTED] ballot. Ms. Hyat believes this was either done on purpose or by incompetence.

[REDACTED]

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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#)
To: elufkin@chesternh.org
Subject: Voter Party Affiliation
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:00:00 PM

Elizabeth,

I hope you are well and that your day is going smoothly! I am just following up on a complaint that our office received on the election hotline today. Joanna Hyat believes that her party affiliation was changed either through an error or intentionally changed from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. She claims that although she has switched back to independent from time to time, she claims that she hasn't switched from [REDACTED] since at least 2012. I understand that these mistakes can happen, or voters just simply don't remember voting for a different party. I just didn't know if you had any idea or explanation from any of the supervisors of the checklist or in your office as to how this happened?

In any event, you can call me at 271-1392 whenever you have a chance, I told the voter that I would follow up on this.

-Matt

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From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:56:43 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Rep Barbara Comtois
Subject: Rep Barbara Comtois

The candidate for State Rep is a supervisor. I explained that is not a conflict and that she is allowed to continue to register voters. I also confirmed that she is not allowed to handle ballots or assist in any counting of the ballots tonight.

Rep. Comtois is concerned about it, and had called the SOS, but understands it is allowed.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 4:38 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Rep Barbara Comtois
Subject: Rep Barbara Comtois - voicemail

The voicemail indicates there is a person running for State Rep registering new voters, and she is concerned this person may also be touching ballots [REDACTED]

She did leave further details in the message.

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Conversation: Timothy Bailey - voter - Deering
Subject: MGM calling

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Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Rep Barbara Comtois
Subject: type - she DID NOT leave further details in the message

Sorry for the confusion.

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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:52:47 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Anonymous
Subject: Anonymous

Caller is upset because he believes he should be able to change his party affiliation at the polls, but was advised he would have to make an appointment with the town clerk to change as he is registered with a party currently. He believes this is a ridiculous law. I advised that I understand the frustration of the extra steps, this is the law for NH and a person registered with a party cannot change same day at a primary election. He again stated his frustration at the law and asked how to change it. I advised he could contact his state rep. This is all set.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:50:11 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Tony Felch - moderator - Laconia Ward 6
Subject: Tony Felch - moderator - Laconia Ward 6

I explained that he can provide the information to the challenger and that it will limit the complaints that will happen if he doesn't. As I told him, they may call voters and have them come down and vote through another process if they are available.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 4:27 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Tony Felch - moderator - Laconia Ward 6
Subject: Tony Felch - moderator - Laconia Ward 6

A challenger is asking to see the list of absentee voter names that were not accepted. Is this allowed?

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Subject: Timothy Bailey - voter - Deering

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:44:54 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Joan O'Connell - Sandown
Subject: NCY called and left message for Clerk Dawn Nicolaisen to follow-up.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:34 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Joan O'Connell - Sandown
Subject: Joan O'Connell - Sandown

Her daughter (Shannon O'Connell) requested an absentee ballot weeks ago. There was a mistake and her party affiliation was not requested initially, so the town had to reach back out to her to send the party request. In all of this, the absentee ballot did not make it to the daughter as of yet. Ms. O'Connell is very concerned that this happened, especially as her daughter will need to vote absentee in November as well.

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From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:43:26 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Nancy Biederman - voter - New Boston
Subject: Nancy Biederman - voter - New Boston

Nancy stated that she and her older friend, who was voting with her, were intimidated by a CERT trained person who greeted them at the entrance. When they said they couldn't wear masks, they were directed around the building. The officer followed and she told the officer that he wasn't needed but he followed them to the locked door. She cannot remember who unlocked the door. She said the officer followed them in and stayed with them the whole time they voted. Her older friend became intimidated and started shaking. She said that the police officer was polite and nice to them.

After the moderator took their IDs to get their ballot, Nancy commented that they were being left alone with the ballot box which wasn't safe. The officer commented that he was there. Nancy said, "Well you weren't here 2 minutes ago so this box was left alone." She sent photographs of the box which shows the front and top but not the back. She does not know if there was a lock on the back.

She asked to see her ballot be put into the machine. She was told no and the moderator said they would be taken to the machine when the polls closed. She does not feel confident that their ballots will be counted and she cannot go and watch because she cannot wear a mask.

I talked about the oath the election officials take. She said that she has never felt this way about voting and that she does not like it.

I called Eric Forcier and asked him if he would go back to New Boston and check on the ballot box, see if it is locked, explain the concerns raised by the voter, and even put me on the phone. Lee Nyquist is the moderator and Eric said that he explained their whole process to Eric which sounded good to him. Eric will return to the polls and call me so I can talk with Lee too.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 3:29 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Nancy Biederman - voter - New Boston
Subject: Nancy Biederman - voter - New Boston

Ms. Biederman felt intimidated in the non-mask voting procedure, and does not believe the ballot box was secured/monitored properly, making her doubt her ballot will be counted.

She was met at the front doors by two police officers who indicated if she did not wear a mask, she needs to go to the separate voting area. One officer followed her around the building to the separate area. Ms. Biederman said she knew how to go, but the officer followed. She stated the room was locked, and had to be unlocked when she got there. The ballot box (old wooden) was unattended within. She was left with the officer and her while an election official took her license to get her ballot. She asked for her ballot to be counted while she was there, but it was refused.

She indicated a friend had gone earlier and was not escorted by police, but was left with the ballot box, alone for the time it took to check his ID and get a ballot.

Ms. Biederman is greatly concerned for November, if this is the process that continues then.



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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:40:20 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Jess King, Inspector for Salem
Subject: Jess King, Inspector for Salem re: accessible voting procedure

Jess called and asked about the cutoff time applied to absentee ballots at the polls.

I told Jess that the cutoff time for absentee ballots did not apply to the accessible voting procedure under RSA 659:20-a.

I distinguished this from voters who drop off their completed absentee ballots on Election Day, which *was* subject to the 5:00PM statutory cutoff time.

I added that if a voter arrived at the polling place with a completed absentee ballot after 5:00PM, the officials should inform the voter that the absentee ballot cannot be accepted, but the voter will still be able to vote, utilizing one of the voting options at the polls.

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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:37:45 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Rep Barbara Comtois
Subject: Rep Barbara Comtois - voicemail

The voicemail indicates there is a person running for State Rep registering new voters, and she is concerned this person may also be touching ballots. [REDACTED]

She did leave further details in the message.

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:37:39 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Campton Alternative Voting Area
Subject: Campton Alternative Voting Area

Bud Fitch contacted me and reported that Campton was not offering alternative voting options to voters unable or unwilling to wear a mask.

I contacted John Garrigan who is assigned to the area as an inspector.

John informed me that Campton does have a mask requirement at the polling place. However, the polling place does offer an alternative voting area through a separate entrance, in another part of the polling place, equipped with its own voting booth.

John said that no one had been turned away from voting in Campton. He indicated that at that time, approximately 4 voter successfully used the separate voting area.

John indicated that Campton officials had informed him that Campton did not receive the requested number of PPE (i.e. hand sanitizer). John updated me and said he had already contacted Bud. While there would be no way to get them additional PPE today, Bud said Campton officials can work with the Secretary of State's Office to increase the number of supplied PPE for the Nov. General Election.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:35:30 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: [REDACTED] - voter - Candia
Subject: [REDACTED] - voter - Candia

She did not feel comfortable or safe with the voting procedure in Candia with regard to COVID. She stated there were up to 6 people just sitting in chairs as one walked in (observers?). No one was adhering to social distancing, masks were not very evident. She also stated that the counting machine was broken, so people were putting ballots into a box. She said overall it had a 'party atmosphere' this year, which she found concerning, as she works in a hospital.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:34:56 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Scott Sybert - Deerfield
Subject: all set - MGM

I spoke with Linda Bartlett who was in Deerfield earlier. moderator spoke to her about this incident. She said that the moderator told her that this particular voter was comparing the separate voting section for people unwilling and unable to wear masks to segregation in the 50s and 60s and said he was being discriminated against. This voter was given an option to fill out an absentee ballot outside, but refused. Linda said that the ballot box in that voting area was being watched by two election officials in that voting area and the box was locked. I called Mr. Sybert and he placed me on speaker phone because he said it's easier to talk. He did not say that he was recording the conversation. He raised the segregation issue and said his constitutional rights were being violated. He was trying to get me to acknowledge that this was wrong. I told him that the election officials were working from guidance put out from the State and that they were trying to make sure in the midst of a pandemic that everyone who showed up at a polling place had the ability to vote whether or not they were willing and able to wear a mask when the moderator required it. He also raised the issue of the ballot box not being guarded. It's unclear what he thought should be happening with that box, but he acknowledged that there was an election official sitting next to the box. He did end up voting.

From: Mavrogeorge, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 4:08 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Scott Sybert - Deerfield
Subject: MGM handling

From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 3:54 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Scott Sybert - Deerfield
Subject: Scott Sybert - Deerfield

Scott Sybert of Deerfield called regarding his experience at the polling location.

First, they would not let him in to the ward because he did not have a facemask on. He said that separating voters according to wearing masks/ not wearing masks is discriminatory and it is segregation – same as the blacks and whites in the 50's and 60's - It is illegal. He was not happy, but did go to the separated place to vote. But then, he was not allowed to cast his vote in person. The moderator said the ballots from non-mask wearing people had to be deposited into a small wooden box where they would then be counted manually and included in the tally of the other votes. He didn't like his

because the box was unmonitored/unguarded, near the door, and he had no reason to feel confident that those ballots would be counted.

His tel no. [REDACTED]

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Subject: Joan O'Connell - Sandown

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:32:57 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Write in issue, and [REDACTED] attire.
Subject: NCY spoke with Dover Clerk Susan Mistretta

Susan told me Mr. Lemay was in Ward 6. She was already aware of the situation and the Moderator had spoken to the official who approached Mr. Lemay and went over the law and guidance material about the law with said official.

The official was informed that the law prohibiting campaign material inside the polling place only applies to those candidates or measures on the ballot for that election.

I also told Susan that if the voter refuses to comply, it should not prohibit them from entering the polling place and voting. Instead, the matter should be reported to the Attorney General's Office for review if enforcement action is warranted.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:26 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Write in issue, and [REDACTED] attire.
Subject: NCY contacted Mr. Lemay

I spoke with him and explained that during a State Primary, each party lists only its own candidates. The effect of a vote on a particular party's ballot does not secure them the office itself, but instead the candidate's nomination as that party's representative for that particular office.

Mr. Lemay said that since there wasn't some form of list or information as to the candidates on the [REDACTED] ballot, and since the [REDACTED] ballot had no candidates for County Attorney, he was unable to vote for [REDACTED] and show support for him.

I told him the creation of a new section of the State Primary ballots that would include the candidates from the other party would likely require action by the Legislature. I encouraged him to contact his local Representative.

We next discussed the topic of campaign materials inside the polling place. I explained to Mr. Lemay that there is in fact a State law governing this situation.

Mr. Lemay said that his right to expression should not be restricted inside a polling place based on speculation of how it may influence or impact another voter. He said he wouldn't care if another voter came into the polling place showing campaign material in support of an opposing candidate.

I explained to Mr. Lemay that the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized that the polling place should be a neutral venue, to permit voters to enter without being followed by electioneering for or against a particular candidate.

I said in much the same way the law was meant to establish that neutrality.

I told him that in most cases, election officials and voters work collaboratively together in order to ensure the law is complied with. This includes covering up the campaign clothing or reversing it.

I shared the statute with Mr. Lemay, RSA 659:43. I also directed him to Pgs. 248-249 of the Election Procedure Manual.

I told Mr. Lemay that while the law would not apply in this case since [REDACTED] was not on the State Primary ballot, he should be mindful of the law for the November General Election.

I informed him that while officials will not use the law to prohibit a voter from entering the polling place to vote, if they are unable to work with the voter to comply with the law, the matter is sent to the Attorney General's office for review to determine if enforcement action is warranted.

Mr. Lemay said he understood and thanked me for this information.

He asked what he could do to get the law changed. I told him he could speak with his local Representative.

From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:52 PM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Write in issue, and [REDACTED] attire.

Subject: Write in issue, and [REDACTED] attire.

Larry Lemay of Dover , tel. no. [REDACTED] called to say he thinks that people who are running as write ins should be listed so on a ballot, as should candidates from any party. He was disappointed because he couldn't remember the County Attorney's name while he was in the booth so he left it blank, but he remembered it when he got done. He doesn't care if he was running as a [REDACTED], he liked him and would have voted for him anyway if he had access to his name.

Also, he was wearing a [REDACTED] mask, and was told by a poll worker that he couldn't wear it into the polling area. He said he is an "American citizen" and it's his "God given right to wear whatever he wants wherever he wants". And " the poll worker backed off".

He called the town clerk after and reported this, and was told there are no rules forbidding political attire in the polling place.

He said this was the worst voting experience of his life. But he was actually quite affable despite his experience.

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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:27:15 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Tony Felch - moderator - Laconia Ward 6
Subject: Tony Felch - moderator - Laconia Ward 6

A challenger is asking to see the list of absentee voter names that were not accepted. Is this allowed?



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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:24:12 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: winsdor
Subject: winsdor

Weston reported that the town of Windsor was using the 2017 Form B form and wondered if that was OK. I told Weston than he needs to inform them that that form has been enjoined by the NH Superior Court and they need to immediately cease using it and print the current July 2016 form off of ElectioNet. We will need to follow up with a letter to Windsor, to make sure they always review the current forms in ElectioNet or attend a training prior to every election to stay up to date.

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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:22:08 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Joanna Hyat - voter - Chester
Subject: Joanna Hyat - voter - Chester

Ms. Hyat stated she has always voted [REDACTED], but when she went to vote, she was handed a ballot, but upon going into the booth noted it was a [REDACTED] ballot. She came back to the table and demanded a [REDACTED] ballot. The ballot clerk told her she could not do anything but give her the [REDACTED], as that was the party she was listed with on the checklist. Another election official came by (I asked if it was the moderator, but she did not believe that was her title), and after a discussion (they knew each other, and are secretary/treasurer on a [REDACTED] committee), Ms. Hyat was given a [REDACTED] ballot. Ms. Hyat believes this was either done on purpose or by incompetence.

[REDACTED]

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:20:29 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Rep. Fred Doucette reports voters told they will be mailed their absentee ballot during the accessible voting process
Subject: NCY called Salem Moderator Chris Goodnow; Updated Rep. Doucette

I spoke with Chris.

He indicated that he was at the Ward 6 polling place when the assistant moderator resolved the situation with Kathleen Stacy.

Chris told me that the Assistant Moderator had looked at the absentee ballot paperwork from the 2 voters that Kathleen overheard, and those 2 voters only requested absentee ballots for the November General Election. This was why the official indicated that the ballots would be mailed to them.

With respect to Kathleen, it appears this was an error on the officials part, since the new absentee ballot request form contains an option to request an absentee ballot for either the 2020 State Primary, 2020 November General elections, or both. Chris indicated that ultimately, Kathleen was given an absentee ballot and was able to vote at the polling place using the accessible voting process.

I asked Chris to work with the Assistant Moderator to pull all of the absentee ballot request forms utilized during the accessible voting process on Election Day. I asked him to review those and confirm that none of the other voters who utilized this process had requested an absentee ballot for the State Primary and was unable to get one.

Chris called me back and confirmed that all the voters that asked to use the accessible voting process for the State Primary, received the requested absentee ballot and successfully cast their ballots.

Chris further explained that the situation prior to Election Day with Kathleen absentee ballot request form being in the Presidential election pile, was because she had checked off the boxes for both the State Primary and General election.

I contacted Rep. Doucette and shared this update. Rep. Doucette believed it was a systemic problem that would lead to voter confusion. I told Rep. Doucette that if any voter had a question about the process, they should not hesitate to contact the Secretary of State or Attorney General. Both offices are operating Hotlines throughout the year, and are more than willing to help a voter navigate the process.

I added that with the passing into law of HB1266 as well as other COVID-specific temporary modifications to elections, officials were being extremely diligent to make sure that election operations went smoothly.

I shared with Rep. Doucette the plan Chris and I worked on to ensure that every voter that used the

accessible voting process obtained and case an absentee ballot for the State Primary.

Rep. Doucette thanked me for my time.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas

Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:41 PM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Rep. Fred Doucette reports voters told they will be mailed their absentee ballot during the accessible voting process

Subject: Rep. Fred Doucette reports voters in Salem Ward 6 told they will be mailed their absentee ballot during the accessible voting process

Dave Scanlan forwarded me a call from Rep. Doucette.

Rep. Doucette had on the phone with him a voter from Salem Ward 6 named Kathleen Stacy.

