


Statement

11 messages

Joseph Blazosek <BlazosekJ@lackawannacounty.org>


Tue, Jun 20, 2023 at 10:48 AM

Ian,

Pleasure talking to you. Attached, find our basic voluntary statement form. It's self explanatory, if you need extra paper, just attach the necessary sheets. Just give me a rundown of who you are and what you did/how you came to find the information on  and sign/send back. I've already been in touch with our Elections Bureau and will obtain the information they have on  I'll be in touch with anything else as I go through and complete the investigation and meet with our prosecutors for criminal charges if necessary.

Thanks again

Det. Joe Blazosek




Detective Joe Blazosek

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Ian Camacho [REDACTED]
To: Joseph Blazosek <BlazosekJ@lackawannacounty.org>

Tue, Jun 20, 2023 at 12:35 PM

[REDACTED]

Here you go, Detective Blazosek.


Attached please find the PDF that you need (2 pages) on [REDACTED]. Let me know if you need anything else from me.

PS Would you be so kind as to provide a case number for me on this? Thank you

All The Best,
Ian Camacho

[REDACTED]

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Joseph Blazosek <BlazosekJ@lackawannacounty.org>
To: Ian Camacho [REDACTED]

Tue, Jun 20, 2023 at 12:48 PM

LCDA Case #R2311771



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Ian Camacho [REDACTED]
To: Joseph Blazosek <BlazosekJ@lackawannacounty.org>

Tue, Jun 20, 2023 at 12:51 PM

Thank you!
All The Best,
Ian Camacho
[REDACTED]

[Quoted text hidden]

Joseph Blazosek <BlazosekJ@lackawannacounty.org>
To: Ian Camacho [REDACTED]

Thu, Jun 29, 2023 at 9:51 AM

Ian,

In reference to your complaint to the Lackawanna County Elections Bureau regarding [REDACTED] LCDA Investigation #R2311771, I've completed my investigation at this time and am informing you that our office will not be pursuing any criminal charges against [REDACTED].

I spoke with Beth HOPKINS, Elections Director. HOPKINS stated although [REDACTED] did send back his ballot for the May 2022 general election, there is no definitive way to know if [REDACTED] actually cast a ballot/voted. Once all mail in ballots are returned, the envelopes/secrecy envelopes and ballots are separated into two piles. [REDACTED] did sign the voter's declaration on the secrecy ballot, however it is unknown if he actually filled out a ballot and voted. Upon speaking with [REDACTED] he stated that he did NOT vote in PA but simply mailed the ballot back to the Lackawanna Elections bureau. He admitted to voting in Florida for the 2022 May general and has been a full time resident of Florida for well over a year. He stated he would cancel his PA voter registration and apologized for any confusion.

Armed with this information, there is no indication of any criminal violation and as such I would be unable to prove so in a affidavit of probable cause.

Any questions/concerns, please fee free to contact me

Best,

Det. Joe Blazosek



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From: Ian Camacho [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 1:36 PM
To: Joseph Blazosek <BlazosekJ@lackawannacounty.org>
Subject: Re: Statement

Here you go, Detective Blazosek.

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Ian Camacho [REDACTED]
To: Joseph Blazosek <BlazosekJ@lackawannacounty.org>
Cc: "Elizabeth A. Hopkins" <hopkinse@lackawannacounty.org>

Thu, Jun 29, 2023 at 10:30 AM

Detective Blazosek,

Hold on, let me get this correct because I am having difficulty understanding this.

You wrote that [REDACTED] has confirmed that he voted in Florida in the May 2022 general election.

When you wrote the May 2022 general election, did you mean in the May 2022 primary election?

The vote in question was from the November 2022 general election.

Did he not vote in the November 2022 election in Florida based on election records, and signature records? If he did then that's confirmation of the Florida half of things.

Regarding the November 2022 General Election in Pennsylvania, he mailed in a signed affidavit envelope with a ballot back to Pennsylvania, on which the declaration is very clear what he is stating under laws of perjury.

