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UPDATE: STATE BOARD COOPERATING WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON INVESTIGATION OF IMPROPERLY DISCARDED REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

RICHMOND, VA -- The Secretary of the State Board of Elections, Donald Palmer states: “The State Board of Elections is cooperating with the ongoing investigation and prosecution of the alleged perpetrator by the Rockingham County Sheriff’s Office and Commonwealth’s Attorney, respectively. Pursuant to state law, violations of election laws are investigated and prosecuted at the local level unless additional support or resources from the Attorney General are indicated. At this time, the Commonwealth’s Attorney has not indicated a need for assistance on the state level.”

With the in-person absentee voting period and General Election preparations ongoing, the agency will continue to monitor the situation while local law enforcement officials continue their prosecution of the alleged perpetrator. Last week, the Rockingham County Sheriff’s Office moved quickly and arrested and charged the alleged perpetrator and the Rockingham County Commonwealth’s Attorney is proceeding with the prosecution of the defendant. The Rockingham County Sheriff’s Office and Commonwealth’s Attorney are working together to ensure the matter is thoroughly investigated. State Board of Elections staff has communicated with the local law enforcement authorities and have requested the State Board be made aware of any facts that lead investigators to conclude that this was more than an isolated incident.

The staff of the State Board of Elections has coordinated with the relevant local general registrars to ensure that any eligible Virginians impacted by this incident were timely registered to vote.

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