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Ms. Haddix,

Please see the following response to Request 26-72:

> Under N.C.G.S. § 132-1.4 (a), "Records of criminal investigations conducted by public law enforcement agencies, records of criminal intelligence information compiled by public law enforcement agencies ... are not public records as defined by G.S. 132-1."
> Due to an ongoing investigation into possible fraud related to voter registration drives in a number of North Carolina counties, we cannot release complaints we have received from voters or election officials, as they are part of that investigation.
> However, for transparency, we are providing the following summary of the ongoing investigation.
> In recent years, the State Board has received dozens of referrals from county boards of elections and voters of irregularities and possible fraud stemming from voter registration drives. These incidents included, but are not limited to:
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> - Voter registration drive representatives telling individuals that they are county or state election officials.
> - VR drive representatives telling already registered voters that they must re-register to vote.
> - Voter registration applications turned in for already-registered voters that included incorrect dates of birth, driver's license numbers, last four digits of Social Security numbers, phone numbers, signatures, etc. In most instances, the Brunswick County Board of Elections was contacted by the voters after they received an "incomplete registration" letter in the mail stating that they had attempted to update their registration, but required information on the application was either missing or did not match information on file with election officials. Many of these voters informed election officials they did not fill out new applications.
> - Voter registration applications turned in for new voters with incorrect personal information, such as date of birth, driver's license number, last four digits of Social Security number, etc.
> - Voter registration applications submitted with incorrect addresses. Residents at those addresses notified election officials that they received voter mailings for individuals who did not live there.
> - Voter registration applications received for individuals who were deceased.

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When individuals working on voter registration drives submit fraudulent forms, it causes problems for election officials and voters.

For election officials, each registration attempt results in staff time entering the information into the voter registration database, as well as the printing and mailing of letters to the prospective registrants, which costs time and money. Additionally, election officials must respond to concerns of affected voters.

For the already registered voters, fraudulent registrations can result in changes to their voter record without their knowledge. It takes time to contact election officials and ensure their registrations are accurate and up to date. It also can affect voter confidence in the election system.

And finally, the submission of fraudulent registration forms can and does result in ineligible individuals on the voter rolls. However, any registrant whose driver's license number or last four digits of their Social Security number doesn't validate against other government databases must show an ID when they vote, so it is unlikely that votes would be cast successfully for fraudulent registrations.

The State Board takes all complaints about possible voter registration fraud seriously and will continue to vigorously investigate these cases and refer them to prosecutors when warranted by evidence.

We will also update the public records request portal with this information. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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