Kathleen reports that she had submitted her request for an absentee ballot to the town clerk on or around the week of Aug. 20. She did not hear back, and so she contacted the town clerk and spoke with Susan Wall.

Susan said at first, that she did not have Kathleen's absentee ballot request paperwork. As the conversation continued, Kathleen mentioned her mom, who is a candidate on the ballot for the State Primary.

After doing so, Susan said that she found Kathleen's absentee ballot request, and that it was in the wrong pile. When Kathleen asked which pile, Susan briefly answered that she found the paperwork in the pile of absentee ballot requests for the Presidential election (in November).

Susan said that she would mail the absentee ballot. Kathleen expressed her concern to Susan that it would not arrive in time to complete and cast on Election Day. Kathleen asked Susan if she could send her absentee ballot by priority mail. Susan said that was against policy.

Today (9/8), Kathleen reported that the mail arrived and she did not receive her absentee ballot.

She had learned that the polling place was offering the accessible voting on Election Day process, which utilizes an absentee ballot. When Kathleen arrived at the polling place, she informed the election official monitoring the accessible voting process area. The official gave her the paperwork, which she completed.

Kathleen observed 2 other voters in front of her, who had finished completing their absentee ballot paperwork and gave them to the official. The official reportedly told these 2 voters that their absentee ballot would be sent in the mail.

Hearing this, when Kathleen completed her documents and approached the official, she specified that she was requesting an absentee ballot for the State Primary. She was similarly notified that her

absentee ballot would be sent in the mail.

Believing this to be incorrect, Kathleen notified Rep. Doucette, who encouraged her to file a formal complaint with the ward moderator Mike Carny.

Kathleen did so, and while Moderator Carny said there was no formal complaint form, after reviewing the process, Kathleen ultimately received an absentee ballot and was able to vote.

I called and left a voicemail with the Salem Clerk Susan Wall and also contacted Jess King, DOJ's inspector in that area.

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Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: ANNA CROTEAU FOR ANNE EDWARDS
Subject: ANNA CROTEAU FOR ANNE EDWARDS

Connected to Emily and Brennan Robinson complaints.

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Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 4:06 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: ANNA CROTEAU FOR ANNE EDWARDS
Subject: ANNA CROTEAU FOR ANNE EDWARDS

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Posted To: Inbox
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Subject: ANNA CROTEAU FOR ANNE EDWARDS

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:10:12 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Emily Robinson - voter - New Durham
Subject: Emily Robinson - voter - New Durham

This should be linked to Brennan Robinson as he is the spouse.

Anna has confirmed the comment was made. We will follow up with the Clerk.

From: Broadhead, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 3:01 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Emily Robinson - voter - New Durham
Subject:

Voter was disappointed the experience, she said that the Town Clerk Stephanie 1) looked at her and her husband's ballots 2) made a snarky comment about people who do not wear masks and 3) couldn't observe directly that her ballot was placed into the machine by the town clerk. We should follow up with the town officials after the election to make sure these are addressed before the General Election.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:14 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Emily Robinson - voter - New Durham
Subject: Emily Robinson - voter - New Durham

Ms. Robinson feels her and her husband were treated poorly for not wearing masks. She advised that her and her husband had to walk around the building to a separate location. She was not given a new pen to vote, as all other voters were, although her husband was given a new pen. She also advised that an election official made a snide comment that those who were using the separate voting area were doing so because they wouldn't 'obey the law'. Ms. Robinson said 'well, I guess that's us', to which the election official was apologetic.


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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:08:49 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Moe - voter - Manchester
Subject: Moe - voter - Manchester

I spoke with Moe and his friend and explained that I couldn't point out a law that said that he could carry a weapon into a polling place. I explained the legal argument why he could and told him I would call the Manchester PD to explain that it was okay under state law.

I did explain the Gun Free School Zone Act and explained the potential federal liability. Moe said that he has voted with a weapon before and never had an issue. But, when the police officer said he could not go in, he did not go in.

I told him to go back to the polling place and I would call the MPD to discuss the issue. I called dispatch and spoke with a duty officer who said that she understood and they would speak with the officer. I confirmed that Moe would be returning the polling place within 20 minutes to vote.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 3:19 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Moe - voter - Manchester
Subject: Moe - voter - Manchester Ward 11

He stated he was turned away at the polls by a police officer for having a gun at the Ward 11 polling location, which is a school. He indicated the election officials were trying to get clarity on the rule, but he was unable to wait, and had to leave. He would like to know the laws on this before he goes back.


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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:07:57 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Scott Sybert - Deerfield
Subject: MGM handling

From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 3:54 PM
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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 4:04:03 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Steve Ludwick, Monderator, Concord Ward 9
Subject: all set - MGM

I spoke to Steve and informed him that an individual does not need to be a registered voter to mount a write-in campaign or to electioneer in the the area outside of the non-electioneering zone. He was fine with that and thanked me.

From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
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Subject: Steve Ludwick, Monderator, Concord Ward 9

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Conversation: Steve Ludwick, Monderator, Concord Ward 9
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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:49:46 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Robert Quigley - Nashua - needs absentee ballot

I spoke with the voter and then Trish Piecuch who will look this voter up and see if they received the request and/or mailed a ballot out. Trish noted a few issues in Nashua that she believes is worthy of a follow-up from both the SOS and the AG's office. I informed the voter that he could go to the polls today and cast a ballot by going into the polls or could do curbside. He said he wasn't interested in voting in the primary election because he doesn't know the people on the ballot, he just wanted his general election ballot. I said that they cannot send him that ballot because they need to know who wins today in order to print the ballot and that they will be mailed out once that happens. I said I would follow up to see if Nashua has his application for a general election ballot and either Trish or I will call him back.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 3:24 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Robert Quigley - Nashua - needs absentee ballot
Subject: Robert Quigley - Nashua - needs absentee ballot

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:44:54 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Christen Freeman - voter - New Boston
Subject: Christen Freeman - voter - New Boston

Ms. Freeman said she was treated like a second class citizen by the non-mask procedure. She had a police escort to the back of the building, where the ballot box was unattended. She stated she wanted to see her ballot be counted, so she put a mask on, under her chin, then put a paper bag over her head (to prove a point because the face is hidden in a mask, so one cannot tell who a person is with a mask). She feels her rights were violated by the mask requirement and non-mask procedure.



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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:40:51 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Rep. Fred Doucette reports voters told they will be mailed their absentee ballot during the accessible voting process
Subject: Rep. Fred Doucette reports voters in Salem Ward 6 told they will be mailed their absentee ballot during the accessible voting process

Dave Scanlan forwarded me a call from Rep. Doucette.

Rep. Doucette had on the phone with him a voter from Salem Ward 6 named Kathleen Stacy.

Kathleen reports that she had submitted her request for an absentee ballot to the town clerk on or around the week of Aug. 20. She did not hear back, and so she contacted the town clerk and spoke with Susan Wall.

Susan said at first, that she did not have Kathleen's absentee ballot request paperwork. As the conversation continued, Kathleen mentioned her mom, who is a candidate on the ballot for the State Primary.

After doing so, Susan said that she found Kathleen's absentee ballot request, and that it was in the wrong pile. When Kathleen asked which pile, Susan briefly answered that she found the paperwork in the pile of absentee ballot requests for the Presidential election (in November).

Susan said that she would mail the absentee ballot. Kathleen expressed her concern to Susan that it would not arrive in time to complete and cast on Election Day. Kathleen asked Susan if she could send her absentee ballot by priority mail. Susan said that was against policy.

Today (9/8), Kathleen reported that the mail arrived and she did not receive her absentee ballot.

She had learned that the polling place was offering the accessible voting on Election Day process, which utilizes an absentee ballot. When Kathleen arrived at the polling place, she informed the election official monitoring the accessible voting process area. The official gave her the paperwork, which she completed.

Kathleen observed 2 other voters in front of her, who had finished completing their absentee ballot paperwork and gave them to the official. The official reportedly told these 2 voters that their absentee ballot would be sent in the mail.

Hearing this, when Kathleen completed her documents and approached the official, she specified that she was requesting an absentee ballot for the State Primary. She was similarly notified that her absentee ballot would be sent in the mail.

Believing this to be incorrect, Kathleen notified Rep. Doucette, who encouraged her to file a formal complaint with the ward moderator Mike Carny.

Kathleen did so, and while Moderator Carny said there was no formal complaint form, after

reviewing the process, Kathleen ultimately received an absentee ballot and was able to vote.

I called and left a voicemail with the Salem Clerk Susan Wall and also contacted Jess King, DOJ's inspector in that area.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:31:24 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Sue McKinnon - Town Clerk - Newfields
Subject: Sue McKinnon - Town Clerk - Newfields

Absentee ballot is not sealed within the inner envelope/affidavit. Otherwise, everything is filled out properly. Can she accept this ballot?



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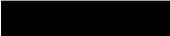
From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:28:59 PM
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Conversation: Nancy Biederman - voter - New Boston
Subject: Nancy Biederman - voter - New Boston

Ms. Biederman felt intimidated in the non-mask voting procedure, and does not believe the ballot box was secured/monitored properly, making her doubt her ballot will be counted.

She was met at the front doors by two police officers who indicated if she did not wear a mask, she needs to go to the separate voting area. One officer followed her around the building to the separate area. Ms. Biederman said she knew how to go, but the officer followed. She stated the room was locked, and had to be unlocked when she got there. The ballot box (old wooden) was unattended within. She was left with the officer and her while an election official took her license to get her ballot. She asked for her ballot to be counted while she was there, but it was refused.

She indicated a friend had gone earlier and was not escorted by police, but was left with the ballot box, alone for the time it took to check his ID and get a ballot.

Ms. Biederman is greatly concerned for November, if this is the process that continues then.


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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:26:16 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Write in issue, and [REDACTED] attire.
Subject: NCY contacted Mr. Lemay

I spoke with him and explained that during a State Primary, each party lists only its own candidates. The effect of a vote on a particular party's ballot does not secure them the office itself, but instead the candidate's nomination as that party's representative for that particular office.

Mr. Lemay said that since there wasn't some form of list or information as to the candidates on the [REDACTED] ballot, and since the [REDACTED] ballot had no candidates for County Attorney, he was unable to vote for [REDACTED] and show support for him.

I told him the creation of a new section of the State Primary ballots that would include the candidates from the other party would likely require action by the Legislature. I encouraged him to contact his local Representative.

We next discussed the topic of campaign materials inside the polling place. I explained to Mr. Lemay that there is in fact a State law governing this situation.

Mr. Lemay said that his right to expression should not be restricted inside a polling place based on speculation of how it may influence or impact another voter. He said he wouldn't care if another voter came into the polling place showing campaign material in support of an opposing candidate.

I explained to Mr. Lemay that the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized that the polling place should be a neutral venue, to permit voters to enter without being followed by electioneering for or against a particular candidate.

I said in much the same way the law was meant to establish that neutrality.

I told him that in most cases, election officials and voters work collaboratively together in order to ensure the law is complied with. This includes covering up the campaign clothing or reversing it.

I shared the statute with Mr. Lemay, RSA 659:43. I also directed him to Pgs. 248-249 of the Election Procedure Manual.

I told Mr. Lemay that while the law would not apply in this case since [REDACTED] was not on the State Primary ballot, he should be mindful of the law for the November General Election.

I informed him that while officials will not use the law to prohibit a voter from entering the polling place to vote, if they are unable to work with the voter to comply with the law, the matter is sent to the Attorney General's office for review to determine if enforcement action is warranted.

Mr. Lemay said he understood and thanked me for this information.

He asked what he could do to get the law changed. I told him he could speak with his local Representative.

From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:52 PM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Write in issue, and [REDACTED] attire.

Subject: Write in issue, and [REDACTED] attire.

Larry Lemay of Dover , tel. no. [REDACTED] called to say he thinks that people who are running as write ins should be listed so on a ballot, as should candidates from any party. He was disappointed because he couldn't remember the County Attorney's name while he was in the booth so he left it blank, but he remembered it when he got done. He doesn't care if he was running as a democrat, he liked him and would have voted for him anyway if he had access to his name.

Also, he was wearing a [REDACTED] mask, and was told by a poll worker that he couldn't wear it into the polling area. He said he is an "American citizen" and it's his "God given right to wear whatever he wants wherever he wants". And " the poll worker backed off".

He called the town clerk after and reported this, and was told there are no rules forbidding political attire in the polling place.

He said this was the worst voting experience of his life. But he was actually quite affable despite his experience.

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From: [Marden, Patricia](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:20:12 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: ANNA CROTEAU FOR ANNE EDWARDS
Subject: ANNA CROTEAU FOR ANNE EDWARDS

Anna is in New Durham and is looking at the signs. She doesn't think they are right - but wants to discuss with you.



Sincerely,

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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:19:14 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Moe - voter - Manchester
Subject: Moe - voter - Manchester Ward 11

He stated he was turned away at the polls by a police officer for having a gun at the Ward 11 polling location, which is a school. He indicated the election officials were trying to get clarity on the rule, but he was unable to wait, and had to leave. He would like to know the laws on this before he goes back.



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From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:18:24 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Frances Nutter-Upham - candidate - Nashua Ward 6
Subject: Frances Nutter-Upham - candidate - Nashua Ward 6

A write-in candidate is going up to voters and handing them a card with his name on it. He's also putting his head into people's cars to talk with them. He is not wearing a mask. His name is Ed Decatur. I asked Frances if she'd spoken with the moderator but she had not on this issue. I asked her to speak with him. Frances confirmed that Ed is staying in the electioneering area.

I texted Jim Boffetti to see if he had any contact information for the moderator. I'm not sure this is a violation but a friendly reminder to keep an appropriate distance could be helpful.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:45 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Frances Nutter-Upham - candidate - Nashua Ward 6
Subject: Frances Nutter-Upham - candidate - Nashua Ward 6

She indicates that candidate is not wearing a mask, not socially distancing and handing out cards to voters as they enter. Ms. Nutter-Upham believes this is a public health issue.



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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:15:35 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Laura Bergeron - mother of voter - Concord

I spoke with Robert, he said he's always voted [REDACTED] and switched back to Independent. He said he's never voted [REDACTED] in his life and was mad that he could only receive a [REDACTED] ballot today. I said I would follow up with the city clerk.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 1:05 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Laura Bergeron - mother of voter - Concord
Subject: Laura Bergeron - mother of voter - Concord

Ms. Bergeron called on behalf of her son who went to vote (unsure of Ward, but Loudon Road in Concord). She indicated her son Robert Bergeron called her stating he went to vote, but is 'an independent', and was advised that he had to get a [REDACTED] ballot. I tried to clarify that in a Primary an undeclared voter would have to make that decision, but Ms. Bergeron indicated her son told her he was not given the option, but told which ballot he would get.

Robert's number is [REDACTED]

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I spoke with Robert, he said he's always voted [REDACTED] and switched back to Independent. He said he's never voted [REDACTED] in his life and was mad that he could only receive a [REDACTED] ballot today. I said I would follow up with the city clerk. I spoke with the city clerk who confirmed that they have him recorded as voting [REDACTED] and it does not appear to be a keying error. She would be happy to process a changeback form after the election.

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From: [Marden, Patricia](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:14:00 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: New location for Ward 9 in Concord.
Subject: New location for Ward 9 in Concord.

Had a caller from Havenwood Heights this morning call and ask where the new polling place was for Ward 9. I googled the answer and gave her the following information:

Citywide Community Center at 14 Canterbury Road.

This is all set.

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From: [Beckwith, Brian S \[CTO\]](#)
To: [DOJ-Election Law](#)
Subject: Given wrong ballot
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:06:45 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Hello,

When voting at the town hall in Walpole, NH today. I was registered as undecided and selected [REDACTED] when asked which party I wanted. I was then given what looked like a [REDACTED] Ballot, I asked for a [REDACTED] one and was told that was it. Is there a way to compare the count for people whom came into vote as [REDACTED] and the number of ballots collected? I feel so mad right now, they stole my vote.

Thank you,
Brian Beckwith
Network Engineer II



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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:05:05 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: David Bangs - voter - Hudson
Subject: David Bangs - voter - Hudson

NHGOP advised Mr. Bangs to call our office because he believes he was wrongly listed as a [REDACTED] rather than a [REDACTED]. NHGOP told him he hasn't voted [REDACTED] since 2008. He will be going to Town Hall tomorrow to address the issue, but is very upset, and wanted our office to be aware. He did not want a call back, and as such, I believe this is all set.

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From: [Smith, Jennifer](#)
To: [DOJ-Election Law](#); elections@sos.nh.gov
Cc: [Formella, John](#)
Subject: Ballot Issues
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:03:35 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Good Morning

We're forwarding this to your teams as we've received dozens of calls and emails on this scenario today from polling stations across the state. Please let me know if you need more information.

