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STATE OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

SEARCH WARRANT AND AFFIDAVIT

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
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Investigator Robert Castellanos, swears under oath and declares under penalty of perjury that the facts expressed by him/her in this Search Warrant, Affidavit, and the attached and incorporated statement of probable cause are true and that based thereon he/she has probable cause to believe and does believe that the property described below is lawfully seizable pursuant to Penal Code Section 1524, as indicated below, and is now located at the location(s) set forth below. Wherefore, affiant requests that this Search Warrant be issued.

- ELECTRONIC MONITORING REQUESTED
SEALING REQUESTED EVID §1040-1042
NIGHT SERVICE REQUESTED
DELAYED NOTIFICATION REQUESTED
NON-DISCLOSURE REQUESTED
HOBBS SEALING REQUESTED
10 DAY RETURN OF SERVICE WAIVER REQUESTED

10 Day Return of Service Waiver - Number of Days Requested: 90

Date/Time 02/23/2026 09:42 AM Place (City/County and State) Moreno Valley, CA

Investigator Robert Castellanos
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF PARTY MAKING DECLARATION)

(SIGNATURE)

SEARCH WARRANT

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ANY SPECIAL AGENT, POLICEMAN OR PEACE OFFICER IN THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE: Proof by affidavit having been made before me by Investigator Robert Castellanos that there is probable cause to believe that at the property described herein may be found at the locations set forth herein and that it is lawfully seizable pursuant to Penal Code Section 1524/1534, as indicated by checked items below in that:

- 1524(a)(1); i.e., it was stolen or embezzled.
1524(a)(2); i.e., it was used as the means of committing a felony.
1524(a)(3); e.g., it is possessed with the intent to use it as means of committing a public offense.
1524(a)(4); i.e., it tends to show that a felony has been committed or that a particular person has committed a felony.
1524(a)(5); i.e., it tends to show a violation of Penal Code section 311.3 or 311.11.
1524(a)(6); i.e., there is a warrant for the person's arrest.
1524(a)(7); e.g., records of evidence, as specified in Penal Code Section 1524.3, showing that property was stolen or embezzled constituting a misdemeanor, or that property or things are in the possession of any person with the intent to use them as a means of committing a misdemeanor public offense.
1524(a)(12); e.g., the information to be received from the use of a tracking device tends to show a felony has been or is being committed or tends to show that a particular person has committed or is committing a felony or will assist in locating an individual who has committed or is committing a felony.
1524(a)(19); e.g., a recording device installed by the manufacturer of a motor vehicle tends to show a felony or misdemeanor involving a motor vehicle, resulting in death or serious bodily injury.
Other/Not Listed

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED TO SEARCH: (premises, vehicles, persons, locations)

See ATTACHMENT A for locations and persons

FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY/PERSON:

See ATTACHMENT B

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AND TO SEIZE IT IF FOUND and bring it forthwith before me, or the appropriate courthouse within the County of Riverside. This Search Warrant and incorporated Affidavit was sworn to as true and subscribed on **February 23, 2026 at 09:42 AM**. Wherefore, I find probable cause for the issuance of this Search Warrant and do issue it.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AS INDICATED BY CHECKED ITEMS IN THAT:

- ELECTRONIC MONITORING ORDERED
 - SEALING ORDERED (1040-1042)
 - NIGHT SERVICE ORDERED
 - DELAYED NOTIFICATION ORDERED
 - NON-DISCLOSURE ORDERED
 - HOBBS SEALING ORDERED
 - 10 DAY RETURN OF SERVICE WAIVER ORDERED
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Date 2/23/2026

[Signature]
Signature of Magistrate Signed Pursuant to 1526(c)(1)
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ATTACHMENT A

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FOR THE FOLLOWING PREMISES/VEHICLES/PERSONS/LOCATIONS:

Registrar of Voters- County of Riverside
2720 Gateway Drive, Riverside CA 92507

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ATTACHMENT B

FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY/PERSON TO BE SEIZED:

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Materials to be Retained	Code Section	Retention Period	Destruction Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voted polling place ballots • Paper record copies, as defined by Section 19271, if any, of voted polling place ballots • Voted vote-by-mail voter ballots • Vote-by-mail voter identification envelopes • Voted provisional voter ballots • Provisional ballot voter identification envelopes • Spoiled ballots • Canceled ballots • Unused vote-by-mail ballots surrendered by the voter pursuant to Section 3015 • Ballot receipts 	17302	<p>6 months</p> <p>MATERIALS MUST REMAIN SEALED</p>	Mandatory destruction (at end of retention period)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two tally sheets • Challenge lists • Assisted voters' list 	17304	<p>6 months</p> <p>Packages of materials must be preserved (voters may inspect these materials but may not copy or distribute materials with signatures)</p>	Discretionary destruction (at end of retention period)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballot Cards 	17306	<p>6 months</p> <p>MATERIALS MUST REMAIN SEALED</p>	Discretionary destruction (at end of retention period)

Additionally, any and all other information not listed above related to the 2025 Special Election regardless of format (ie digital, paper, ect.).

