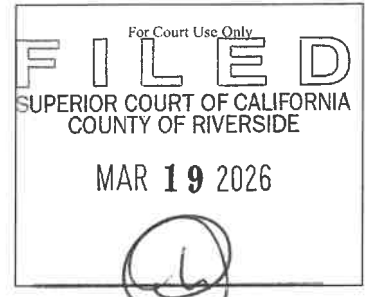


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STATE OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

SEARCH WARRANT AND AFFIDAVIT



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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 03/19/2026 12:32 PM 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

**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 **March 19, 2026 at 12:32 PM**. 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
- ✓ Return of Service Waiver - Number of Days Ordered:

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3/19/2026  
Date

[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:**

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

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**ATTACHMENT B**

**FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY/PERSON TO BE SEIZED:**

12 Pallets of boxes containing ballots cast in the 2025 Special Election. The items are currently in the custody of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

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# SEARCH WARRANT AND AFFIDAVIT

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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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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

### 2023-2024 Investigations

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):

*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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

### **2025 Investigation**

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 Mr. Langworthy sent to him and a member of the Riverside County District Attorney's Office Public Integrity Unit.

The email details several instances of alleged inconsistent ballot counting by the Riverside County Registrar of Voters office wherein the total number of ballots cast do not match the total votes certified by the ROV. The pattern described and reported by Mr. Langworthy is substantially similar to the reports of inconsistencies in the totals as alleged by Ms. Bunch and Ms. Anthony in previous Riverside County elections.

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.

As will be discussed further below, Mr. Langworthy asserts that he and the REIT team personally met with Riverside County Registrar of Voters (ROV) Public Information Officer, prior to the 2025 election wherein ROV agreed to establish a policy wherein all physical ballots received by the ROV from all sources would be counted and recorded on a daily basis by election officials in the ROV's office. Those recordings consist of handwritten logs with ballot counts, among other information recorded, and signed by the election officials who counted the ballots and made the handwritten recording. This was intended to provide an alternative method of recording the total ballots as opposed to just relying on the digital election management system for the total number of ballots. I reviewed the handwritten logs obtained by Mr. Langworthy, which he provided to my office, that support Mr. Langworthy's representations.

Mr. 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 (Information regarding this meeting will be listed later in this affidavit). Mr. Langworthy reported that the last four elections have had similar discrepancies that were not explained by the ROV, which are consistent with concerns in our earlier investigations. In order to prove or disprove any criminal conduct, I am requesting to order that the Sheriff's Department physically count the total number of ballots cast and those that were rejected from the 2025 special election. We are not asking to perform a recount of the vote tally as to how a ballot voted, just a reconciliation of the total number of ballots versus the total votes certified.

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. However, my office is now in possession of the ballots from the 2025 special election.

On 02/10/2026, during a Board of Supervisors meeting, held at the County Administrative Center (CAC), ROV Tinoco provided a presentation in which he discussed the REIT audit. During the presentation (which was recorded and maintained on rivco.org), Tinoco stated REIT used "raw data derived from the number of ballots coming into my office" (3:40:24 mark of the video). I personally reviewed Tinoco's recorded testimony from this meeting. Tinoco later stated the raw data was unreliable in part due to REIT not receiving all of the ballot information. Tinoco stated REIT did not receive the information to the 43 confidential ballots, the conditional registration ballots, and provisional ballots. Tinoco stated that totaled approximately **6,000 ballots**. Tinoco later provided a slide with a brake down of the types of ballots.

### Topic 2 Comparison Variance Q & A

ANSWER (continued): The following table show totals of good ballots cast that were tracked in the Election Information Management System, based on location or type of ballot.

#### November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election

Category (Location or Type)	Number
Mail	370,127
Drop Off Location (staffed at city halls, libraries)	123,534
Vote Center Drop Off	91,181
Vote Center In-Person	51,347
Drop Box	14,785
Conditional Voter Registration	5,907
Fax (Military)	255
Confidential	43
Provisional	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>657,219</b>

Source: Election Information Management System Reports



Tinoco stated the ROV uses two different computer systems to calculate the number of ballots cast/counted. Tinoco went on to further discuss the systems and how they independently calculate the number of ballots.

Tinoco discussed the information used by REIT to conduct their audit. Tinoco stated REIT used the different handwritten logs used by the ROV to calculate the number of ballots received. Tinoco stated those logs are unreliable due to the employees using the raw ballots (ballots prior to being processed, having signatures verified, soiled ballots, and ballots without signatures), estimating the number of ballots, and unintentional errors due to long hours by staff. If this explanation were true, it would seem that the number of ballots recorded by the handwritten logs and reported by REIT would result in a total number of ballots that was more than the total certified by the ROV.