Thank you!

Jenn

Jennifer L. Smith

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From: Ken Beers

Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:16 AM

To: Governor Sununu

Subject: Merrimack NH polls

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Good Morning Mr. Sununu,

I'm not sure who to contact with this, but I'm extremely upset with a situation that happened this morning while voting in Merrimack. I was at the polls with my wife, and she was given a [REDACTED] ballot. When she questioned this, the attendant said "You requested a [REDACTED] ballot" I was standing directly behind her, and this was not the case. Then, they actually refused to give her the [REDACTED] ballot! How can this happen? I had her write in the candidates that she wanted to vote for on the ballot given to her, but I think that this was wrong!

I'm not sure anything can be done, but I wanted someone to know what is happening at the polls. If something like this can happen to her, I'm sure that it's happening all over the state!

Thank you for your time,

Respectfully,

Kenneth Beers



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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:01:26 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Derek - voter - Portsmouth
Subject: Derek - voter - Portsmouth

He wanted to know if he would be able to vote in the same as previous years without wearing a mask. I advised that the decision as to whether or not masks are required at a polling location would be up to the moderator, so he would need to reach out to his election officials/moderator to find this information for his polling location. This is all set.

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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:01:04 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Emily Robinson - voter - New Durham

Voter was disappointed the experience, she said that the Town Clerk Stephanie 1) looked at her and her husband's ballots 2) made a snarky comment about people who do not wear masks and 3) couldn't observe directly that her ballot was placed into the machine by the town clerk. We should follow up with the town officials after the election to make sure these are addressed before the General Election.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:14 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Emily Robinson - voter - New Durham
Subject: Emily Robinson - voter - New Durham

Ms. Robinson feels her and her husband were treated poorly for not wearing masks. She advised that her and her husband had to walk around the building to a separate location. She was not given a new pen to vote, as all other voters were, although her husband was given a new pen. She also advised that an election official made a snide comment that those who were using the separate voting area were doing so because they wouldn't 'obey the law'. Ms. Robinson said 'well, I guess that's us', to which the election official was apologetic.



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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:00:28 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: David Hawk - Somersworth Ward 5
Subject: David Hawk - Somersworth Ward 5

He's going to make some copies of the form on page 315 of the EPM and allow voters to sign them. We talked about the fact that voters who didn't try to change their party in June or May should not be allowed to use this form. They need to vote the party they are currently registered in and then go to City Hall to change to Undeclared after the election.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:20 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: David Hawk - Somersworth Ward 5
Subject: David Hawk - Somersworth Ward 5

Voter submitted the change of party back to undeclared before the deadline, but the checklist is still showing party. He would like advise on how to proceed.



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From: [Mavrogeorge, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:56:07 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Proper Identification
Subject: MGM called and left a message

From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:49 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Proper Identification
Subject: Proper Identification

Will Porter of Waterville Valley called to report that he went to the polling ward and was scrutinized very closely by all workers. He explained that he is a very proud gay man, and the women poll workers ogled him very closely. Also – all three of the women checking people in told him that his drivers license had expired. It doesn't expire until next month, but he thought it was strange that all three of them told him the same thing. He was allowed to vote.

His tel no. is [REDACTED]

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From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:55:08 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Mr. Robinson voted on a ballot that he said read "Official Ballot or Absentee Ballot" and Stephanie, who he thinks is Moderator, took his ballot inside to cast it in the machine. We talked about what the phrase "cast a ballot" means and I confirmed that it is acceptable, and actually required in ballot box communities, for an election official to touch the ballot. I confirmed that election officials take oaths to manage the process in a fair way.

He said that Stephanie looked at his ballot and he felt that she was reading it. He also said that he didn't feel like he could rely on her oath and then backtracked to tell me what happened when he first arrived at the polls.

When Mr. Robinson first arrived at the polling place, he asked to speak with someone about the unattended signs at the front of the polling place and on the sides. He was sent around one side of the polling place to speak with "Stephanie." He spoke with her about the signs and said that he understood that unattended signs were not allowed. They discussed that there is some issue with the location of the boundary between the school property and the state highway which causes some confusion about the signs at the front of the polling place.

He then asked her what the outside voting area was behind her. She looked at it and said "Oh, that is for the people who are beyond the pale." He asked her what she meant and she explained that's where the people who won't wear a mask vote. Mr. Robinson then informed her that he needed to vote in that area as he isn't capable of wearing a mask due to [REDACTED]. She apologized for making the comment.

Due to the comment that Stephanie allegedly made, Mr. Robinson did not feel like he was treated fairly, he does not think that Stephanie was neutral, he believes we he was discriminated against, and he believes that Stephanie did read his ballot when she should not have done so.

I called Anna who was just heading to New Durham after having finished with the Rochester Wards. I walked the through the issue. We looked up the phrase "beyond the pale" which means "outside of the bounds of acceptable behavior." Anna is going to talk with Stephanie about whether she made the comment. If she does admit to it, Anna will gather Stephanie's side of the story.

It sounds like Stephanie may be the Town Clerk and not the Moderator.

This will require follow up if that statement was made.

From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:10 PM
Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: [REDACTED]

Subject: [REDACTED] - can't wear a mask

Brennan Robinson, of New Durham called saying he has [REDACTED] and cannot wear a face mask. He followed all instructions set forth by the town to vote alternatively. But he was not allowed to cast his ballot. A poll worker took it, and looked at it, and said she would cast it for him, while he watched. But the machine was 20-30 feet away and it was not clear to him that his ballot was cast. He feels this is an infringement of his rights.

[REDACTED]

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:54:36 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Proper Identification
Subject: MGM is calling

From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:49 PM
Posted To: Inbox
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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:52:50 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Kiesha - Deputy Clerk - Newfield

I spoke with the moderator and supervisor of the checklist. The clerk could have rejected the application on the basis of an electronic signature, but did not in this instance and still sent out the ballot. I advised that if the voter properly executed the affidavit on the outer envelope and it meets the provisions of RSA 659:50 and therefore should be counted. Any defects in the application should have been noted and corrected before sending out the ballot to the voter, but since the voter received the ballot a defect in the application should be a basis now to reject an otherwise properly executed ballot. He agreed and said he would process it.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:11 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Kiesha - Deputy Clerk - Newfield
Subject: Kiesha - Deputy Clerk - Newfield

They have an absentee application that was not actually signed, but electronically typed in. The inner envelope is signed with the voters signature. She would like clarification as to whether this is permissible or should be rejected.

[REDACTED]

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:52:26 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: David Screeeton - voter - Tilton
Subject: all set - MGM

I informed the voter that there is no NH election law that prohibits a voter from entering a polling place, even if it is a school, if they have a firearm. I further informed him that doing so may be a violation of federal law and that if a NH law enforcement official believes a violation of this federal law has occurred, they would notify the U.S. Attorney's Office for NH. He is going to contact the U.S. Attorney's Office for NH before going to the polling place with a firearm to make sure he is okay to do so.

From: Mavrogeorge, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:42 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: David Screeeton - voter - Tilton
Subject: MGM calling

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:24 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: David Screeeton - voter - Tilton
Subject: David Screeeton - voter - Tilton

He and his wife have open carry permits. Their polling location is a school, and he wants to be sure he follows the laws, about whether they can open carry within the polling place.



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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:45:10 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Frances Nutter-Upham - candidate - Nashua Ward 6
Subject: Frances Nutter-Upham - candidate - Nashua Ward 6

She indicates that candidate is not wearing a mask, not socially distancing and handing out cards to voters as they enter. Ms. Nutter-Upham believes this is a public health issue.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:42:04 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: David Screeeton - voter - Tilton
Subject: MGM calling

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:24 PM
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Conversation: David Screeeton - voter - Tilton
Subject: David Screeeton - voter - Tilton

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:39:56 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Jacqueline Huot - voter
Subject: update from MGM

I spoke to the clerk Todd Rainer who said he looked up the voters' voting history in ElectioNet and it shows that they both voted in the [REDACTED] primary in 2008 and 2016. It did not show any votes being cast by then in any primaries after 2016. He is going to call the Huots now. Todd did confirm though that the Huots did receive ballots today and voted in the [REDACTED] Primary. There probably should be additional follow up on this after the election.

From: Mavrogeorge, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:25 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Jacqueline Huot - voter
Subject: update from MGM

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Subject: Jacqueline Huot - voter

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:36:35 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: *** HAS SOMEONE WITH A GUN WAITING TO VOTE, AND POLICE WON'T LET HIM IN***
Subject: NCY responded to this.

I spoke with JoAnn about this. Please see 2:16PM entry from NCY.

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:19 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: *** HAS SOMEONE WITH A GUN WAITING TO VOTE, AND POLICE WON'T LET HIM IN***
Subject: *** HAS SOMEONE WITH A GUN WAITING TO VOTE, AND POLICE WON'T LET HIM IN***

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From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 1:54 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: *** HAS SOMEONE WITH A GUN WAITING TO VOTE, AND POLICE WON'T LET HIM IN***
Subject: *** HAS SOMEONE WITH A GUN WAITING TO VOTE, AND POLICE WON'T LET HIM IN***

Joanne from the City Clerk's office in Manchester. She wants the person to be able to vote. Can voters bring guns into the polling area?

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:33:35 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Robin Rousseau - voter - Portsmouth
Subject: NCY contacted Portsmouth City Clerk Kelli Barnaby

I shared the reported information with her. She will follow-up with the Ward 5 Moderator.

I called Ms. Rousseau and updated her that I spoke with a local official who will speak with the Ward 5 Moderator. Ms. Rousseau thanked me for my time.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:10 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Robin Rousseau - voter - Portsmouth
Subject: Robin Rousseau - voter - Portsmouth

Ms. Rousseau believes the moderator at the Little Harbor School polling location was acting in a discriminating way to her due to her public anti-mask stance. She indicated at first, she was yelled at by 'old ladies' outside the polling place that she had to wear a mask. She asked for the moderator, who came outside to her. Ms. Rousseau indicated she started filming the exchange she had with the moderator where he checked her license and indicated she was not on the list and would have to register at City Hall. She disagreed, and eventually the moderator let her register there, although she believes she was already registered. She went to vote, and when she came out, the moderator then indicated he had her name spelled wrong and it was an error on their end. She stated that he had her license, so spelling her name wrong was not just an oversight. She was able to vote, but wanted the action of the moderator to be known.


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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:32:42 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Stacy - Manchester City Clerk's - voter at poll now

Someone had already called her before I reached out to her. I did confirm that the voter should be allowed into the polls provided they are not acting in a threatening and intimidating manner.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 1:54 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Stacy - Manchester City Clerk's - voter at poll now
Subject: Stacy - Manchester City Clerk's - voter at poll now

Stacy wants clarification on open carry at the polls, when the location is at a school. There is a police officer with the voter now, and they need an answer before letting them through, or not.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:30:18 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Linda Bartlett - inspector - Deerfield

I spoke with Dan, he did everything right and remained calm. Scott Sybert is the individual who engaged in this conduct. I said that if he felt intimidated he should refer it to the police.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 1:26 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Linda Bartlett - inspector - Deerfield
Subject: Linda Bartlett - inspector - Deerfield

Linda was in Deerfield and the moderator, Dan Holdridge, told her about an exchange he had with an individual around 12-12:30 this afternoon. He did not want to wear a mask, and the moderator offered him to either wear a mask, vote absentee, or use the separate area (this area is apparently inside, about 20 feet from the regular area). The voter videotaped the exchange, and was very irate about segregation, civil rights, etc. Linda stated that the moderator offered the voter all the options, and stated he could call our office. The individual did end up voting, but the moderator is still very upset about the recording, and afraid he'll end up on youtube tonight. Linda wanted to be sure the office had this information, as the moderator was not interested in calling in.

The police chief is there now and the moderator is explaining the situation.

Dan Holdridge's number is [REDACTED]

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:27:40 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Frank Byron - moderator - Litchfield

There was a poll challenger lawfully appointed, but he persists in leaving the designated challenging area in order to ask questions of voters, which ranges from inquiries into how they voted and about election official procedures. The moderator believes he is using his status as a “challenger” to conduct an audit on the election officials and he has received complaints about this individual and he is becoming disruptive. I said he can restrict the challengers to a designated area and if he persistently refuses, to call our office and we can send an investigator, or involve the local police.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 1:43 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Frank Byron - moderator - Litchfield
Subject: Frank Byron - moderator - Litchfield

He would like assistance in understanding the laws as they relate to challengers.

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Subject: Jacqueline Huot - voter

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:19:34 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: David Hawk - Somersworth Ward 5
Subject: David Hawk - Somersworth Ward 5

Voter submitted the change of party back to undeclared before the deadline, but the checklist is still showing party. He would like advise on how to proceed.



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Conversation: *** HAS SOMEONE WITH A GUN WAITING TO VOTE, AND POLICE WON'T LET HIM IN***
Subject: *** HAS SOMEONE WITH A GUN WAITING TO VOTE, AND POLICE WON'T LET HIM IN***

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:16:04 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester Deputy Clerk JoAnn Ferruolo reports situation of voter being denied entry into polling place because voter carrying firearm
Subject: Manchester Deputy Clerk JoAnn Ferruolo reports situation of voter being denied entry into polling place because voter carrying firearm
Attachments: [RE Reports.msg](#)

JoAnn told me that there was an ongoing situation involving a police officer prohibited a voter from entering the polling place with a firearm.

I reminded JoAnn that there is no NH election law that prohibits a voter from entering a polling place, even if it is a school, if he/she has a firearm.

However, the voter should be notified that doing so may be a violation of federal law. If a NH law enforcement official believes a violation of this federal law has occurred, he/she should notify the U.S. Attorney's Office for NH.

NH law enforcement officials do not have the authority to enforce federal law.

JoAnn said she would relay this to the officer.

JoAnn emailed me and stated that the situation resolved itself. The voter was allowed into the polling place to vote.

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From: [Ferruolo,JoAnn](#)
To: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Cc: [Normand, Matthew](#)
Subject: RE: Reports
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:09:36 PM

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Item # 1 has been addressed directly with the moderator, my understanding is the voter voted in person inside the building with no issues.

Item # 2 has been communicated to our highway department to remove the signs from the property at Gossler School.

Added item: The "open carry" voter in Ward 11, Gossler School, was allowed to vote in the polling place. The police stood down before we could finish our conversation on the phone.

Thank You

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From: ChongYen, Nicholas [mailto:Nicholas.ChongYen@doj.nh.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Ferruolo,JoAnn; Normand, Matthew
Cc: Edwards, Anne; Tekin, Jill
Subject: Reports

Hi JoAnn, Matt-

There are 2 outstanding reports that I was hoping to follow-up on with you:

1. Manchester Ward 2: Reports that officials are telling voters that "disability" means someone who has fallen in the parking lot and cannot enter. Manchester 2 said COVID is not a disability for the purposes of voting absentee today and if a voter wanted to vote absentee due to COVID they should have done it before today.
2. Manchester Ward 11: Political signs have reportedly been posted at the polling place and are unattended (see attached images).

When either of you has a chance, would you please call me on these as soon as possible? (603) 271-

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Thanks,

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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:15:19 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Potential voter suppression?

Dick requested assistance from the Deerfield Police, who will advise that it is a possible felony to intentionally give false information about voting.

From: Broadhead, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 1:04 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Potential voter suppression?
Subject:

I spoke with [REDACTED] and she texted me the attached image. I contacted Dick to see whether we could send an investigator out to interview this individual and [REDACTED]. He's been identified as [REDACTED], Deerfield, NH and a possible phone number is [REDACTED].

This may be a possible felony under RSA 659:40, III (b) or (c)

-Matt

From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:43 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Potential voter suppression?
Subject: Potential voter suppression?

[REDACTED]

She is concerned about potential voter suppression stemming from a resident's public post on FB.

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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:14:09 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Emily Robinson - voter - New Durham
Subject: Emily Robinson - voter - New Durham

Ms. Robinson feels her and her husband were treated poorly for not wearing masks. She advised that her and her husband had to walk around the building to a separate location. She was not given a new pen to vote, as all other voters were, although her husband was given a new pen. She also advised that an election official made a snide comment that those who were using the separate voting area were doing so because they wouldn't 'obey the law'. Ms. Robinson said 'well, I guess that's us', to which the election official was apologetic.



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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:12:21 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location
Subject: Email from Deputy Clerk JoAnn Ferruolo confirming status of outstanding reports
Attachments: [RE Reports.msg](#)

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:57 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location
Subject: JoAnn called NCY.