The original digital copies to be held by the ROV and not destroyed pending further order of this court.

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Affiant's Declaration

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Affiant's Name: **Robert Castellanos**

Title/Rank: **Investigator**

Assignment: **Investigations**

Department/Agency: **Riverside Sheriff's Office**

Years of Experience: **21**

Training & Experience:

Your affiant has been employed by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department since December 9th, 2004. Since his date of hire with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department your affiant has been assigned to various assignments, to include the patrol division, custody division, and court services. Your affiant is currently assigned to the Moreno Valley Police Department as an investigator.

In 2003/2004 your affiant received a basic peace officer's training certificate, having completed approximately 800 hours of basic peace officers' training at the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Academy in Riverside, California. Your affiant's training included numerous hours of fraud and theft related investigations during the academy. Your affiant has been exposed to continual training throughout his career, and has received a basic, intermediate, and advanced certificates from the state of California Peace Officer's Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.).

During the above law enforcement service, your affiant has investigated and participated in hundreds of investigations which include these various types of crimes such as frauds, embezzlements, forgeries, thefts (vehicle and other types), burglaries (vehicular, residential and commercial) and robberies; missing persons; unattended deaths; child abuse; felonious violent assaults (to include physical, sexual assault, and assaults with the use of deadly weapons); rape, child molestation, suicides; homicides and attempted homicides; possession and sales of illicit drugs and drug paraphernalia.

Your affiant has prepared and served search warrants relating to cases in which physical evidence has successfully been recovered. Your affiant has arrested and interviewed many suspects involved in the above-mentioned types of crimes.

Your affiant has also become familiar in the manner, techniques, behaviors, and modus operandi by suspects who commit many of these crimes, suspect(s) motives, and the ways in which contraband, weapons, and evidence can be concealed and/or disposed. Your affiant has also become familiar with the trends and patterns in the commission of these crimes.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE IN SUPPORT OF AFFIDAVIT

On January 19, 2023, Riverside Superior Judge Shouka signed a search warrant for information regarding double voter information from the Registrar of Voters.

On March 6, 2024, Riverside Superior Court Judge Diaz signed a search warrant related to possible mail in ballot fraud at the Riverside County Registrar of Voters (ROV). Below is the probable cause statement of the previous warrant which was authored by now Sgt. J Merrill of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department (I was assigned to assist with this investigation and have knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the investigation):

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On Tuesday February 27, 2024, I was contacted by Stephanie Nelson, Deputy County Counsel with Riverside County Counsel. She asked if I was in possession of "audit logs" from the Registrar of Voters (ROV). Specifically she asked if I had "ImageCast Slog.txt.logs , EMS Audit Logs, ImageCast X Audit Trail logs, and ImageCast Adjudication Trail Audit logs". I explained that the only logs in my possession were copies of a handwritten maintenance logs. Nelson further explained she was trying to comply with a CPRA request made through the ROV.

On March 5, 2024, I was informed of additional information related to additional instances of possible voter fraud. Shelby Bunch had made a public records request regarding the audit logs from the voting machines themselves. She said Yvette Anthony had found discrepancies of over 30,000 mail in votes in the 2022 Primary Election and over 13,000 discrepancies in the in person ballots. She said there are similar numbers in the 2022 General Election. Bunch confirmed the audit logs would give a true number of ballots counted.

I then spoke with Deputy Counsel Nelson again, she confirmed the logs she was previously speaking to me about were regarding the activity that ran through each machine. She explained through the ROV she was advised to not honor the CPRA and further that the logs for the 2022 General Election were due to be destroyed next month in accordance with state law.

On Wednesday March 5, 2024 I spoke with Yvette Anthony, I had previously interviewed her in October of 2022. Anthony explained she has continued to submit public records requests regarding elections in several counties. Regarding the June 2022 Primary Election, she submitted a request from the US Postal service regarding Vote By Mail (VBM) ballots and how many they handled for the Riverside County Registrar of Voters. Anthony received 63 pages of bills regarding the charges made from USPS to the Riverside ROV. The bills are broken down into "Postcards", "1 oz" and "2 oz", Anthony explained the "2 oz" numbers correspond with a two page ballot. Anthony counted the number of "2 oz" charges and found the number to be **216,877** (billing up to June 30th 2022).

Anthony also provided me with a document titled "Ballots Returned by Return Date" for the June 7, 2022 election, dated June 29, 2022. The document was sent to her directly by Art Tinoco while he was the Assistant Registrar of Voters. The total of ballots received through the mail was **252,661**. Anthony has inquired of the previous ROV (Rebecca Spencer) and the new ROV (Art Tinoco) to explain the discrepancy. As of the writing of this warrant they have not given an explanation for the difference of **35,784** votes. Anthony received all this information while she was a trained election observer.

