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| Offense 5:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | Offense 6:                                                           |  | Offense 7:                      |  | Offense 8:                          |  |                    |  |
| MEN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | Name (Last, First, Middle)<br>Gure, Sadiyo Farah                     |  | DOB:<br>01/01/1996              |  | Race/Sex<br>F                       |  |                    |  |
| Address: (Address, City, State, Zip)<br>1617 University Dr SE,102, Saint Cloud, MN, 56304                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                                                                      |  |                                 |  | Phone 1                             |  |                    |  |
| Employer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |                                                                      |  |                                 |  | Phone 2                             |  |                    |  |
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| MEN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | Name (Last, First, Middle)<br>Gure, Hani Farah                       |  | DOB:<br>09/12/1998              |  | Race/Sex<br>F                       |  |                    |  |
| Address: (Address, City, State, Zip)<br>1617 University Dr Se Apt 102, Saint Cloud, MN, 56304                                                                                                                                                                |  |                                                                      |  |                                 |  | Phone 1                             |  |                    |  |
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| <b>SUMMARY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |                                                                      |  |                                 |  |                                     |  |                    |  |
| The Sheriff's Office was requested by the Attorney's Office to investigate an issue that occurred at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office on 10/04/2024. Please forward this report to the Sherburne County Attorney's Office for review of charges for Hani Gure: |  |                                                                      |  |                                 |  |                                     |  |                    |  |
| <b>Hani Farah Gure DOB 09/12/1998</b><br>Unlawful Voting (Felony/204C.14.B)<br>Unlawful Voting (Felony/204C.14.D)                                                                                                                                            |  |                                                                      |  |                                 |  |                                     |  |                    |  |
| Additional charges for other individuals are pending further investigation.                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                      |  |                                 |  |                                     |  |                    |  |
| Vehicle Information: (Year, Make, Model, Style, Color)                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                                                                      |  |                                 |  |                                     |  |                    |  |
| License Number:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  | State:                                                               |  | Expiration Year:                |  | Vin:                                |  | Insurance Company: |  |
| Other Vehicle Information:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                      |  |                                 |  | NCIC#                               |  |                    |  |
| Reporting Officer(s):<br>Turner, Austin                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |                                                                      |  | Payroll Number:<br>2082         |  | Report Date:<br>10/21/2024          |  |                    |  |
| Time Received:<br>14:35:57                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | Time Cleared:<br>20:00:14                                            |  | Unit(s) Assigned:<br>3523, 3558 |  | Pages:<br>1 Of 24                   |  |                    |  |
| Reviewed by:<br>Hanson, Kenneth                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |                                                                      |  | Payroll Number:<br>675          |  | Copy To                             |  |                    |  |

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| <b>NARRATIVE</b> <p>On 10/07/2024 I was assigned a case involving a voter casting two ballots at the Sherburne County Government Center on 10/04/2024. I was advised that the Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer contacted the Sherburne County Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Office was requested to complete an investigation. I was provided an envelope which contained two completed absentee ballot envelopes (each accompanied by an absentee ballot application) and notes regarding the incident completed by Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer Lorainne Rupp.</p> <p>I reviewed the two absentee ballot envelopes and absentee ballot applications, each set appearing to be completed by a person named 'Hani Farah Gure' DOB 09/12/1998. Hani listed her address as '1617 University Dr #102' and her phone number as '320-761-9249' on both sets. Hani appeared to use her Minnesota Driver's License (MN DL) number 'C000092636200' on both sets, and also the last four digits of her social security number '1521' on one of them. The set which Hani used both her MN DL number and the last four digits of her social security number was witnessed by Election Specialist Carrie Anderson; the ballot envelope was labelled with Anderson's sticker and appeared to be signed by her. The set which Hani used the last four digits of her social security number only was witnessed by Accounting Manager Sherlynn Kapsner; the ballot envelope was labelled with Kapsner's sticker and appeared to be signed by her. Both sets appeared to have been stamped as accepted on 10/04/2024. The notes completed by Rupp explained that the stickers containing Hani's information and used to label each set (one sticker for each absentee ballot envelope and one for each absentee ballot application) were all printed by Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer Elections Manager Kenneth Selser Jr.. Rupp's notes indicated that she completed checks and found Selser Jr appeared to change Hani's voting status to 'in person' at approximately 1232 hours on 10/04/2024.</p> <p>On 10/08/2024 I began reviewing surveillance video footage of the Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer area. I began reviewing video at the time Rupp indicated Selser Jr changed Hani's status to 'in person' (1232 hours on 10/04/2024). While reviewing the footage I did observe one person that appeared to have cast two ballots; a short female with head and body coverings appeared to turn in an absentee ballot application followed by an absentee ballot on two occasions approximately thirty minutes apart beginning at approximately 1230. I observed that the timeline seemed consistent with Rupp's notes, however, I was unable to identify the voter as Hani because only her eyes were exposed due to her clothing. I also observed the voter appeared heavier than Hani (Hani's MN DL lists her as 100 pounds, but the voter I was watching via surveillance video appeared heavier than 100 pounds).</p> <p>I observed that a male with shoulder-length black hair, glasses, a light sweatshirt, blue jeans and white shoes appeared to be directing Hani during the process of her voting twice. The male appeared to first speak with Hani while she was filling out her application, he then physically handled her application, then</p> |                                                                      |                              |
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physically handled her ballot, and finally sealed Hani's ballot for her at the counter. Hani's ballot was then turned in to Anderson.