[She said that she will send someone from the City's Highway Department to remove the signs from the polling place.](#)

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:52 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location
Subject: NCY emails Manchester Deputy Clerk JoAnn Ferruolo and Clerk Matt Normand for follow-up

[See attached.](#)

From: ChongYen, Nicholas
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:20 PM
Posted To: Inbox
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Subject: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:11:40 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester
Subject: Email from Deputy Clerk JoAnn Ferruolo confirming status of outstanding reports
Attachments: [RE Reports.msg](#)

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:03 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester
Subject: NCY updates Bill Christie with the status of this matter

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Conversation: Manchester
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Subject: Manchester Ward 2 Reports of unattended political signs at polling place.

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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:10:35 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Kiesha - Deputy Clerk - Newfield
Subject: Kiesha - Deputy Clerk - Newfield

They have an absentee application that was not actually signed, but electronically typed in. The inner envelope is signed with the voters signature. She would like clarification as to whether this is permissible or should be rejected.



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From: [Marden, Patricia](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:10:20 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] - can't wear a mask

Brennan Robinson, of New Durham called saying he has [REDACTED] and cannot wear a face mask. He followed all instructions set forth by the town to vote alternatively. But he was not allowed to cast his ballot. A poll worker took it, and looked at it, and said she would cast it for him, while he watched. But the machine was 20-30 feet away and it was not clear to him that his ballot was cast. He feels this is an infringement of his rights.

[REDACTED]

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From: [Mavrogeorge, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:09:14 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Jacqueline Huot - voter
Subject: MGM calling

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 1:57 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Jacqueline Huot - voter
Subject: Jacqueline Huot - voter

She believes her and her husband are listed incorrectly on the checklist as [REDACTED] when they 'have always voted [REDACTED]'. As such, she stated they were unable to vote because of being listed incorrectly.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 2:09:12 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: John Jackson - voter
Subject: John Jackson - voter

Mr. Jackson indicated this was the second time he went to vote. He went in the previous time as Undeclared, and voted [REDACTED]. However, he was unaware that he had to change back to undeclared after voting. So, when he arrived at the polls today, he was advised he could only receive a [REDACTED] ballot. He was informed he could write in whichever candidate he wished, but it would be counted as a [REDACTED] vote for that candidate.

I advised that all that was accurate, and that once an undeclared voter declares an affiliation on Primary Day to vote, they must go back to the change back area to go back to Undeclared.

Mr. Jackson indicated he was not made aware of this, and wished to know how to change the law that this must occur every time. I advised it is a statute, so he would need to contact his rep.

This is all set.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:56:51 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location
Subject: JoAnn called NCY.

She said that she will send someone from the City's Highway Department to remove the signs from the polling place.

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Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:52 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location
Subject: NCY emails Manchester Deputy Clerk JoAnn Ferruolo and Clerk Matt Normand for follow-up

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Subject: Jacqueline Huot - voter

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From: [Marden, Patricia](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:54:20 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: *** HAS SOMEONE WITH A GUN WAITING TO VOTE, AND POLICE WON'T LET HIM IN***
Subject: *** HAS SOMEONE WITH A GUN WAITING TO VOTE, AND POLICE WON'T LET HIM IN***

Joanne from the City Clerk's office in Manchester. She wants the person to be able to vote. Can voters bring guns into the polling area?



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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:53:50 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Stacy - Manchester City Clerk"s - voter at poll now
Subject: Stacy - Manchester City Clerk"s - voter at poll now

Stacy wants clarification on open carry at the polls, when the location is at a school. There is a police officer with the voter now, and they need an answer before letting them through, or not.

[REDACTED]

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:53:06 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester
Subject: Manchester Ward 2 Reports of unattended political signs at polling place.
Attachments: [FW Absentee Ballots.msg](#)

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From: [Marden, Patricia](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:52:18 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Write in issue, and [REDACTED] attire.
Subject: Write in issue, and [REDACTED] attire.

Larry Lemay of Dover , tel. no [REDACTED] called to say he thinks that people who are running as write ins should be listed so on a ballot, as should candidates from any party. He was disappointed because he couldn't remember the County Attorney's name while he was in the booth so he left it blank, but he remembered it when he got done. He doesn't care if he was running as a [REDACTED], he liked him and would have voted for him anyway if he had access to his name.

Also, he was wearing a [REDACTED] mask, and was told by a poll worker that he couldn't wear it into the polling area. He said he is an "American citizen" and it's his "God given right to wear whatever he wants wherever he wants". And " the poll worker backed off".

He called the town clerk after and reported this, and was told there are no rules forbidding political attire in the polling place.

He said this was the worst voting experience of his life. But he was actually quite affable despite his experience.

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Posted At: Inbox
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Attachments: [Reports.msg](#)

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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:50:09 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Connie roy-Czyzowski - Ward Clerk - Manchester Ward 12
Attachments: [RE Ward 12 .msg](#)

I contacted Beth Daley at Public Health for input, I also sent Matt Normand the attached emails. We will defer to the city clerk and moderator until Public Health has a chance to weigh in.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:07 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Connie roy-Czyzowski - Ward Clerk - Manchester Ward 12
Subject: Connie roy-Czyzowski - Ward Clerk - Manchester Ward 12

They are using a gym within a school, and there is no access to outside air (no windows or outside doors). There is a giant fan within the polling space, and after 4 hours, the moderator indicated she called 'someone' (Connie believes either SoS office or similar) and the moderator has turned the fan on. Connie has concerns about recirculating the inside air, but the moderator stated the fan was to remain on. The moderator and assistant moderator are both wearing 'iffy masks', the thin neck gator style that keeps coming down. Connie is concerned about all of the people coughing and talking without a mask mandate and now the air circulating throughout.


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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#)
To: [Normand, Matthew](#)
Subject: RE: Ward 12
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:44:00 PM

I agree, thank you. I did inquire with Public Health to advise on best practices as I was curious what they would say, and haven't heard back. If Public Health says it needs to be off, I will let you know. Otherwise, I defer to you and your moderator.

From: Normand, Matthew <MNORMAND@manchesternh.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 1:38 PM
To: Broadhead, Matthew <Matthew.Broadhead@doj.nh.gov>
Subject: RE: Ward 12

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Thank you. I am aware. We have been dealing with her on a variety of issues for several weeks. I believe her preference is to have an all absentee election with no in-person voting. The fans are the latest issue. The gyms get warm from time to time on election day so the moderator is trying to stay on top of the matter. The health department is aware as well. Unless you tell me AC/fans are prohibited we will continue to allow the moderator to run her polling location.

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From: Broadhead, Matthew [<mailto:Matthew.Broadhead@doj.nh.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:57 PM
To: Normand, Matthew
Subject: Ward 12

Matt,

I hope you are well. I just wanted to give you a heads up that we received a complaint from your Ward 12 clerk about a fan that was turned on in the voting area, she believes it is a public health risk to re-circulate air. I am not sure whether it is one way or another, but I defer to you and city public health officials on how to run the polling place.

Regards,

-Matt

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:46:08 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Richard Fulford - voter - Merrimack
Subject: all set - MGM

I spoke with Tom Donovan and he is going to speak with the moderators in all three words about the nuisances in the electioneering in the polling place statute.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:43:31 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Richard Fulford - voter - Merrimack
Subject: MGM spoke to voter

Mr. Fulford was very appreciative for the call back. He said the exchange with the poll worker was cordial, but he just wanted clarification. He thought the a court decision from a couple of years ago allowed voters to wear anything into the polls. I explained that the 2018 US Supreme Court case dealt with a Minnesota law and that our state law was different and enforceable. He also took issue with the fact that [REDACTED] is not on the ballot today and he therefore should have been able to wear his [REDACTED] mask. I told him we have inspectors going to the polling places and that we'll have them talk to the moderator about what's allowed versus what's not allowed. He thanked me again. I'm going to call Tom Donovan to see if he can swing by talk to the moderator.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:43:23 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Frank Byron - moderator - Litchfield
Subject: Frank Byron - moderator - Litchfield

He would like assistance in understanding the laws as they relate to challengers.



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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:42:21 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Not able to Register.
Subject: NCY spoke with Windham Moderator Peter Griffin, Philip Melanson, Bill Christie

Eileen called me back and informed me that the Windham Supervisors voted to approve Mr. Melanson's absentee voter registration.

I spoke with Peter and he told me that he was aware of this situation. He understands that the Supervisors voted to register Mr. Melanson.

Peter explained to me that Mr. Melanson's absentee ballot was in a "hold" pile. Peter stated that now that he knows the Supervisors had accepted Mr. Melanson's voter registration, he would process Mr. Melanson's absentee ballot following the routine process.

I called Mr. Melanson and updated him about this situation. I encouraged him to contact the Elections Division Help Desk or the Secretary of State's Office before he left for his school overseas, in order to learn more about the UOCAVA process.

Mr. Melanson thanked me for my time.

I update Bill about this and he thanked me for following-up on the matter.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:45 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Not able to Register.
Subject: NCY spoke with Eileen Mashimo

I told Eileen I was aware that Mr. Melanson was twice more rejected by the Windham Supervisors.

I said that the first rejection, I was told that the Supervisors required Mr. Melanson to submit an absentee voter registration affidavit.

Eileen said that the document was falsified.

I asked her to elaborate. She explained that the document appeared as though it was a scanned copy, and Mr. Melanson's father's signature was the only "wet" writing on the document.

I asked Eileen to tell me whether Mr. Melanson included all the required information on the absentee voter registration affidavit? She said he did. I asked her if he signed to and attested to the contents of the document. She said yes.

I asked putting aside the wet vs. scanned signatures, was there any defect in the information provided by Mr. Melanson. She said no.

I told her then that if this was the case, she should accept the document.

I added that I learned from Mr. Melanson that he has cut ties with the West coast. He no longer lives there and his trip out to the West coast was in order to conclude his domicile there.

Eileen said that Mr. Melanson was living in a 55+ community illegally. I told Eileen, as we had previously discussed, even if that were the case, it does not interrupt a person's claim of domicile for voting purposes.

She said that he would only be in Windham for a limited time before going to live overseas. I answered that I spoke with Mr. Melanson and he indicated that he is going overseas for school, but Windham is the last domicile he will have before leaving.

I pointed out that a person's domicile is not interrupted by virtue of a temporary absence.

Eileen said she would bring this to the attention of the other Supervisors and accept Mr. Melanson's voter registration. I told Eileen to make sure she also coordinated with the other Election Officials to ensure that Mr. Melanson's submitted absentee ballot, if rejected on the basis of his rejected voter registration, would also be pulled out and processed.

Eileen said she would get back to me.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:06 PM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Not able to Register.

Subject: NCY spoke with Bill Christie about this matter.

Bill indicated that Mr. Melanson following his first rejection by the Windham Supervisors, re-submitted his application.

At a session of the Supervisors, Mr. Melanson's application was again rejected. This time, the Supervisors indicated it was because Mr. Melanson needed to complete an absentee voter registration affidavit.

Mr. Melanson completed this affidavit, and again submitted his voter registration documents. At the next session, Mr. Melanson was again rejected by the Windham supervisors because they concluded his NH Driver's License was insufficient proof of his domicile.

I told Bill I had left a voicemail for Supervisor Mashimo.

Following my call with Bill, I contacted the Windham Town Clerk's office and ask that they notify the Windham Supervisors that I needed to speak with them. I gave the Clerk's Office my direct number.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:20 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Not able to Register.
Subject: NCY called and left voicemail for Supervisor Eileen Mashimo

From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:09 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Not able to Register.
Subject: Not able to Register.

Philip Melanson, is living with his parents in their 55+ community. He spoke with Dick T. previously who told him he would be able to register on the same day as voting. He has tried to get an absentee ballot, but cannot even get registered.

Tel. # [REDACTED]

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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:41:32 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Anonymous - voter
Subject: Anonymous - voter

Male wanted to know if he and his wife, as 'independents' could still choose the ballot they wished for this election. I advised that an Undeclared voter arriving at the polls will be asked which ballot they want, and will have an opportunity to change back before leaving the polling location. This is all set.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:39:32 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Anonymous - voter - Milford
Subject: Anonymous - voter - Milford

Female voter went to vote in the non-mask area, which is outside. She had previously been told that ballots outside would have sleeves to be placed into before being submitted into the ballot box. There were no sleeves available when she went to vote, and the opening to the ballot box being used was large enough that she could see the color of the ballots within. She waited to speak with the moderator, and he stated that the lack of sleeves was an oversight. She is concerned, because when she had gone to vote, the polls had already been open for many hours.

She also stated that there aren't any 'voting booths' or partisans around voting tables, so the outside experience is not similar to what would be inside.

She indicated she is going back to the polls with friends later today, and if no changes have been made, she will call back.

She feels like she is being treated like a second class citizen for not wearing a mask.

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From: [Mavrogeorge, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:35:52 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Richard Fulford - voter - Merrimack
Subject: MGM calling

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 1:14 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Richard Fulford - voter - Merrimack
Subject: Richard Fulford - voter - Merrimack

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From: [Mavrogeorge, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:31:32 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]
Subject: all set

I spoke to Al Nix, the moderator, and he understands that voters who can't wear masks need to be aware that they can use a face shield as an alternative and that if they have extras they can provide them to those voters. He also knows that people have to be able to observe the processing of ballots. The issue with the "hazardous waste" came about because Mr. Nix, trying to be helpful, told the voter to keep the face shield that he gave to him, clean it, and use it for the next election.

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:55 PM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]

From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:14 PM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Masks and visor usage in Belmont NH

Subject: Masks and visor usage in Belmont NH

Charles Gravenhorst of Belmont called. His tel no is [REDACTED] He has a [REDACTED] and cannot wear a mask. He was refused entry into the ward. He noticed the people working there were wearing visors, not masks. So, he insisted they give him one of those. Then, he was not allowed to deliver his ballot to be tabulated – he said they were doing this to all people who were like him and not allowed to enter the polling area. The moderator, Alvin Nicks, agreed that this was their procedure.

Also, he said people were given disposable masks, that they were then just throwing away like regular trash – but (per Mr. Gravenhorst) they are supposed to be disposed of like any other toxic contaminated item.

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From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:37 PM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]

Subject: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]

Said he can't wear a mask because of [REDACTED] and that he is following CDC guidance. Was told he couldn't go into the polls but the Town Clerk and Moderator were not wearing masks – they were wearing face shields. They said that was an acceptable substitute. He asked for a face shield and they gave him one. He was allowed to enter and vote. When he left, he heard them telling another voter that he couldn't enter without a mask. They should be offering visors if they are allowing them to be used.

He then debated the fact that he believes that he has a right to see his ballot processed. I explained that he doesn't if he can't wear a mask and that COVID allows for these modifications to the process. He was not happy with that answer.

He argued that people are being treated differently and it doesn't comply with the law. I told him that people are being treated differently but it is equal treatment and that people are being allowed to vote.

He then started discussing that all of the masks and shields are medical waste and they are not being disposed of properly which is a crime. I told him that I had no oversight or knowledge of that issue so he would need to raise that with another entity.

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:46 AM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]

Subject: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]

Called and his mailbox is full and cannot accept messages. I will call him again.

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:45 AM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]



Subject: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - 

From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:25:45 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Linda Bartlett - inspector - Deerfield
Subject: Linda Bartlett - inspector - Deerfield

Linda was in Deerfield and the moderator, Dan Holdridge, told her about an exchange he had with an individual around 12-12:30 this afternoon. He did not want to wear a mask, and the moderator offered him to either wear a mask, vote absentee, or use the separate area (this area is apparently inside, about 20 feet from the regular area). The voter videotaped the exchange, and was very irate about segregation, civil rights, etc. Linda stated that the moderator offered the voter all the options, and stated he could call our office. The individual did end up voting, but the moderator is still very upset about the recording, and afraid he'll end up on youtube tonight. Linda wanted to be sure the office had this information, as the moderator was not interested in calling in.

The police chief is there now and the moderator is explaining the situation.

Dan Holdridge's number is [REDACTED]

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:20:32 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: sugar hill

I just spoke with the Chief again. The individual responded well to the outreach. He will be voting by absentee ballot.

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 1:11 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: sugar hill
Subject: sugar hill

I spoke with Melissa St. Cyr and relayed the info to Matt that in order for DHHS to issue an order of isolation, they would need to facts regarding the other failures to comply with the isolation order and they would need time to issue the order. I explained our plan for how to deal with this through the Police Chief and she agreed that would be more time effective. She also said they could help if we gathered all of the information.