See below:

YOUR BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED UNLESS:

- You sign and date the voter's declaration in your own handwriting
- You seal your ballot inside the secrecy envelope ("Official Election Ballot") and place it in here.

Voter's declaration
I hereby declare that I am qualified to vote in this election; that I have not already voted in this election and I further declare that I marked my ballot in secret, I am qualified to vote the enclosed ballot, I understand I am no longer eligible to vote at my polling place after I return my voted ballot. However, if my ballot is not received by the county, I understand I may only vote by provisional ballot at my polling place, unless I surrender my balloting materials, to be voided, to the judge of elections at my polling place.

To be Completed by Voter Unable to Sign their Declaration Because of Illness or Physical Disability
I hereby declare that I am unable to sign my declaration for voting my ballot without assistance because I am unable to write by reason of my illness or physical disability. I have made or received assistance in making my mark in lieu of my signature.

1a Voter, sign or mark here (Required)

1b Voter, mark here

2 Today's Date (Required)

Today's Date (Required)

Witness, address (street)

Witness, address (city, state, zip code)

Witness, sign here

But you are saying that you will not prosecute because the ballot has been separated from the envelope and you don't know if he voted?
With all due respect, that is entirely irrelevant to the matter.

I'm not sure if Ms. Hopkins has made you aware that one can submit a blank ballot, which is considered a protest vote, and thus counted as an undervote, but regardless this is still casting a ballot in the election, regardless of whether one makes any choices in an election contest.

Do the signatures not match on these? Or is there something else lacking that I am not understanding? Is there not a record that a ballot was removed from the envelope and counted under administrative laws?

Please advise as I am really having difficulty understanding the reasoning. Thank you.

All The Best,
Ian Camacho

[Quoted text hidden]

Joseph Blazosek <Blazosek.J@lackawannacounty.org>
To: Ian Camacho

Thu, Jun 29, 2023 at 1:12 PM

Ian,

My apologies, I'm currently working an active investigation into this past May primary election and that was on my mind when I was typing regarding [redacted] I meant the November 2022 election specifically for R2311771. The only thing I can confirm from what the Election Bureau had was that [redacted] returned the envelope which contained his signature and date on the inside secrecy envelope. As far as a ballot is concerned, it is unknown if [redacted] voted as his name and information would NOT appear on the actual ballot with the circles colored in on which candidates were chosen as to protect the rights and integrity of the voter him/herself.

As far as the picture you sent me contained in your last email, that is not a PA envelope nor does the actual PA envelope state any rules or laws or declarations regarding perjury, attestation, etc. With regards to a "protest" vote on a blank ballot, that's going to be a long stretch for any type of criminal charge by having to go through every ballot for that specific precinct to identify if a blank one exists within that pile. Even then I would be hard pressed to find an Assistant District Attorney within my office to approve charges of any kind based on that information alone.

I hope this clears up some of your confusion.

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From: Ian Camacho [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2023 11:30 AM
To: Joseph Blazosek <BlazosekJ@lackawannacounty.org>
Cc: Elizabeth A. Hopkins <HopkinsE@lackawannacounty.org>
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1b

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Today's Date (Required)

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Witness, address (city, state, zip code)

Witness, sign here

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Ian Camacho [REDACTED]
To: Joseph Blazosek <Blazosek.J@lackawannacounty.org>
Cc: "Elizabeth A. Hopkins" <HopkinsE@lackawannacounty.org>