When asked by Supervisor Speigel about the differences between the ROV's and REIT's number of ballots, Tinoco stated he believes the tally sheets for the mail in ballots were incorrect.

Below is a copy of three handwritten logs provided to me by REIT which they obtained through record requests to the ROV:

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**County of Riverside Registrar of Voters  
Vote-By-Mail Collection Form (VBM-CF)**

Date of Arrival: 10/20/25	Time of Arrival: 9:00 AM/PM
Drop Off Center's Location: ROV 24/7 BOX	Drop Off Box Number: Building A
Number of VBM Ballot Envelopes Collected: 538 (3 out of county)	
Security Chamber Seal's Serial Number:	
Collector's Name: Jasmine Despyne	Collector's Signature: <i>Jasmine Despyne</i>
Observer's Name: ANTHONY LORENZ	Observer's Signature: <i>Anthony Lorenz</i>
Date of Departure: 10/20/25	Time of Departure: 9:05 AM/PM
Date of Arrival (ROV): 10/20/25	Time of Arrival (ROV): 9:15 AM/PM

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**County of Riverside Registrar of Voters  
Vote-By-Mail Collection Form (VBM-CF)**

Date of Arrival: 10/25/2025	Time of Arrival: 5:03 AM/PM
Drop Off Center's Location: Drive-Thru Drop-Off	Drop Off Box Number:
Number of VBM Ballot Envelopes Collected: 376 (1 out of county)	
Security Chamber Seal's Serial Number: 0193003	
Collector's Name: Daniel GUE	Collector's Signature: <i>Daniel Gue</i>
Observer's Name: GILBERT GIRONI	Observer's Signature: <i>Gilbert Gironi</i>
Date of Departure: 10/25/2025	Time of Departure: AM/PM
Date of Arrival (ROV): 10/25/2025	Time of Arrival (ROV): AM/PM

**County of Riverside Registrar of Voters  
Vote-By-Mail Collection Form (VBM-CF)**

Date of Arrival: 11/2/25	Time of Arrival: 10:00 AM/PM
Drop Off Center's Location: ROV 24/7 Box	Drop Off Box Number: Building A
Number of VBM Ballot Envelopes Collected: 122 (1 out of county)	
Security Chamber Seal's Serial Number:	
Collector's Name: Lovely Juan	Collector's Signature: <i>Lovely Juan</i>
Observer's Name: Jasmine Despyne	Observer's Signature: <i>Jasmine Despyne</i>
Date of Departure: 11/2/25	Time of Departure: 10:05 AM/PM
Date of Arrival (ROV): 11/2/25	Time of Arrival (ROV): 10:25 AM/PM

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While conducting a review of these logs along with numerous additional sheets provided to me by REIT, which Mr. Langworthy states were obtained by conducting records requests to the ROV, I determined the logs are handwritten and each form appears to be signed by two subjects. Each form is dated with the arrival date/time and has boxes for the departure date/time. Each form has boxes for the location and drop box number. In addition, there is a box titled, "Number of VBM Ballot Envelopes Collected:" On each form I noticed a different number of ballots was handwritten and there were notes next to each number. I also noticed boxes on several forms were left incomplete, those boxes included information related to the serial number and time of departure or arrival. Pursuant to a warrant issued on 02/26/2026, I facilitated the collection of the ballots related to the 2025 Special Election from the ROV. We collected **12 pallets** of boxes containing what the ROV described as all of the ballots from the election. I conducted a preliminary count of the boxes collected from the ROV and counted over **1000 boxes of ballots**. The ROV provided me with an inventory of the boxes seized and they had a total of **1086 boxes of ballots** seized during this investigation. On 03/05/2026, I supervised the beginning of the counting process of the ballots seized. **22 boxes** were opened and the ballots contained within the boxes were counted. **The total number of ballots counted from the 22 boxes was at most 12,561.**

Thereafter, the California Attorney General's Office sent Sheriff Bianco letters that directed/requested a pause in this investigation citing they have supervisory authority under article V, section 13 of the California Constitution and section 12560 of the Government Code.

Due to the timeframe regarding the law requiring the ballots be destroyed, the directive/request from the California Attorney General, and the large discrepancy between the numbers from the REIT audit and the official ROV count, I am requesting the following:

#### **Application for Special Master**

This search warrant is being used to conduct a hand count of the ballots cast in the 2025 Special Election which was previously stored at the County of Riverside's Registrar of Voters and subsequently seized by and held by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. Additionally, the California Attorney General's letters addressed to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department which included a request/directive to pause this investigation along with asserting their authority to have "direct supervision" over the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. In an effort to avoid any potential appearance of impropriety, an application for a Special Master for the service of this search warrant (specifically the counting of the ballots) is requested.