From: Broadhead, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:57 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: sugar hill
Subject:

The Chief confirmed that the individual is actively positive. I explained that he cannot share the person's status with election officials, but the officer should call the individual to see whether he intends to vote. If so, explain that his options are to vote curbside, or for him to request that the moderator/clerk appoint someone to deliver a ballot to his house today. He is under an isolation order and therefore cannot enter the polls. I asked the chief to give me a call back with how he responds to that information.

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I explained that it is important that the chief not disclose the COVID status of the voter with election workers.

From: Broadhead, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:24 AM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: sugar hill

Subject: sugar hill

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:19:55 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location
Subject: Manchester Ward 11 Political Signs at Polling Location
Attachments: [Campaign signs at poll location.msg](#)

Matthew Ping reports that political signs have been posted at the Manchester Ward 11 polling place on the school grounds, as people walk-up on pull-in. Images are inside attached email.

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:10:59 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Question regarding how to be registered undeclared
Subject: NCY spoke with David Hawk.

I explained that a person who shows up at the polling place, already affiliated with a party, cannot use the change-back to undeclared card at the polling place on Election Day.

In order to change to undeclared, an already-affiliated voter should go to the Clerk's Office after Election Day and complete a party change affidavit.

David thanked me for my time.

From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:26 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Question regarding how to be registered undeclared
Subject: Question regarding how to be registered undeclared

David Hawk, tel. no. [REDACTED]

Votes at ward 5 in Somersworth. He wants to know if a person is registered as a democrat or republican, how can they become undeclared.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:09:48 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Robin Rousseau - voter - Portsmouth
Subject: Robin Rousseau - voter - Portsmouth

Ms. Rousseau believes the moderator at the Little Harbor School polling location was acting in a discriminating way to her due to her public anti-mask stance. She indicated at first, she was yelled at by 'old ladies' outside the polling place that she had to wear a mask. She asked for the moderator, who came outside to her. Ms. Rousseau indicated she started filming the exchange she had with the moderator where he checked her license and indicated she was not on the list and would have to register at City Hall. She disagreed, and eventually the moderator let her register there, although she believes she was already registered. She went to vote, and when she came out, the moderator then indicated he had her name spelled wrong and it was an error on their end. She stated that he had her license, so spelling her name wrong was not just an oversight. She was able to vote, but wanted the action of the moderator to be known.



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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:08:42 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Eileen Meany, Moderator - Weare

I explained the analysis that yes, they can open or conceal carry, provided they are not acting in a threatening or intimidating manner.

From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 1:01 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Eileen Meany, Moderator - Weare
Subject: Open or conceal carry acceptable at polling place?

Eileen Meaney, moderator, Town of Weare. Tel. No. [REDACTED]

She wants to know can they allow residents who are armed to enter the polling place. Either open carry or concealed carry.

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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:05:10 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Laura Bergeron - mother of voter - Concord
Subject: Laura Bergeron - mother of voter - Concord

Ms. Bergeron called on behalf of her son who went to vote (unsure of Ward, but Loudon Road in Concord). She indicated her son Robert Bergeron called her stating he went to vote, but is 'an independent', and was advised that he had to get a [REDACTED] ballot. I tried to clarify that in a Primary an undeclared voter would have to make that decision, but Ms. Bergeron indicated her son told her he was not given the option, but told which ballot he would get.

Robert's number is [REDACTED]

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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:04:28 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Potential voter suppression?
Attachments: [IMG_0057.PNG](#)

I spoke with [REDACTED] and she texted me the attached image. I contacted Dick to see whether we could send an investigator out to interview this individual and [REDACTED]. He's been identified as [REDACTED], Deerfield, NH and a possible phone number is [REDACTED].

This may be a possible felony under RSA 659:40, III (b) or (c)

-Matt

From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:43 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Potential voter suppression?
Subject: Potential voter suppression?

[REDACTED]

She is concerned about potential voter suppression stemming from a resident's public post on FB.

Sincerely,

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From: [Marden, Patricia](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 1:00:58 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Eileen Meany, Moderator - Weare
Subject: Open or conceal carry acceptable at polling place?

Eileen Meaney, moderator, Town of Weare. Tel. No. [REDACTED]

She wants to know can they allow residents who are armed to enter the polling place.
Either open carry or concealed carry.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:58:47 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Sonja - Dep Town Clerk - Exeter
Subject: NCY spoke with Sonja.

I spoke with Sonja and informed her that the guidance memo was meant to address those polling places reportedly telling voters they could not drop off their completed absentee ballots at the polling place.

I clarified that this does not subsume the ability for a voter to drop off his/her completed absentee ballot at the clerk's office up until 5PM.

Sonja thanked me for my time.

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:56 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Sonja - Dep Town Clerk - Exeter
Subject: Sonja - Dep Town Clerk - Exeter

I called and left her a message. She has to accept absentee ballots at town hall up until 5 PM.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:54 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Sonja - Dep Town Clerk - Exeter
Subject: Sonja - Dep Town Clerk - Exeter

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:58:46 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Referral from SoS - Rep. Steve Boden re: Prohibited from Parking at Polling Place with Bumper Sticker
Subject: MGM spoke to Anna

She said that it was actually ward 4 where this happened and she is going to go speak with the moderator

From: Mavrogeorge, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:21 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Referral from SoS - Rep. Steve Boden re: Prohibited from Parking at Polling Place with Bumper Sticker
Subject: Anna is going to the polling place to speak with the moderator

I spoke with Rep. Boden. He said that it was actually Ward 3, not Ward 2. His concern is other voters with similar stickers being disenfranchised. He was appreciative of the call and for us taking steps to address this issue. I got in touch with Investigator Anna Croteau from our office and asked her to go to Rochester Ward 3 to discuss the applicable law with the Moderator.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:01 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Referral from SoS - Rep. Steve Boden re: Prohibited from Parking at Polling Place with Bumper Sticker
Subject: Referral from SoS - Rep. Steve Boden re: Prohibited from Parking at Polling Place with Bumper Sticker

Rep. Boden reports he was prohibited from parking his vehicle at the polling place in Rochester Ward 2, because he has a [REDACTED] bumper sticker.

Ph. [REDACTED]

We need to call the Rochester Ward 2 Moderator and review the applicable statutes, that this bumper sticker would not constitute electioneering in support of or against a candidate on this ballot.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:56:30 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Sonja - Dep Town Clerk - Exeter
Subject: Sonja - Dep Town Clerk - Exeter

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Posted To: Inbox
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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:55:17 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]
Subject: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]

From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:14 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Masks and visor usage in Belmont NH
Subject: Masks and visor usage in Belmont NH

Charles Gravenhorst of Belmont called. His tel no is [REDACTED] He has a [REDACTED] and cannot wear a mask. He was refused entry into the ward. He noticed the people working there were wearing visors, not masks. So, he insisted they give him one of those. Then, he was not allowed to deliver his ballot to be tabulated – he said they were doing this to all people who were like him and not allowed to enter the polling area. The moderator, Alvin Nicks, agreed that this was their procedure.

Also, he said people were given disposable masks, that they were then just throwing away like regular trash – but (per Mr. Gravenhorst) they are supposed to be disposed of like any other toxic contaminated item.

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Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:37 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]
Subject: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]

Said he can't wear a mask because of [REDACTED] and that he is following CDC guidance. Was

told he couldn't go into the polls but the Town Clerk and Moderator were not wearing masks – they were wearing face shields. They said that was an acceptable substitute. He asked for a face shield and they gave him one. He was allowed to enter and vote. When he left, he heard them telling another voter that he couldn't enter without a mask. They should be offering visors if they are allowing them to be used.

He then debated the fact that he believes that he has a right to see his ballot processed. I explained that he doesn't if he can't wear a mask and that COVID allows for these modifications to the process. He was not happy with that answer.

He argued that people are being treated differently and it doesn't comply with the law. I told him that people are being treated differently but it is equal treatment and that people are being allowed to vote.

He then started discussing that all of the masks and shields are medical waste and they are not being disposed of properly which is a crime. I told him that I had no oversight or knowledge of that issue so he would need to raise that with another entity.

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:46 AM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]

Subject: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]

Called and his mailbox is full and cannot accept messages. I will call him again.

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:45 AM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]

Subject: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]

From: [Mavrogeorge, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:54:42 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Carol Lenox - Peterborough - mod
Subject: all set - MGM

I explained to her that things are a bit different this election due to COVID and someone voting absentee due to a disability related to COVID concerns can drop their ballot off at the polling place before 5 and get it counted. If they do this after 5, they will have to vote in person since their absentee ballot would be arriving too late.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:42 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Carol Lenox - Peterborough - mod
Subject: Carol Lenox - Peterborough - mod

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Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Casey McDermott - Concerns regarding absentee ballot dropoff
Subject: Casey McDermott - Concerns regarding absentee ballot dropoff

Spoke with Allison Vachon and she spoke with Bill Klein, moderator, who said they'd also heard from Channel 10 and recognized that they had a mistake. They have been accepting absentee ballots at both the polls and town hall today and will continue to do so. They were able to modify their website.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:50 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Casey McDermott - Concerns regarding absentee ballot dropoff
Subject: Sonja - Exeter - Dep Clerk

Sonja is still unclear between the memorandum and the phone call with Anne. [REDACTED]

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:09 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Casey McDermott - Concerns regarding absentee ballot dropoff
Subject: Casey McDermott - Concerns regarding absentee ballot dropoff

Nick and Kate spoke with Casey.

I called and spoke with the Exeter Deputy Clerk, Sonja, and told her that they need to accept ballots at town hall if a voter cannot go to the polls – or does not want to go to the polls. I confirmed that the cut off for accepting absentee ballots was 5 PM. I also discussed that voters who come in after 5 PM should be sent to the polls to vote through the accessible voting system.

I called and left a message with the Bedford Clerk and explained that their website is incorrect for the 2020 elections. I explained what I explained in the message above plus the fact that people in town can vote on election day at the polls without going inside. I told her that she needs to correct her website for COVID issues. I'll speak with our inspector as well.

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:06 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Casey McDermott - Concerns regarding absentee ballot dropoff
Subject: Casey McDermott - Concerns regarding absentee ballot dropoff

From: "Casey McDermott" <cmcdermott@nhpr.org>

Subject: Question - Absentee ballot drop off
Date: 08 September 2020 07:56
To: "Giaquinto, Kate" <Kate.Giaquinto@doj.nh.gov>

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:50:44 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Inspector Michael Haley called re - Where to find total number of voters?
Subject: Inspector Michael Haley called re - Where to find total number of voters?

I spoke with Mike and explained that officials could locate the number toward the back of the official voter checklist, which should be in the possession of the ballot clerks who are conducting the voter check-in process.

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Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Carol Lenox - Peterborough - mod
Subject: MGM is calling

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:42 PM
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Conversation: Carol Lenox - Peterborough - mod
Subject: Carol Lenox - Peterborough - mod

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:44:57 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Not able to Register.
Subject: NCY spoke with Eileen Mashimo

I told Eileen I was aware that Mr. Melanson was twice more rejected by the Windham Supervisors.

I said that the first rejection, I was told that the Supervisors required Mr. Melanson to submit an absentee voter registration affidavit.

Eileen said that the document was falsified.

I asked her to elaborate. She explained that the document appeared as though it was a scanned copy, and Mr. Melanson's father's signature was the only "wet" writing on the document.

I asked Eileen to tell me whether Mr. Melanson included all the required information on the absentee voter registration affidavit? She said he did. I asked her if he signed to and attested to the contents of the document. She said yes.

I asked putting aside the wet vs. scanned signatures, was there any defect in the information provided by Mr. Melanson. She said no.

I told her then that if this was the case, she should accept the document.

I added that I learned from Mr. Melanson that he has cut ties with the West coast. He no longer lives there and his trip out to the West coast was in order to conclude his domicile there.

Eileen said that Mr. Melanson was living in a 55+ community illegally. I told Eileen, as we had previously discussed, even if that were the case, it does not interrupt a person's claim of domicile for voting purposes.

She said that he would only be in Windham for a limited time before going to live overseas. I answered that I spoke with Mr. Melanson and he indicated that he is going overseas for school, but Windham is the last domicile he will have before leaving.

I pointed out that a person's domicile is not interrupted by virtue of a temporary absence.

Eileen said she would bring this to the attention of the other Supervisors and accept Mr. Melanson's voter registration. I told Eileen to make sure she also coordinated with the other Election Officials to ensure that Mr. Melanson's submitted absentee ballot, if rejected on the basis of his rejected voter registration, would also be pulled out and processed.

Eileen said she would get back to me.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:06 PM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Not able to Register.

Subject: NCY spoke with Bill Christie about this matter.

Bill indicated that Mr. Melanson following his first rejection by the Windham Supervisors, re-submitted his application.

At a session of the Supervisors, Mr. Melanson's application was again rejected. This time, the Supervisors indicated it was because Mr. Melanson needed to complete an absentee voter registration affidavit.

Mr. Melanson completed this affidavit, and again submitted his voter registration documents. At the next session, Mr. Melanson was again rejected by the Windham supervisors because they concluded his NH Driver's License was insufficient proof of his domicile.

I told Bill I had left a voicemail for Supervisor Mashimo.

Following my call with Bill, I contacted the Windham Town Clerk's office and ask that they notify the Windham Supervisors that I needed to speak with them. I gave the Clerk's Office my direct number.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:20 AM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Not able to Register.

Subject: NCY called and left voicemail for Supervisor Eileen Mashimo

From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:09 AM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Not able to Register.

Subject: Not able to Register.

Philip Melanson, is living with his parents in their 55+ community. He spoke with Dick T. previously who told him he would be able to register on the same day as voting. He has tried to get an absentee ballot, but cannot even get registered.

Tel. # [REDACTED]

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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:40:45 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Judy - Town Clerk - Littleton
Subject: Judy - Town Clerk - Littleton

Judy called seeking clarification of the absentee voting process with regard to the 5pm cutoff together with the term Accessible Voting procedure. She wanted to be sure it was not that someone wishing to vote absentee after 5pm would be using the tent inside. I clarified that the terminology "Accessible Voting on Election Day" is the same as what had been dubbed "curbside voting procedure". She understood and is all set.

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From: [Mavrogeorge, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:40:33 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Jesse O'Neil called from Dover Ward 5 - the logs for the seals and memory cards are missing
Subject: Jesse emailed affidavit
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Dover Ward 5 Affidavit.JPG](#)

[See attached affidavit](#)

From: Mavrogeorge, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:00 PM
Posted To: Inbox
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Subject: Jesse O'Neil called from Dover Ward 5 - the logs for the seals and memory cards are missing

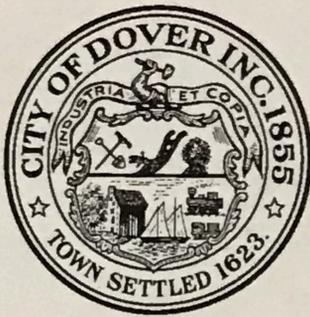
After consulting with Anne, I called Jesse back and told him to have the Moderator call the clerk to see if the logs are at the city clerk's office. If they are not there, the clerk might be able to sign an affidavit for the two logs if he/she can verify that he/she was involved with the testing of the machine and installed the seals and memory card. Jesse is going to call back. This is one that will need some post-election follow up.

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Susan Mistretta
City Clerk / Tax Collector



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September 8, 2020

This affidavit is to verify that the Dover Ward 5 Accuvote Voting Machine was tested on September 2, 2020. At that time, the memory card was sealed in the machine, and the bag was sealed and locked in the City's vault. The City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk are the only two people with access to this vault. I affirm, and have verified with the Deputy City Clerk, that the vault remained closed until the ballots and machines were picked up on Monday by the Moderator. The Dover Ward 5 Accuvote Voting Machine and the memory card have not been tampered with.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Susan Mistretta
City Clerk / Tax Collector

On this 8th day of September, 2020, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Susan Mistretta, who acknowledged herself to be the City Clerk of Dover, New Hampshire and that she, as such City Clerk, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Signature

Notary Public/ Justice of the Peace

My Commission expires: _____

LAUREN FONTAINE, Notary Public
My Commission Expires December 5, 2023

From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:39:23 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Alvin Nix - moderator - Belmont
Subject: Alvin Nix - moderator - Belmont

The individual complaining is Charles Gravenhorst and I told him I was not going to discuss this issue.

If you talk with Mr. Nix, tell him that if they are allowing visors as an alternative, and they have spare ones, they should tell that to voters who say they can't wear masks so those voters can either use a visor from the polling place or their own to vote inside.

Mr. Gravenhorst stated that the election officials are using visors but not offering that alternative to voters.

From: Mavrogeorge, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:09 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Alvin Nix - moderator - Belmont
Subject: MGM left message for Alvin to call

I spoke to Deb at HAVA and she confirmed that only unused PPE is supposed to be kept until the General Election. Any masks being worn today by election officials should be disposed of in the trash. They are not hazardous, medical waste, so simple trash disposal is fine. I will explain this to Alvin when he returns my call.