I observed Hani returned to the sitting area and began doing something on her cellular phone for a period of time after that first vote. At one point I observed the same male to appear to speak with Hani again, at which point Hani appeared to begin completing another absentee ballot application which had been sitting out nearby. I observed the male again assist Hani with the application and ballot before Hani turned the completed ballot in to Kapsner at the counter. I observed Hani then left the area of the Auditor/Treasurer's Office after this second vote. Based on what I observed on the surveillance video the day after receiving the complaint I believed a female who was possibly Hani Gure did turn in two absentee ballots. I was also concerned that the male depicted in the video assisted or directed Gure to turn in the two ballots.

On 10/09/2024 I was on the third floor of the Sherburne County Courts Facility regarding an unrelated matter when I observed a male matching the description of the male observed assisting the voter on 10/04/2024. The male was now walking in the SW parking lot of the Government Center. I observed the male was with two females wearing head and body coverings. I responded to the area and approached the male on foot. I introduced myself and asked the male if he'd be willing to speak about something I was looking into regarding voting at the Sherburne County Government Center. The male was smiling and replied 'yes, brother'. I explained that I observed the male on camera while investigating something that occurred at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office recently. I explained that I'd like to know more about what he's been doing at that location. The male stated that he is working to be an attorney, he is involved with his community, and that he's writing books. The male showed me images on his phone of books for sale on Amazon and letters regarding a book being published. The male summarized by saying he's attempting to assist individuals overcome barriers that normally prevent them from voting such as language and transportation barriers.

While standing with the male I observed the two females he was with entered a minivan bearing Texas registration VGX2642. I observed the females were speaking what I believed to be Somali to each other. I observed the females were squeezed into the back seat as if making room for occupants not yet at the vehicle. I observed the van was a newer model and suspected it was a rental vehicle based on the year and the fact it had Texas registration plates (I know through experience that rental vehicles commonly have out-of-state registration plates, and in my experience they are often Florida or Texas plates not from this area). I asked the male if he was driving groups of people down to vote and he said yes. I explained that frequent trips and rental vehicle seems like a pretty organized operation, and asked the male if he was working for or with anyone in particular. The male was evasive and did not answer that question.