Thu, Jun 29, 2023 at 1:26 PM

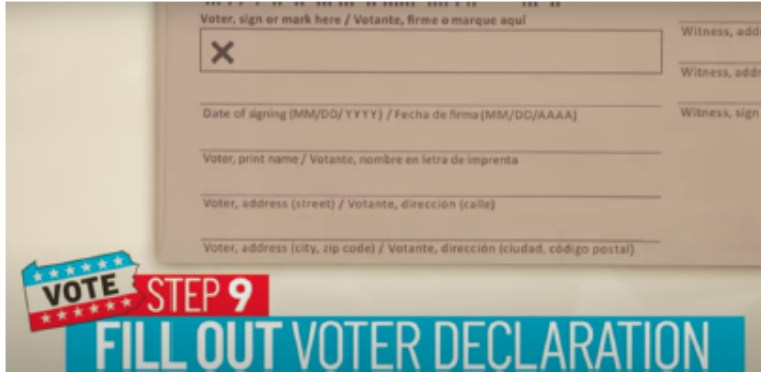
Detective Blazosek,

Thank you for clearing up the May/November 2022 issue.

May I see a copy of the scanned envelope and what he signed? I will sign a right to know/RTK request if needed.

Even if got a wrong image he would still have signed this as a "voter" with his voter name, address, and date and now it seems this is arguing semantics. Did he not sign it or does his signature not match the records?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9PaV4Ujupc>



"As far as a ballot is concerned, it is unknown if [REDACTED] voted as his name and information would NOT appear on the actual ballot with the circles colored in on which candidates were chosen as to protect the rights and integrity of the voter him/herself." - Again, I am not sure how this is relevant seeing as how he submitted an envelope with a signature and date, thus affirming that he is a "voter". Unless the records show that he didn't cast one in the elections office and this is an administrative error. He seems to have confirmed that he did mail it back, he is just denying that he voted, despite all evidentiary artifacts showing otherwise.

Ms. Hopkins, I copied you on here for a reason and question:

Did [REDACTED] not get credited as having voted due to sending a blank or no ballot in the mail?

These cases are usually recorded according to voter records and are challenged accordingly by the signature verification boards and mail-in challenge boards, etc.

It seems to me that based on this email interaction, Pennsylvania is of the legal opinion that NO mail-in vote can ever be prosecuted, even when there is evidence that a person who signed the signature envelope and dated it, because it is impossible to know if the mailed-in ballot was blank or not, thus creating an entire class of unprosecutable crimes.

Please advise.

All The Best,
Ian Camacho
[REDACTED]

[Quoted text hidden]

Ian Camacho [REDACTED]
To: stledgere@lackawannacounty.org

Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 1:01 PM

Hi Ed,

Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me today. I'm following up on our conversation and questions that I have about this case, and sending you the email interaction.

I will also give Mr. Ruggerio a call about this issue as well for clarity on the legalities of this situation. If there is any way that Ms. Hopkins can chime in to inform Mr. Blazosek on the laws of the state and county regarding elections, then it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and have a great Independence Day weekend!

All The Best,
Ian Camacho
[REDACTED]

[Quoted text hidden]

Ian Camacho [REDACTED]
To: Joseph Blazosek <BlazosekJ@lackawannacounty.org>

Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 4:07 PM

Cc: "Elizabeth A. Hopkins" <HopkinsE@lackawannacounty.org>

One other question while you are checking into this, did he cast the second ballot in PA or was it cast in FL?

All The Best,
Ian Camacho
[REDACTED]

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Ian Camacho [REDACTED]
To: frank@fjrpalaw.com, Ruggierof@lackawannacounty.org

Wed, Jul 5, 2023 at 9:56 AM

Dear Mr. Ruggiero,

I was referred your way by Ed St. Ledger at the Lackawanna County Elections Department whom I spoke with at length last week.

He suggested that I contact you as it pertains to the investigation of a case from the detective in the District Attorney's office, who apparently is either ignoring or ignorant of election laws and evidence presented.

For context: I had emailed a submission of what appears to be a double voter in Lackawanna County, PA & Sarasota County, FL in the 2022 General Election to the Elections Director Elizabeth Hopkins (and also the Sarasota County Elections Department). She in turn researched the information and confirmed with the Sarasota Elections Department before she forwarded the information to the DA's office. At that point, Detective Joseph Blazosek contacted me for a written statement, which I provided him. After contacting the suspect and reviewing the information, Blazosek determined that the ballot envelope was indeed signed, dated, and sent back by the suspect, and the suspect confirmed this, and confirmed that he voted in Florida, but the suspect also claimed he didn't actually send a ballot in to Pennsylvania, and because there's no ballot to match up with this therefore he can't be prosecuted (the reason is because the ballot is removed from the envelope when counted).