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Subject: Alvin Nix - moderator - Belmont

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:38:44 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Sue Lovering - Nashua - absentee registration
Subject: all set

I spoke with Bud who confirmed that the witness signature is required and so it needs to be rejected. However, he noted that best practice is to contact the person and see if they can come to the polling place to cure the defect with their registration. I then called Adrianna and told her the same information that Bud told me. She is going to contact the clerk's office and try to get contact info for the voter.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:12 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Sue Lovering - Nashua - absentee registration
Subject: Sue Lovering - Nashua - absentee registration

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:37:06 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]
Subject: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]

Said he can't wear a mask because of [REDACTED] and that he is following CDC guidance. Was told he couldn't go into the polls but the Town Clerk and Moderator were not wearing masks – they were wearing face shields. They said that was an acceptable substitute. He asked for a face shield and they gave him one. He was allowed to enter and vote. When he left, he heard them telling another voter that he couldn't enter without a mask. They should be offering visors if they are allowing them to be used.

He then debated the fact that he believes that he has a right to see his ballot processed. I explained that he doesn't if he can't wear a mask and that COVID allows for these modifications to the process. He was not happy with that answer.

He argued that people are being treated differently and it doesn't comply with the law. I told him that people are being treated differently but it is equal treatment and that people are being allowed to vote.

He then started discussing that all of the masks and shields are medical waste and they are not being disposed of properly which is a crime. I told him that I had no oversight or knowledge of that issue so he would need to raise that with another entity.

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:46 AM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]

Called and his mailbox is full and cannot accept messages. I will call him again.

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:45 AM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]

From: [Marden, Patricia](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:26:09 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Question regarding how to be registered undeclared
Subject: Question regarding how to be registered undeclared

David Hawk, tel. no. [REDACTED]

Votes at ward 5 in Somersworth. He wants to know if a person is registered as a democrat or republican, how can they become undeclared.

Sincerely,

Tricia Marden

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:23:13 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Sue Lovering - Nashua - absentee registration
Subject: MGM handling

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
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Subject: Sue Lovering - Nashua - absentee registration

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:21:52 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Ellen - moderator - Kingston
Subject: Ellen - moderator - Kingston

Ellen stated they have someone there that wants to take a picture inside the polling place. After speaking with MGM, I advised that a photo is okay, as long as it is not of a ballot, or zoomed in on a ballot.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:20:52 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Referral from SoS - Rep. Steve Boden re: Prohibited from Parking at Polling Place with Bumper Sticker
Subject: Anna is going to the polling place to speak with the moderator

I spoke with Rep. Boden. He said that it was actually Ward 3, not Ward 2. His concern is other voters with similar stickers being disenfranchised. He was appreciative of the call and for us taking steps to address this issue. I got in touch with Investigator Anna Croteau from our office and asked her to go to Rochester Ward 3 to discuss the applicable law with the Moderator.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:01 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Referral from SoS - Rep. Steve Boden re: Prohibited from Parking at Polling Place with Bumper Sticker
Subject: Referral from SoS - Rep. Steve Boden re: Prohibited from Parking at Polling Place with Bumper Sticker

Rep. Boden reports he was prohibited from parking his vehicle at the polling place in Rochester Ward 2, because he has a [REDACTED] bumper sticker.

Ph [REDACTED]

We need to call the Rochester Ward 2 Moderator and review the applicable statutes, that this bumper sticker would not constitute electioneering in support of or against a candidate on this ballot.

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:19:27 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Will Phillips re - Removal of Political Advertising
Subject: Will Phillips re - Removal of Political Advertising
Attachments: [Removal of Campaign Signs - School Property.msg](#)

Will emailed and asked about political ads at the polling place.

I called Will and told him that generally, we have told election officials that signs at the polling place must be attended to. Moderators should monitor the exterior of the polling place to ensure there are no unattended signs.

If signs are unattended, the Moderator can notify the owner. If the owner cannot be located, the Moderator should work with state, town, or law enforcement officials or maintenance personnel to have the signs removed and placed in an area, outside the view of the public, but where the owner can claim the sign.

I told Will that the Moderator, if he/she observes unattended signs can also go to their location, remove them and lay them to rest in the spot where they were found.

I clarified for Will that the Moderator's authority over the polling place as chief election officer applied on Election Day online. Prior to or after Election Day, when the venue is not a polling place, the statute should be followed authorizing only specified officials to remove political ads impermissibly affixed to public property.

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From: [Will Phillips](#)
To: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Subject: Removal of Campaign Signs - School Property
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:03:02 PM

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Hello Nicholas,

I have a question about the removal of campaign signs from school property.

664:17 prohibits placing campaign signage on "public property" or upon private property without the owner's consent.

However, the same statute also states as to removal of signage from public property: *"Political advertising placed on or affixed to any public property may be removed by state, city, or town maintenance or law enforcement personnel."* Signage on private property may be removed by the owner of the property.

While school property sometimes has the characteristics of private property, we generally view it as public.

Question, can school officials/employees remove illegally posted campaign signage?

Does any of the analysis change on election day if a school building is being used as a voting place?

If you could respond when you have a moment, I would appreciate it. If you think quicker to call, my cell number is [REDACTED].

Will Phillips

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:16:27 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Referral from SoS - Rep. Steve Boden re: Prohibited from Parking at Polling Place with Bumper Sticker
Subject: MGM calling

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From: [Mavrogeorge, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:12:57 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Jackson - Kathy Amar called and said they were using the 2012 Qualified Voter Affidavit
Subject: Jackson - Kathy Amar called and said they were using the 2012 Qualified Voter Affidavit - all set
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

She is going to have them photo copy the most recent QVA from the EPM and use that version going forward.

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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:10:16 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: salem ward 2
Subject: salem ward 2

Jess King called in with a report of a machine breakdown in Salem Ward 2 after someone wiped their ballot down with a sanitary wipe which apparently caused it to stop working. They put that machine temporarily out of order and moved the sim card into the second/back up machine. Once machine 1 was back up and running they moved the sim card back. They logged each time the sim card was moved and it was witnessed each time. I confirmed with Bud Fitch that this is consistent with training and best practices.

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Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Casey McDermott - Concerns regarding absentee ballot dropoff
Subject: Casey McDermott - Concerns regarding absentee ballot dropoff

Nick and Kate spoke with Casey.

I called and spoke with the Exeter Deputy Clerk, Sonja, and told her that they need to accept ballots at town hall if a voter cannot go to the polls – or does not want to go to the polls. I confirmed that the cut off for accepting absentee ballots was 5 PM. I also discussed that voters who come in after 5 PM should be sent to the polls to vote through the accessible voting system.

I called and left a message with the Bedford Clerk and explained that their website is incorrect for the 2020 elections. I explained what I explained in the message above plus the fact that people in town can vote on election day at the polls without going inside. I told her that she needs to correct her website for COVID issues. I'll speak with our inspector as well.

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:06 PM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Casey McDermott - Concerns regarding absentee ballot dropoff
Subject: Casey McDermott - Concerns regarding absentee ballot dropoff

From: "Casey McDermott" <cmcdermott@nhpr.org>
Subject: Question - Absentee ballot drop off
Date: 08 September 2020 07:56
To: "Giaquinto, Kate" <Kate.Giaquinto@doj.nh.gov>

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Hi Kate, I came across these notices on a few town websites this morning - my understanding was that voters can drop off absentee ballots or request to use accessible absentee at the polls. Can you or someone from your office please clarify?

Exeter: <https://www.exeternh.gov/townclerk/how-apply-absentee-ballots-request-forms>

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Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Alvin Nix - moderator - Belmont
Subject: MGM calling

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:43 AM
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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 12:06:11 PM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Not able to Register.
Subject: NCY spoke with Bill Christie about this matter.

Bill indicated that Mr. Melanson following his first rejection by the Windham Supervisors, re-submitted his application.

At a session of the Supervisors, Mr. Melanson's application was again rejected. This time, the Supervisors indicated it was because Mr. Melanson needed to complete an absentee voter registration affidavit.

Mr. Melanson completed this affidavit, and again submitted his voter registration documents. At the next session, Mr. Melanson was again rejected by the Windham supervisors because they concluded his NH Driver's License was insufficient proof of his domicile.

I told Bill I had left a voicemail for Supervisor Mashimo.

Following my call with Bill, I contacted the Windham Town Clerk's office and ask that they notify the Windham Supervisors that I needed to speak with them. I gave the Clerk's Office my direct number.

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Subject: Casey McDermott - Concerns regarding absentee ballot dropoff

From: "Casey McDermott" <cmcdermott@nhpr.org>
Subject: Question - Absentee ballot drop off
Date: 08 September 2020 07:56
To: "Giaquinto, Kate" <Kate.Giaquinto@doj.nh.gov>

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Conversation: Referral from SoS - Rep. Steve Boden re: Prohibited from Parking at Polling Place with Bumper Sticker
Subject: Referral from SoS - Rep. Steve Boden re: Prohibited from Parking at Polling Place with Bumper Sticker

Rep. Boden reports he was prohibited from parking his vehicle at the polling place in Rochester Ward 2, because he has a [REDACTED] bumper sticker.

Ph. [REDACTED]

We need to call the Rochester Ward 2 Moderator and review the applicable statutes, that this bumper sticker would not constitute electioneering in support of or against a candidate on this ballot.

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From: [Mavrogeorge, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:59:43 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Jesse O'Neil called from Dover Ward 5 - the logs for the seals and memory cards are missing
Subject: Jesse O'Neil called from Dover Ward 5 - the logs for the seals and memory cards are missing
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

After consulting with Anne, I called Jesse back and told him to have the Moderator call the clerk to see if the logs are at the city clerk's office. If they are not there, the clerk might be able to sign an affidavit for the two logs if he/she can verify that he/she was involved with the testing of the machine and installed the seals and memory card. Jesse is going to call back. This is one that will need some post-election follow up.

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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:56:46 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: sugar hill

The Chief confirmed that the individual is actively positive. I explained that he cannot share the person's status with election officials, but the officer should call the individual to see whether he intends to vote. If so, explain that his options are to vote curbside, or for him to request that the moderator/clerk appoint someone to deliver a ballot to his house today. He is under an isolation order and therefore cannot enter the polls. I asked the chief to give me a call back with how he responds to that information.

From: Broadhead, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:11 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: sugar hill
Subject:

I spoke with the Chief. He said he learned that this particular voter was positive through a third party and has seen him out and about around town. He knows this voter votes in person every year and has not requested an absentee ballot yet this year, so they are afraid he will be coming into the polls. He asked what the protocol is for this. I first asked him to call dispatch to check his list of active cases in town. If the voter tested positive within the last 21 days, the system would show that. If not, then the voter should be permitted to vote as normal.

I explained that it is important that the chief not disclose the COVID status of the voter with election workers.

From: Broadhead, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:24 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: sugar hill
Subject: sugar hill

According to Police Chief Ho-Sing-Loy [REDACTED]. There is someone who has been diagnosed with COVID and has been told to isolate. Apparently the person has not been isolating and has been "walkinh around town." They want to know what to do if and when he shows up to the polls.

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From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:48:06 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Paula at SOS - Ward 6 - ballot counting machine was not working earlier
Subject: Paula at SOS - Ward 6 - ballot counting machine was not working earlier

Let Jim Boffetti know as he is the inspector in the area. He will check on the status of the machine – and the ballots.

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Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:47 AM
Posted To: Inbox
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Subject: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]

Called and his mailbox is full and cannot accept messages. I will call him again.

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[REDACTED]
Subject: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]

From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:45:03 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]
Subject: Charles Gravenhorst - Belmont - Couldn't see his ballot go into the ballot box - [REDACTED]

From: [Marden, Patricia](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:43:26 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Potential voter suppression?
Subject: Potential voter suppression?

[REDACTED]

She is concerned about potential voter suppression stemming from a resident's public post on FB.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:34:25 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Ken Kettering - moderator - New Hampton

RSA 654:17 only requires hard copies of proof of identity and domicile with an absentee registration packet and does not affirmatively require proof of citizenship. However, the affidavit must be signed by the voter attesting that they are qualified to vote and that stands in as an affirmation of citizenship.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:04 AM
Posted To: Inbox
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Subject: Ken Kettering - moderator - New Hampton

2 absentee voters that did not have the citizenship information within their registration packet that was returned. He states they obtained the registration information materials 'from the State'. He is unsure how to proceed. [REDACTED]

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From: [Janice Arcaro](#)
To: [DOJ-Election Law](#)
Subject: Ward 9 Nashua mask issue
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:26:44 AM

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As a registered voter who always votes, I have several concerns to share re voting today in Ward 9 in Nashua.

* no information was posted either on the City website or at the polling place for those who cannot wear a mask for medical reasons. A call to my alderman was also fruitless as she had no information. With the City Clerk's office essentially closed, that was Not an avenue for information. That left someone like me worrying about voting in person.

* I did not apply for an absentee ballot as I have no reason not to vote in person. While concern over Covid-19 has been deemed a disability for purposes of voting absentee, I do not have concerns/fears about Covid-19. I do not wear a mask due to my own health issues. I would be lying if I used Covid as a "reason" for an absentee ballot.

* voting today was a very unpleasant experience. I take my responsibility to vote very seriously. Entering New Searles School to vote, I was immediately asked to take a mask. I politely declined. I was then told masks are mandatory in the school. When I stated that I have a medical reason not to wear a mask, I was immediately told I had to vote absentee and someone from the gym where actual voting was occurring was called to the entrance. This man came with an absentee application and ballot and I was told this was the only way I could vote. When I objected and said I would not lie on the application, I was told that the AG's office said that not masking is a qualifying disability for voting absentee. Again, I stated that I was there to vote in person as I had no reason not to. Given the choice of not voting or voting absentee, I opted to write a disclaimer on the application stating the reason for the application was my medical exemption from masking.

* I completed the application and was then given an absentee ballot and directed to a table in the adjacent cafeteria to complete my ballot. I placed the ballot in a sealed envelope and gave it back to the person at the door. He attached the application and placed it in a locked box marked absentee ballots. He said it would be counted starting at 7:00 pm tonight.

* essentially I was told to lie on my absentee application or not vote.

* this was my worst experience ever voting. For those who do not or cannot mask, it feels like discrimination. If my sense of responsibility were not so strong, I probably would not have voted. My recommendations: nonmasked voters should be given the same respect and courtesy as those wearing masks. Information about accommodations should be available included on all publications, media, etc. At the ward 9 polling place, a separate line and voting machine could be in the same room where voting occurs. Another option might be to have at least 2 days to vote.

Thank you for hearing my concerns. Voting in person is a responsibility that I take very seriously. The integrity of our elections is essential to our country!

Janice Arcaro

[REDACTED]
Nashua NH 03062

Phone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

From: [Mavrogeorge, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:22:10 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Luanne Blais - Milford - re hat concern call
Subject: all set - MGM

Luanne called back. She didn't get the voter's name, but said it was a male voter who was a veteran. It appears to be the same voter that Anne spoke to earlier.

From: Mavrogeorge, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
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Conversation: Anonymous - voter - Tuftonboro
Subject: Anonymous - voter - Tuftonboro

Left a message with the Carroll County Sheriff's Office to ask to have Chief Andrew Shagoury call me.

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Subject: Anonymous - voter - Tuftonboro

Caller stated the election workers went above and beyond to maintain a safe voting area during COVID concerns, with placement of hand sanitizer and plastic guards, etc. However, the Chief of Police is standing at the only exit doors, unmasked, and all voters have to go within inches of him to leave the polling location.

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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:10:44 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: sugar hill

I spoke with the Chief. He said he learned that this particular voter was positive through a third party and has seen him out and about around town. He knows this voter votes in person every year and has not requested an absentee ballot yet this year, so they are afraid he will be coming into the polls. He asked what the protocol is for this. I first asked him to call dispatch to check his list of active cases in town. If the voter tested positive within the last 21 days, the system would show that. If not, then the voter should be permitted to vote as normal.

I explained that it is important that the chief not disclose the COVID status of the voter with election workers.

From: Broadhead, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:24 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: sugar hill
Subject: sugar hill

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From: [Marden, Patricia](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:09:15 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Not able to Register.
Subject: Not able to Register.

Philip Melanson, is living with his parents in their 55+ community. He spoke with Dick T. previously who told him he would be able to register on the same day as voting. He has tried to get an absentee ballot, but cannot even get registered.

