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Subject: FW: Monroe County OH -- Suspended Recount, Machine "swap"

Monroe County (Woodfield) OH:
3% Hand-count failed to match machine count
Repairman from Triad summoned to bring new machine
Recount suspended & reconvened for Wednesday at 9:30 AM

Details Below
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I am the Recount Regional Coordinator for the Eastern Ohio / PA Border region.

The following was relayed to me by Richard Rodefer, who was the Cobb observer today (Tuesday 12/14) in Monroe County. Mr. Rodefer spoke with me via cell phone as he was driving from the Wheeling WV area, shortly before 4 PM.

Monroe County BOE convened a "meeting" Tuesday 12/14 for purpose of recount

6 BOE people present. Director Margaret Hansen, Deputy Director Ann Block, 4 Directors.

Also present: Richard Rodefer representing David Cobb, Herman _____ (have name but will have to search) representing John Kerry, and one person (unknown name) representing George Bush. Thomas Waters, a volunteer observer for Michael Badnarik, had credentials sent to Monroe BOE via fax (which they said they would accept). Mr. Waters did leave for Woodfield, but he did not arrive, possibly due to bad weather in the area.

Precinct 11 was pre-chosen to be counted. The reason for choosing this precinct was due to its being only 4 votes above the 3% number.

The following took place, in this order:

Run of test deck (was accurate; the machine count DID equal test deck)

Inspection of all Ballot Cards
Hand Count of Precinct 11
Machine Count of Precinct 11

** Machine count did NOT equal hand count

Pat-down of cards, flex cards, etc to improve feed followed by at least two additional machine runs of the hand-counted ballots

** No two runs were alike and no run equaled the hand count, however the machine did operate and produce a count each time according to Mr. Rodefer

Did not proceed to full hand count, suspended recount, contacted their "supplier" near Xenia (Triad?) for a repairman to bring a new reader and/or "fix" this machine

They knew the problem was in the machine at this point; Triad called, to send repair person immediately (4 or more hours to arrive) to fix or bring new machine

BOE did not proceed to full hand count, but voted to suspend the recount and "continue meeting" tomorrow (Wednesday 12/15) at 9:30 AM with fixed machine or new machine from Triad.

Decision that because this is "continued" meeting, ONLY those observers present today may be present tomorrow. (Basically if anyone can not come back that candidate will have no representation.)

Mr. Rodefer (who is a native of Bellaire OH) left Monroe County approximately 11 AM; visited friends in the Bellaire-Wheeling area and is now enroute to his home near Pittsburgh.
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I also called the Monroe BOE and spoke with Deputy Director Ann Block. She basically confirmed the above, except that she stated that the recount was suspended due to "broken reader", and said that a repairman is on the way from the Cincinnati area to "swap out" the broken reader for a good one. As of approximately 4:10 PM the repair person is still coming and is still enroute.

Ms. Block also stated that K. Blackwell's office was called after the machine "broke" and that the decision to not allow any change of observers was the SOS office's decision (as per conversation with Blackwell's legal counsel.) To her knowledge all observers present today can and will come back tomorrow.

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I have reported this fully to Lynne Serpe; she gave me your e-mail and requested that I forward this information to you. If you have questions, you can reach Mr. Rodefer, or please contact me (I will be glad to help in any way, although I personally was not present in Monroe County today and am only forwarding information as related to me.)

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Addendum to Declaration of Evelyn Roberson dated December 12, 2004
Re: Incidents of December 10, 2004

This is to add to the approximately 1:15 p.m. portion of the visit with Deputy
Director of Elections Lyn McCoy with respect to the following comment:

“She said they would have their computer technician check over their computers
on Monday in case they had been tampered with.”

The addition is that Lyn McCoy also mentioned to me at the same time that her
computer technician was with Triad.

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: Dec. 14, 2004 Evelyn Roberson *Evelyn Roberson*