To me this logic is ludicrous and permits one to double vote by mail in Pennsylvania, basically taking the word of the person who got caught. The detective did not claim that it was not a matching signature or something else like a wrong record crediting of the voter that would show this was the wrong suspect, but rather takes the word of this likely double voter who got caught (and no, the voter doesn't deny that he voted in Florida either). To my knowledge there is no law that would make this situation legal, and the voter admits to sending in the envelope, etc. which he signed as a "voter." I've already submitted a statement, it just seems that the investigator either doesn't want to pursue the case or doesn't understand or appreciate the laws pertaining to double voting.

In addition, the suspect already has a history of being disciplined and fined in Pennsylvania and in New York for medical related withholding data and failure to comply with legal requests (I know not directly related to this case but it is indicative of his character and claims here):

[REDACTED]

I've included the email chain below. I'm sending this your way because it would seem that this is under your supervision and worth investigating. Please let me know if you need any additional information from me.

I hope that you had a happy Independence Day yesterday!

Kind Regards,
Ian Camacho
[REDACTED]

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Ian Camacho [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, Jun 29, 2023 at 1:26 PM
Subject: Re: Statement

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VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

I, IAN CHRISTIAN CAMACHO, do hereby set the following facts to Detective JOSEPH BIAZOSEK. I affirm that the following statement is true to the best of my knowledge or belief, and that false statements are prosecutable under Section 4904 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code.

My name is Ian Christian Camacho and I am a resident of [REDACTED]. My full-time job is Director of Research with the non-profit 501(c)3 Look Ahead America, Inc. to which I have been employed since 1 March 2021. In my line of work, I interact with volunteers daily and I also work on election integrity issues, complaints, cases, etc. and research them to vet for legitimacy before handing to the authorities with proper credentials and investigative/prosecutorial jurisdiction.

In this case of [REDACTED], I submitted his name as a potential double voter to the Elections Division of Lackawanna County, PA & Sarasota County, FL because he appears to have been a double-voter in both states in the 2022 General Election held November 8, 2022 nationwide. One can get the Florida voter roll for free from the Florida Division of Elections, and the Pennsylvania voter roll for \$20.00 USD from the Pennsylvania Department of State. [REDACTED] matched on a search to find voters with exact first name, middle initial (if any), & last name, date of birth [REDACTED] both states, and a mailing address. Essentially, searching for all FL voters mailing to PA addresses and then checking the PA rolls to see who voted in the same election with identical dates and connects to both states.

Page 1 of 2 Date: 20 June 2023 Initial: JC

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In his case, [REDACTED] has a P.O. Box listed as the mailing address for both his FL and PA registration at P.O. Box 418, Waverly, PA 18471. Furthermore, PA public portals show he registered to vote in FL 01/21/2021 and voted in Sarasota County in the 2022 GE (unfortunately, there is no equivalent of this portal in PA but according to the PA SOS he voted). Additionally, Elizabeth A. Hopkins, Lachawanna County Director of Elections confirmed on 06/14/2023 that she received my email to her from 06/13/2023 that she received these attachments and my notice, and was sendy to the Lachawanna County DA's office, indicating that he was a match and indeed double-voted ~~ballot~~ in the records unavailable to me.

I do not in any way know [REDACTED] nor had I heard of him until reviewing the data before sending off for investigation. I do not discriminate on any submission, in terms of age, race, sex, location, or political party; if there appears to be a match, then I will send in to authorities to do a deeper review and investigation.

All of this is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I can be reached at [REDACTED], or ian.coccarda@lachawanna.org & my personal cell number is [REDACTED], my work cell is (424) 436-7990 if you have questions or need any additional information from me. Thank you!

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