Tel. # [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:07:51 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Derry Daniel and Mary Brazas re: Absentee Ballot Process
Subject: Derry Daniel and Mary Brazas re: Absentee Ballot Process

I spoke with Mr. Brazas, who also has [REDACTED]. He said that he and his wife vote absentee often because of his health challenges. His wife hand delivered their completed absentee ballots to City Hall today.

He is very frustrated with how much effort it took to get their ballots – and that he and his wife had to stay in the city instead of following their weekend plans.

I told him that we had spoken with the Nashua Clerk's Office in August about similar concerns and that we would follow up.

He told me that they had requested absentee ballots for both the primary and the general election. I told him that he should see his general election ballots by mid-October at the latest and he should let us know if there are any issues.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:13 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Derry Daniel and Mary Brazas re: Absentee Ballot Process
Subject: Derry Daniel and Mary Brazas re: Absentee Ballot Process

See attached inquiry.

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From: [Karen Ladd](#) on behalf of [Elections](#)
To: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Subject: FW: absentee ballots
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:49:05 AM

From: Ginger b [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Saturday, September 05, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Elections
Cc: CLEMONSB@NASHUANH.GOV
Subject: absentee ballots

Dear Secretary Of State:

My husband & I called our City Clerk here in Nashua on 8/17/20 to obtain applications for absentee ballots. We received them via mail on 8/19/20, sat down, filled them out and I hand delivered them that afternoon. After waiting patiently and having not received them on 8/31/20, twelve days later, I called our clerk's office only to hear that their "mail box was full". I then called our actual Clerk on 8/31 also and left a message. I drove back to City Hall that same day and was told I should "go on line" to find the status of our applications, I tried with no success. Then I called again on 9/1/20 but had to leave a message. No results or call back. On 9/2 I returned to City Hall for a second time and spoke with two young ladies at the temporary desk outside of the building to inquire yet again. I asked to speak directly to our City Clerk, Susan Lovering. One couldn't be bothered - her fingers were to busy on her phone to acknowledge me, the second young lady did assist me. I was told "they were all in a meeting" with no idea for how long. I left and shortly thereafter my husband called my cell phone to tell me that someone had called our home for me, so I returned to the building and the same young lady went and got someone, a young man named Robert who did assist me. He took copies of my paperwork (photo copies I had made of the original applications of 8/19) and promised that they would be in the mail that day. They were not mailed to us until the next day 9/3/20 and received by us today Saturday 9/5/20. We have now filled them out but are VERY concerned about returning them, due to today being Saturday, tomorrow is Sunday and the office is obviously closed, Monday is a holiday and Tuesday is election day! Oh and yes I even called our alderman, Linda Gathright and she was in fact informative and helpful, but there's nothing she can really do.

She did tell us that this is happening to way to many people. We hope that this is not a new trend and that it does not in fact happen again.

We had planned on going to the lake for the long weekend but changed our plans due to this issue.

So my questions to you are: 1) why can the City clerk get our applications to us in two (2) days but it took seventeen (17) days and two (2) additional trips to obtain the actual ballots? And please don't blame it on the virus or the post office! 2) What is our best option to return our ballots AND have them count?

Sincerely,

Daniel and Mary Brazas

[REDACTED]
Nahua, NH 03062
[REDACTED]

From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:07:22 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Connie roy-Czyzowski - Ward Clerk - Manchester Ward 12
Subject: Connie roy-Czyzowski - Ward Clerk - Manchester Ward 12

They are using a gym within a school, and there is no access to outside air (no windows or outside doors). There is a giant fan within the polling space, and after 4 hours, the moderator indicated she called 'someone' (Connie believes either SoS office or similar) and the moderator has turned the fan on. Connie has concerns about recirculating the inside air, but the moderator stated the fan was to remain on. The moderator and assistant moderator are both wearing 'iffy masks', the thin neck gator style that keeps coming down. Connie is concerned about all of the people coughing and talking without a mask mandate and now the air circulating throughout.



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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:03:47 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Ken Kettering - moderator - New Hampton
Subject: Ken Kettering - moderator - New Hampton

2 absentee voters that did not have the citizenship information within their registration packet that was returned. He states they obtained the registration information materials 'from the State'. He is unsure how to proceed. [REDACTED]

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 11:00:12 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Bethany Arcand - voter - Weare
Subject: all set - MGM

I spoke to Ms. Arcand and she explained that when she went to check in to vote she discovered that her name had been purged by mistake from the checklist, even though she had recently voted in the town election. It took the officials 30 minutes to get her name back on the checklist as a new voter. She said that town clerk Maureen Biladeau was wonderful, very helpful and brought Ms. Arcand to the check in table. When Ms. Arcand gave her party affiliation, the ballot clerk (Richard Butt) put the [REDACTED] ballot in the sleeve and shoved it under the plexi glass to her. When Ms. Biladeau asked him if he was going to explain the COVID voting process to Ms. Arcand he said it's self-explanatory. When Ms. Arcand asked him to explain it he rolled his eyes, slouched in his chair and refused to explain the process. At that point, Ms. Biladeau explained the process to Ms. Arcand. Ms. Arcand said she witnessed this same ballot clerk happily explain the COVID voting process to a voter who got a [REDACTED] primary ballot. I called Weston from our office and asked him to go to Weare next and speak with the Moderator about the purging issue and whether they believe this was an isolated incident. I also asked him to speak with the Moderator about speaking to the ballot clerks as a group about making sure they provide consistent information to the voters, regardless of what primary they are voting in.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:07 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Bethany Arcand - voter - Weare
Subject: Bethany Arcand - voter - Weare

She believes she was met with discrimination based on her party affiliation after she voted. She called SoS office as well, and they advised her to call the hotline too.

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From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 10:56:54 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Donald Lavoie - voter - Milford
Subject: Donald Lavoie - voter - Milford

I spoke with him and explained RSA 659:43. He said he is a Vietnam Vet and was shaken up over this. I explained the reason behind the law and told him that he should speak with his State Reps or Senators about changing it if he was concerned.

I did not get into a discussion about the technicality that [REDACTED] is not on today's ballot so it could be argued that his hat was not intended to influence the action of a voter within the polling place.

He did say that the poll workers were polite to him. They were just insistent. He does not believe that it reflects freedom to have such a law.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:36 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Donald Lavoie - voter - Milford
Subject: Donald Lavoie - voter - Milford

He was told to remove his [REDACTED] hat before being allowed to vote. [REDACTED]

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 10:46:22 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Anonymous - voter - Tufonboro
Subject: Anonymous - voter - Tufonboro

Caller stated the election workers went above and beyond to maintain a safe voting area during COVID concerns, with placement of hand sanitizer and plastic guards, etc. However, the Chief of Police is standing at the only exit doors, unmasked, and all voters have to go within inches of him to leave the polling location.

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 10:41:01 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Bethany Arcand - voter - Weare
Subject: MGM calling

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
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Subject: Bethany Arcand - voter - Weare

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Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 10:40:14 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Didn't get to vote the way he wanted to, so he didn't vote at all...
Subject: All set

I spoke to Mr. Reardon. He said that after the last primary he voted in he did not change back to an independent (undeclared) voter and so he was frustrated that he was stuck voting in the [REDACTED] primary today. I explained that statute to him and encouraged him to check his party affiliation status before the cutoff for future primaries. He thanked me for that information. He also said he likes to choose some Dem. and Rep. candidates. I explained to him that during State Primaries, a voter cannot take both a red and a blue ballot. He understood that. However, I explained that he can write in the names of [REDACTED] candidates on the [REDACTED] ballot he receives and that those votes will be tallied in the [REDACTED] primary, but will not count in the [REDACTED] primary. I told him that he can always go back and vote this way if he changes his mine. He said that he will think about it, and that he is frustrated with the law and the process. He thanked me for taking the time to speak to him about his concerns.

From: Marden, Patricia **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:18 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Didn't get to vote the way he wanted to, so he didn't vote at all...
Subject: Didn't get to vote the way he wanted to, so he didn't vote at all...

Timothy Reardon of [REDACTED] in Amherst said he is registered as an independent, and when he went to vote he had to choose a democratic or republican ticket, and he wanted to vote for people from both parties, and he's not happy about that. His number is [REDACTED].

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From: [Mavrogeorge, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 10:05:27 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Anna Croteau called regarding Rochester issue involving unattended signs on the vehicle
Subject: Anna Croteau called regarding Rochester issue involving unattended signs on a vehicle
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 10:10:45 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Anne Copp - candidate - Derry
Subject: Anne Copp - candidate - Derry

From: Giaquinto, Kate <Kate.Giaquinto@doj.nh.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 8:12 AM
To: DOJ: 2020 State Primary <2020StatePrimary@doj.nh.gov>
Cc: Edwards, Anne <Anne.Edwards@doj.nh.gov>; Young, Jane <Jane.Young@doj.nh.gov>; Tekin, Jill <Jill.Tekin@doj.nh.gov>; Tracy, Richard <Richard.Tracy@doj.nh.gov>
Subject: Re: Anne Copp - candidate - Derry

Casey. I'll be in soon to discuss.

On: 08 September 2020 07:56,
"DOJ: 2020 State Primary" <2020StatePrimary@doj.nh.gov> wrote:

Morning Kate-

See below complaint we received. A voter can only register to vote, on Election Day, at the polls with the Supervisors of the Checklist.

Who do you think the best person to contact at NHPR would be so we can clear this up?

Thanks,

Nick

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 7:49 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Anne Copp - candidate - Derry
Subject: Anne Copp - candidate - Derry

She states that NHPR is indicating people can register today with their Town Clerks. She would like the misinformation addressed. [REDACTED]

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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 10:02:17 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Anonymous - voter - Alton
Subject: Anonymous - voter - Alton

Woman called concerned that there is a separate area for non-mask wearing voters and that these individuals are handing off their ballot to a person, not able to put it into the ballot box/counter themselves. She believes this is a violation of the law. She repeatedly asked if I had heard this question before, and I stated I am aware of the concern, but would prefer an attorney discuss with her the details. I asked her for her name and call back information, but she declined to provide that information, so as to not be tracked.

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From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 10:01:56 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Bill Christie - Multiple Reported Locations not Accepting Absentee Ballots at Polling Place
Subject: Bill Christie - Multiple Reported Locations not Accepting Absentee Ballots at Polling Place
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

From: Edwards, Anne
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:01 AM
To: 'Bill Christie' <bchristie@Shaheengordon.com>; ChongYen, Nicholas <Nicholas.ChongYen@doj.nh.gov>
Subject: RE: Absentee Ballots

Bill, We confirmed with the Manchester City Clerk's Office that all moderators have been trained that absentee ballots are to be accepted at the polls. They will reach out specifically to Wards 10 and 12 to reinforce the message.

Anne

NICK - I relayed the information received from Bill Christie.

JoAnn said all of the Ward officials in Manchester were specifically trained to accept absentee ballots at the polls.

She said she will reach out to the Ward 10 and Ward 12 officials and make sure they understand that voters/delivery agents can drop off completed absentee ballots at the polling place and should not be redirected to the clerk's office.

From: Edwards, Anne **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:25 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Bill Christie - Multiple Reported Locations not Accepting Absentee Ballots at Polling Place
Subject: Bill Christie - Multiple Reported Locations not Accepting Absentee Ballots at Polling Place

Anne called Goffstown and Manchester/Nick called Laconia and Somersworth – with a follow up call to Joanne at Manchester Clerk's Office.

Kate is sending the notice out as a press statement and additionally with a note asking for local law enforcement to provide it to moderators, city clerks, and town clerks.

From: Edwards, Anne

Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:17 AM
To: 'Bill Christie' <bchristie@Shaheengordon.com>; ChongYen, Nicholas <Nicholas.ChongYen@doj.nh.gov>
Cc: DOJ-Election Law <electionlaw@doj.nh.gov>
Subject: RE: Absentee Ballots

Bill, We have spoken with the Goffstown Moderator who says that he knows that absentee ballots have to be received at the polls and they have not issued any instructions that absentee ballot voters go to Town Hall. He will confirm that again but is frustrated by the report.

We are continuing to reach a person at the Manchester Clerk's Office but have left the message to make sure that it is clear that absentee ballots must be accepted at the polls.

Laconia, Ward 6, has a new moderator and that appears to be where the confusion is at the Clerk's office knew that absentee ballots have to be accepted at the polls. The Clerk is dealing with it.

Somersworth has been dealt with.

We are going to issue a notice through law enforcement asking them to alert moderators to this issue – just in case it is more wide spread. We think this is the best way to reach the moderators and clerks.

We are also going to issue a press statement on the issue.

Please let us know if you receive any other reports.

From: Bill Christie <bchristie@Shaheengordon.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 8:38 AM
To: Edwards, Anne <Anne.Edwards@doj.nh.gov>; ChongYen, Nicholas <Nicholas.ChongYen@doj.nh.gov>
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Subject: RE: Absentee Ballots

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From: Edwards, Anne <Anne.Edwards@doj.nh.gov>
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Cc: DOJ-Election Law <electionlaw@doj.nh.gov>
Subject: Re: Absentee Ballots

We're on it and calling now.

On: 08 September 2020 07:53,
"Bill Christie" <bchristie@Shaheengordon.com> wrote:

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Good Morning Anne and Nick,

We are receiving information from across the State that certain polling places are NOT accepting absentee ballots. Rather, they are instructing voters to deliver the ballots to the city clerk's office. The examples are:

- Manchester 10 and 12 (deliver to city hall)
 - (although when we brought it to 12's attention, they appear to be changing to allow voters to deliver absentee ballots on site)
- Goffstown 1 (sign that says no drop box deliver to clerk)
- Laconia 6 (not accepting absentee ballots instruction is to deliver to clerk)
- Somersworth 1 (sign on door saying no absentee drop off bring to city hall)

These are enough examples from different areas that I am bringing it to your attention so you can provide direct guidance that polling places must accept absentee ballots on the day of the

election.

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From: ChongYen, Nicholas

Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 8:41 AM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Bill Christie - Multiple Reported Locations not Accepting Absentee Ballots at Polling Place

Subject: Bill Christie - Multiple Reported Locations not Accepting Absentee Ballots at Polling Place

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From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:58:39 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Sean Gill - Inspector - Londonderry
Subject: Sean Gill - Inspector - Londonderry

Non-mask wearers are going to the first check-in station and then allowed to enter the voting booth area. Told him that it's their rule regarding wearing masks so if they want to do it that way, it's up to them.

Sean also noticed that some election officials are not wearing their masks correctly. I told him that again, this is up to the moderator as it is his/her rule on mask wearing.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:47 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Sean Gill - Inspector - Londonderry
Subject: Sean Gill - Inspector - Londonderry

Londonderry has a separate intake lane for non-mask wearers. After intake, they go to the main location. Is this acceptable? [REDACTED]

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:57:38 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: JD Lavalee Bethlehem "Vote by Phone" Signs
Subject: Approximate location of signs.
Attachments: [Re "Vote By Phone" Signs .msg](#)

From: ChongYen, Nicholas
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:57 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: JD Lavalee Bethlehem "Vote by Phone" Signs
Subject: JD Lavalee Bethlehem "Vote by Phone" Signs

JD reported that he observed "Vote by Phone" signs along Trudeau Road in Bethlehem.

See attached.

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:57:03 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: JD Lavalee Bethlehem "Vote by Phone" Signs
Subject: JD Lavalee Bethlehem "Vote by Phone" Signs
Attachments: ["Vote By Phone" Signs .msg](#)

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From: [Lavallee, Jon](#)
To: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Subject: Re: "Vote By Phone" Signs.
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:56:07 AM
Attachments: [38B7FB95-2E0E-44E1-A54D-02A9CA041612.png](#)

Approximate Locations Of the signs. Dropped pin is the first sign I drove by. I am currently parked next to the second (blue dot).

From: Lavallee, Jon
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:54:51 AM
To: ChongYen, Nicholas
Subject: "Vote By Phone" Signs.
Nick,

As discussed, I am Trudeau Road (heading to Whitefield, NH) in Bethlehem. There are two signs on this road that state "Vote By Phone" and then state CLIFF with the number "[REDACTED]". I have not tried to call the number. I have attached two photos, one of each sign.

Due to size, I will send another photo of approximate locations of each. The signs are on the right hand side of the road, if traveling north. The closest residence to second sign (if traveling North; near the yellow street sign indicating an upcoming stop sign) is number 53.

Very respectfully,
JD

Dropped pin



Restaurants

Gas

Groceries

Coffee

302



R & R Fireworks



French repair



PIERCE BR

The Wayside Inn



Dropped pin

Near 6-600 Trudeau Rd, Bethlehem, NH 03574

3 min



Directions



Start



Label

From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:55:46 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Berlin Ward 1
Subject: Berlin Ward 1

Josh Harrison called in asking whether a voter can wear [REDACTED] material in the polling place. Yes, as [REDACTED] is not on the ballot for this primary election, so it is not a violation of RSA 659:43.