During a previous interview on September 6th, 2023 Inv. Allen and I interviewed Rebecca Spencer who was the Registrar of Voters. During our interview, we discussed the information we received from the first search warrant. We also discussed whether or not anyone had the ability to remotely access the voting machines and change votes. She said as far as she knew it was not possible and they were taking steps to prove that. She explained her staff did not have access to the proprietary hardware and software that runs their voting machines. We also discussed how once the votes are tallied, are then taken off of the machine and uploaded to the Secretary of States website. She did not think there was anyway someone could manipulate the number of votes through the voting machines. Anthony said the VBM totals for the November 2022 General Election appear to not be suspicious.

It appears there is more information available through the audit logs to prove or disprove any voter fraud related to the 2022 Primary related to Elections Coder 19101. The large number of Vote By Mail ballots for this election does not seem to be close to what the USPS is reporting. I am requesting a search of the information regarding the audit logs be provided by the ROV to help prove or disprove any voter fraud. I am also requesting the same information from the 2022 General Election for comparison. I also understand this information may take some time to compile and provide to us, so I am asking the normal 10-day Search Warrant Return timeframe to be waived. I am also asking the original digital copies to be held by the ROV and not destroyed pending further order of this court.

I have been in regular contact with Greg Langworthy who is part of an election integrity group (Riverside County Election Integrity Team or REIT) regarding various issues of potential election fraud. On February 6, 2026 Sgt. Merrill (of the Riverside County Sheriff's Moreno Valley Station) received an email from Langworthy sent to him and a member of the Riverside County District Attorney's Office Public Integrity Unit.

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The email details several instances of inconsistent ballot counting after the elections have been certified. In the 2025 special election regarding Proposition 50, REIT conducted an in-person audit of the ballots collected by the ROV. According to the ROV, 657,322 ballots were cast in the 2025 Prop 50 special election. According to the REIT audit, 627,802 ballots were cast and 16,376 were rejected by the ROV for a total of 611,426 a difference of 45,896. Langworthy has asked Riverside County Registrar of Voters Art Tinoco who has not given a reason for the discrepancy. Langworthy contacted the Riverside County Board of Supervisors Karen Spiegel and Jose Medina regarding the discrepancies. They scheduled a Board of Supervisors meeting for February 10, 2026 to ask ROV Tinoco about the numbers. Langworthy has said the last four elections have had similar discrepancies that were not explained by the ROV. In order to prove or disprove any criminal conduct, I am requesting to seize and conduct a review/audit the ballots from the 2025 special election.

According to the California Secretary of State Memorandum dated September 9, 2022, all state and local election materials are to be retained for 6 months and are to be destroyed at the end of the retention period. These ballots are scheduled for destruction around May of 2026.

On 02/09/2026, I authored a search warrant for the seizure of ballots associated with the 2025 Special Election. The warrant was authorized by the Honorable J. Keil, Judge of the State of California-County of Riverside Superior Court. Afterwards, the warrant was served on the ROV via email. While speaking with the head of the ROV, Art Tinoco, and his assistant, Matt Ceballos via a Microsoft Teams meeting, they advised Sgt. Merrill and I there was approximately **150 Pallets** of material for the 2025 Special Election.

On 02/20/2026, approximately 1100hrs, I responded to the ROV to conduct a review of the material to effect the proper transportation and storage of the approximately **150 Pallets** of material. While speaking with Ceballos, he informed me the ROV would only release the ballots from the 2025 Special Election and would not release any other material without an additional search warrant ordering the release of the material. While speaking with Ceballos, he estimated the amount of material the ROV would release was approximately **13 Pallets**. Based on the large discrepancy between the original amount of material stated during the Teams meeting and what was told to me in person, I believe this additional warrant is necessary to effectively seize **ALL OF THE MATERIAL** related to the 2025 Special Election. In addition, **Ceballos stated multiple times the ROV was mandated to destroy the election material after the six-month time frame.**

I researched the California Secretary of State Memorandum dated September 9, 2022 once more and below is a list of the materials listed within the memo:

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Due to the timeframe regarding the ballots being destroyed and the large discrepancy between the numbers from the REIT audit and the official ROV count, I am requesting all of the above material to be seized along with any and all other information related to the 2025 Special Election regardless of format (ie digital, paper, ect.). This information is of extreme evidentiary importance to either prove or disprove fraudulent conduct associated with the 2025 Special Election.

I also understand this information may take some time to compile and provide to us, so I am asking the normal 10-day Search Warrant Return timeframe to be waived. I am also asking the original digital copies to be held by the ROV and not destroyed pending further order of this court.