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:55:37 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Bill Christie - Multiple Reported Locations not Accepting Absentee Ballots at Polling Place
Subject: UPDATE: Laconia

Clerk Cheryl Hebert contacted NCY and informed him that she spoke to the Ward 6 Moderator and reminded him that completed absentee ballots must be accepted at the polling place.

She will be visiting each of Laconia's polling places and reminding them of this.

Cheryl told me that it appears the Ward 6 Moderator already understood this, and the report may have been the result of a miscommunication with the reporting party.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:48 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Bill Christie - Multiple Reported Locations not Accepting Absentee Ballots at Polling Place
Subject: NCY Called JoAnn Ferrulo

I relayed the information received from Bill Christie.

JoAnn said all of the Ward officials in Manchester were specifically trained to accept absentee ballots at the polls.

She said she will reach out to the Ward 10 and Ward 12 officials and make sure they understand that voters/delivery agents can drop off completed absentee ballots at the polling place and should not be redirected to the clerk's office.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:31 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Bill Christie - Multiple Reported Locations not Accepting Absentee Ballots at Polling Place
Subject: Laconia Ward 6 and Somersworth Ward 1

NCY contacted Laconia's and Somersworth's clerks.

Laconia

I spoke with Annie and Stacy at the Clerk's Office. I asked them to connect me with the Clerk to make sure the Laconia polling places were accepting absentee ballots at the polling place.

I received a voicemail from Annie, and spoke with Stacy. Both of them confirmed that they relayed this information to the Clerk, who is going to the Ward 6 polling place to make sure absentee ballots will be accepted there. The Clerk will be going to Laconia's remaining wards and informing them of

the same.

I asked Stacy to keep me in the loop about the other polling places after the Clerk had an opportunity to check-in on them. I gave Stacy my direct number to share with the Clerk in case there were any questions.

Somersworth

I spoke with Somersworth's Clerk. He explained that the reason the polling places were sending voters with completed absentee ballots to his office is because none of the polling places or their officials are equipped with a computer and access to ElectioNet.

He thought that the information contained in the absentee ballot paperwork had to be inputted today.

I told the Clerk that typically, the data entry done by the clerk relative to received, completed absentee ballots took place after Election Day.

I informed him that if a voter arrives at the polling place to drop off his/her completed absentee ballot, he/she must be able to do so.

A voter dropping off his/her own completed absentee ballot can be asked to either voluntarily produce a photo ID, or if no ID, voluntarily sign a Challenged Voter Affidavit. However, I said that if the voter does neither of those things, his/her completed absentee ballot must still be accepted by the election official.

I said that this was different than a delivery agent, who must show photo ID and sign the Return Form in order to submit a completed absentee ballot on behalf of a voter.

The Clerk will be contacting each of the wards and notifying them they must accept completed absentee ballots at the polling place.

From: Broadhead, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary

Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 8:59 AM

Posted To: Inbox

Conversation: Bill Christie - Multiple Reported Locations not Accepting Absentee Ballots at Polling Place

Subject:

Calice called from Alton and asked about whether absentee ballots can be accepted at the polls. I informed her that yes, they can be accepted prior to 5pm. If a voter arrives after 5pm, the voter can still vote in person provided that the polls are still open. Calice informed the moderator.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas

Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 8:41 AM

Posted To: Inbox

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Subject: Bill Christie - Multiple Reported Locations not Accepting Absentee Ballots at Polling Place

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From: [Mavrogeorge, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:55:12 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Sarah Purcino - Clerk - Hopkinton
Subject: All set

I spoke to Sarah and she said they found the statute and figured out that the non-registered voter was allowed to assist the impaired voter.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:39 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Sarah Purcino - Clerk - Hopkinton
Subject: Sarah Purcino - Clerk - Hopkinton

Visually impaired voter at polls now. Wants clarification if a non registered voter can assist impaired voter. [REDACTED]

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
To: [Edwards, Anne](#); [Tekin, Jill](#); [Broadhead, Matthew](#); [Mavrogeorge, Matthew](#)
Cc: [MacDonald, Gordon](#)
Subject: Nashua
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:52:54 AM

All-

Tricia Piecuch-HAVA just called me and said that in Nashua, the City Clerk just received a notice from the State, effective immediately, to quarantine herself for 14-days.

Prior to this, Tricia was informed that the Deputy Clerk walked out.

The City Clerk appointed a customer service representative at her office to fill-in. Dave has sent Tricia down to train/help this person with the Clerk's duties.

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From: [Megan O'Donnell](#)
To: [DOJ, Attorney General](#); [DOJ-Election Law](#)
Subject: Londonderry Bull pens
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:52:31 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am disgusted with your office's actions in overruling our town's attempt for safety measures and allowing this to happen. No masks, no distancing. This is your fault.





Town of Londonderry, New Hampshire

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Notice to Londonderry Voters: Per direction of the Secretary of State's office as well as the Attorney General's office, the "bull pens" at the election will be located outside the high school gym as usual. However, anyone inside or around the pens will be asked to wear a mask and maintain appropriate social distancing from each other as well as between themselves and voters, election workers, visitors to the polls, and Town officials.



3 Comments 7 Shares



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Yours in dismay,
Megan O'Donnell
Londonderry, NH

From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:51:17 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Alton - Question about poll worker wearing a BLM shirt
Subject: Alton - Question about poll worker wearing a BLM shirt

Calice called to ask whether a poll worker can wear a Black Lives Matter shirt. This person was the greeter at the polls. The answer is yes, they can wear this material since RSA 659:44 only prohibits election workers from “electioneering” which means acting in a way “specifically designed to influence the vote of a voter on any question or office” we have interpreted this to mean campaign material that unambiguously communicates a purpose or goal of instructing a voter how to vote, i.e. express advocacy. Since Black lives matter does not fit this prohibition, it is permitted.

Realizing that there may be voters who complain that this is improper, Calice planned on telling the moderator that he/she could make a request to conceal it or to work in an area that is less public, but ultimately it was permitted.

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From: [Edwards, Anne](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:48:34 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Amanda Palmiera - inspector - Swanzey
Subject: Amanda Palmiera - inspector - Swanzey

We went through RSA 655:14-b and yes, this nickname would be allowed under the law.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:36 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Amanda Palmiera - inspector - Swanzey
Subject: Amanda Palmiera - inspector - Swanzey

The Moderator is concerned that someone running for County Commissioner is using the first name "Skipper" on the ballot. It is the name he campaigned with, so Amanda believes this is okay, but wants confirmation. The moderator indicated this individual also ran for office a couple of years ago under his legal name. [REDACTED]

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From: [Mavrogeorge, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:48:00 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Nashua Clerk Susan Lovering [REDACTED] called saying someone in Ward 9 is telling the moderator that under a new Supreme Court case they can wear campaign material inside the polling place
Subject: All set
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I spoke to Susan and referred her and the Ward 9 moderator to pages 248 and 249 of the EPM and explained to her that our statute is narrowly tailored and therefore still enforceable after the Mansky decision.

From: Mavrogeorge, Matthew **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:43 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Nashua Clerk Susan Lovering 969-6825 called saying someone in Ward 9 is telling the moderator that under a new Supreme Court case they can wear campaign material inside the polling place
Subject: Nashua Clerk Susan Lovering [REDACTED] called saying someone in Ward 9 is telling the moderator that under a new Supreme Court case they can wear campaign material inside the polling place

I confirmed with Nick that the only recent US Supreme Court case addressing this issue was the 2018 Mansky case. Pages 248-249 of the EPM discuss the Mansky decision and how are electioneering in the polling place statute is distinguishable from the Minnesota statute that was struck down in Mansky, and therefore still enforceable. I put a call into Susan and am waiting for a call back.

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:40:30 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Londonderry No-Electioneering Corridor
Subject: Acknowledgement of Receipt from Moderator Kipp
Attachments: [Re Londonderry No-Electioneering Corridor .msg](#)

From: ChongYen, Nicholas **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 7:13 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Londonderry No-Electioneering Corridor
Subject: Amanda Binette Acknowledgment of Receipt

From: ChongYen, Nicholas
Posted At: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:32 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Londonderry No-Electioneering Corridor
Subject: Amanda Binette Londonderry No-Electioneering Corridor

We received the following reported concern from Amanda Binette in Londonderry on Monday, Sept. 7 evening.

On Sept. 8: I left a voicemail for the Town Clerk, sharing the concern and asking to be connected with the Moderator. I emailed both the Moderator and Clerk to inform them of this concern. I notified the inspector assigned to Londonderry of this concern to ensure that it was brought to the Moderator's attention.

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From: [Jonathan Kipp](#)
To: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Cc: [Sherry Farrell](#); [Edwards, Anne](#); [Tracy, Richard](#); [Tekin, Jill](#); [Gill, Sean](#); [Broadhead, Matthew](#); [Mavrogeorge, Matthew](#)
Subject: Re: Londonderry No-Electioneering Corridor
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:10:52 AM

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Thank you. We are monitoring this closely today.

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On Sep 8, 2020, at 06:07, ChongYen, Nicholas
<Nicholas.ChongYen@doj.nh.gov> wrote:

Good morning Moderator Kipp,

I hope all is well and that your polling place setup is going smoothly.

We were notified last night about concerns regarding intimidating behavior being exhibited by individuals outside the polling place. Reportedly, these individuals during prior elections were outside the designated, fenced electioneering area, blocking the entrance, chanting, and demonstrating aggressive mannerisms.

I wanted to bring this to your attention so that you can continue to be vigilant in ensuring the 10-foot, no-electioneering corridor is observed by individuals at the polling place. (See RSA 659:43, II).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us using our Hotline: 1-866-868-3703.

Thanks,

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From: [Mavrogeorge, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:38:56 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Anna Brewer-Croteau - Inspector - test ballot
Subject: MGM all set

I spoke to Anna and explained to her that the test ballots need to be removed from the ballot counting device prior to the start of the election because the box needs to be emptied. Afterwards, the test ballots should be kept with the testing tape. She is going to document this on her checklist for this polling place.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:05 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Anna Brewer-Croteau - Inspector - test ballot
Subject: Anna Brewer-Croteau - Inspector - test ballot

Are the test ballots supposed to go into the ballot counter?

Call was dropped, was not able to get further details



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From: [Mavrogeorge, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:17:46 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Call from Tom Kaempfer regarding Haverill using the accessible voting tent as the tent for their outside voting area
Subject: Call from Tom Kaempfer regarding Haverill using the accessible voting tent as the tent for their outside voting area
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I received a call from Tom Kaempfer of our office regarding the Town of Haverill using the accessible voting tent as the tent for their outside voting area. I spoke to Bud about this and he indicated that while this is not ideal, it is something that they are not prohibited under the law from doing. Bud emphasized proper sanitization of the tent area. I called back Tom and explained to him what Bud said. Tom will make a note of it on his checklist for that polling location. Tom did indicate that that tablet for the accessible voting was set up inside so that voters who need to use it would have accessible access to it.

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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:14:32 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Nancy - voter - Hillsborough

I spoke with Nancy, got a little more information and told her I would alert our inspector who is assigned to the town. I contacted Weston and gave him a heads up and asked him to take a look at it and alert the moderator. It was unclear to me whether these signs were located along a highway or on public land, so Weston will follow up with the moderator directly.

From: Tekin, Jill **On Behalf Of** DOJ: 2020 State Primary
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 8:58 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Nancy - voter - Hillsborough
Subject: Nancy - voter - Hillsborough

She has concerns about the placement of political signs on town property. States that there are political signs on the entrance of the school access road (voting is in the middle school). She believes they should not be there. No concern about signs at the entrance to the building, just on the road way area.



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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:05:36 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: chichester
Subject: chichester

Based on population, Chichester is required to have 13 booths for this election. Due to concerns over 6 foot spacing, they only have 10. I told Dave to note it in the election spreadsheet and we will follow up with them after the election to ensure they have an adequate number of booths for the general election. They said they will put up more booths if there is a line that develops at any point of the day, but they don't think it will be an issue.

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From: [Mavrogeorge, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:04:25 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Deering Process of Depositing Completed Absentee Ballot
Subject: MGM - All set

I spoke to the Moderator Phillip Bryce and he said the process they have implemented is different than the process described by the voter who called Dave Scanlon. Mr. Bryce explained that prior to the election he got approval from Bud Fitch to walk a ballot box to the separate voting area so the voter can observe their ballot being deposited. Mr. Bryce then walks the ballot box back to the main voting area. He said that they had to do this process versus a separate ballot box in the separate voting area because of a lack of resources. I spoke to Nick about this and he said that this process is fine as long as the Moderator is publicly announcing what they are doing and that an option is given for an observer from each party to walk with the Moderator as the ballot box is being moved. I called Mr. Bryce back and explained this to him. He said that he will do what Nick said.

From: ChongYen, Nicholas
Posted At: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 8:31 AM
Posted To: Inbox
Conversation: Deering Process of Depositing Completed Absentee Ballot
Subject: Dave Scanlan reports Deering Process of Depositing Completed Absentee Ballot

Dave Scanlan called and said he received a call from a voter, who reports that in Deering's separate voting area for voters unable or unwilling to wear a mask, after a voter completes his/her ballot, an election official is taking the completed ballot inside to be deposited into the ballot counting device.

We need to contact the Moderator and notify the inspector for Deering that the separate voting area must have a ballot box. If completed ballots are to be moved inside from this box, then an announcement must be made at the polling place, and the process of transferring the ballots inside must be public. It is best practice to have 2 other people, preferably a person that is a member of each party, accompany the box inside to be put through the ballot counting device.

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From: [Broadhead, Matthew](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 9:02:54 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: alexandria
Subject: alexandria

Emily called from Alexandria, they were having trouble with the printer for the accessible booth. I referred them to HAVA helpdesk for trouble shooting

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
To: [Broadhead, Matthew](#)
Cc: [Tekin, Jill](#)
Subject: Please call Mike Grandy.
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 8:57:06 AM

He had a question about the test documents for the ballot counting device.



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From: [Tekin, Jill](#) on behalf of [DOJ: 2020 State Primary](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 8:34:43 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Portsmouth voter - moved within town
Subject: Portsmouth voter - moved within town

Caller wanted to know what to bring to prove new residence, as he moved within the City of Portsmouth. I indicated he could bring a utility bill of some sort, and go to the polling ward of his current residence/domicile. The election officials will be able to mark the address change. This is all set.

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 8:16:07 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Robert McCray Nashua Ward 1 re - How to drop off completed absentee ballot?
Subject: Robert McCray Nashua Ward 1 re - How to drop off completed absentee ballot?

I called Robert back and told him that he can drop off his completed absentee ballot at the polling place. I encouraged him to go there and touch base with an election official about the exact process used by Nashua Ward 1.

I also gave Robert the phone number for the Nashua Clerk as a just in case, if he needed to reach out to a city official.

I reminded Robert that in order to submit a completed absentee ballot at the polling place on Election Day, he has to do so before the statutory 5PM cutoff. However, I told Robert that if he happens to miss this cutoff time, not to worry; he would still be able to vote using the options at the polling place.

Robert told me he did not anticipate missing the cutoff time since he would be going to the polling place to drop off his completed absentee ballot after breakfast.

I told Robert he could call me if he had any other questions.

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From: [ChongYen, Nicholas](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:27:29 AM
Posted At: Inbox
Conversation: Martha Maness Exeter re: How to submit completed absentee ballot?
Subject: Martha Maness Exeter re: How to submit completed absentee ballot?

Martha called and said that she had completed her absentee ballot, but was unable to return it to the Exeter Clerk's office before Election Day.

She was unaware that the Clerk's Office was open on Monday (9/7).

I told Martha that I was aware many polling places in NH were designating an area at the polling place where a voter could drop-off his/her completed absentee ballot, without having to enter the polling place.

I told Martha that the quickest way to find out whether Exeter was offering this, would be to contact the Clerk. I gave Martha the Clerk's phone number. I told Martha that I would also try contacting the Clerk to try to get more information.

Finally, I told Martha that if time was limited, the Exeter polling place opens at 7AM. She may be able to speak with an election official more quickly by going to the polling place.

I called the Clerk's Office and left a voicemail.

I called Martha back and updated her that I left a voicemail with the Clerk. I re-iterated that the polling place opens at 7AM and she may be able to obtain information more quickly about submitting her completed absentee ballot by asking an election official at the polls.

I told Martha that if she had any additional questions, not to hesitate to contact the DOJ Hotline.

Martha thanked me for my time.

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