I asked the male if he had a driver's license and he stated 'yes'. I explained that I needed to identify him because of my investigation and asked to see the male's driver's license. The male replied that he does

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| <p>not have it with him. The male provided the name 'Abdi Mahad DOB 07/12/1984' when I asked for his name. I asked the male if he had any credit cards or anything with his name on it to verify his identity and he replied 'no'. I showed the male the notes I made which read 'Abdi Mahad 07/12/1984'. I asked if this information is correct, and the male said 'yes'. I asked if I would find this person has a valid MN Driver's License. The male replied 'yes'. I ended the interaction with the male and allowed him to return to the Government Center (he stated someone else was waiting for him).</p> <p>I monitored the male after ending the interaction because I did not believe the male gave me the correct name; I found it strange someone would drive as far as Elk River from Saint Cloud without identification or a credit card, it seemed odd that someone would visit a polling place to assist voters without bringing his own identification, the male seemed evasive when I asked about anyone else he was working with or for (I didn't expect any association would be something to hide), and the male's face (especially his eyelids) were twitching at different points, especially when I asked pointed questions like 'do you have a MN driver's license'. These are all consistent with someone providing false information based on my training and experience.</p> <p>I made a phone call and learned no person named 'Abdi Mahad' with the date of birth '07/12/1984' has a valid MN Driver's License or MN Identification Card. This phone call was made to a partner CID Sergeant, who checked the Minnesota Department of Vehicle Services (DVS) website at my direction. It should be noted I know this site to be very reliable and quickly updated. I approached the male when he exited the Government Center next, again in the SW lot of the Government Center, this time I was with a Transport/Court Security (TCS) Deputy who recorded the interaction via bodyworn camera (BWC). I explained to the male that the information he gave appeared to be false. I told the male no one with the name he provided has a valid MN driver's license, and I needed to verify his true identity before he could have someone drive him away from the Government Center. The male maintained that his name was 'Abdi Mahad'. I pointed out that the male originally stated he had driven here, and that he had a valid driver's license. The male then denied driving today.</p> <p>During this second conversation, I observed there was a credit card sticking out of the male's back pocket. I asked about the card, stating something to the effect of 'I thought you said you had no credit cards with you'. The male reached for the card, and it dropped to the floor. The rear of the card landed face up and I saw the name 'Tajir Rage' on it. I recognized this is not the name he had originally provided. About that time, a Criminal Investigation Division (CID) partner arrived on scene and handed me a Minnesota Identification Card. The CID Sergeant advised me that this ID was just found on the floor and turned in to a Peace Officer seemingly for safekeeping. I observed the photograph in the ID was the male I was out with, and the name on the ID was 'Tajir Rage' which matched the name on the male's credit card. I observed the ID card displayed address '3201 14th St N #322' which matched the address the male provided during the first encounter. I asked Rage why he had given the name 'Abdi Mahad' and he stated</p> |                                                                      |                              |
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that 'Abdi Mahad' is his name but there was a name change at one point. It should be noted Rage used his cell phone multiple times during this second interaction. During one phone call I heard Rage state 'yes I'll sign' as if someone was in the Government Center waiting for him to assist voting. It should be noted that after later details became available to include surveillance video showing no such voter was awaiting the male, it appears he was pretending to be called away for business in an effort to evade me.

I told Rage it was clear to me that he lied for some unknown reason; I had introduced myself as a Peace Officer and explained I was conducting an investigation, when I asked for identification for that investigation Rage stated he had none with him, when I asked for a credit card as a more informal way of identifying him Rage stated he had none with him, Rage confirmed my notes with his name and date of birth and stated he had a valid driver's license, and all this information turned out to be false. I asked if the reason Rage lied was for something as simple as a fear of a Driving Without a License charge. Rage then said something to the effect of 'I'll be honest, I was very nervous'. Rage also stated something to the effect of 'all I know is that what I'm doing is for a good cause'. Rage would not admit to driving, even though I explained the cameras are very good and would be able to show whether he had driven to the Government Center or not.

One of the females from the van approached on foot and attempted to provide me with a Minnesota Driver's License while I was speaking with Rage. The female did not seem to speak English but repeated the city "Melrose" multiple times. Rage spoke what appeared to be Somali and the female responded by turning around and leaving. Rage stated the female had a valid driver's license and would be taking them away. I left the area at that time to continue the investigation; Rage had assisted a voter in casting two ballots, he had provided a false name when confronted, and he's been driving without a valid MN License.

I met with TCS Deputies at the checkpoint area and learned that someone had brought a note indicating Auditor/Treasurer staff had just had an altercation with the male I was speaking with yesterday. I was unsure at that time if the same person who brought the note had also brought the MN ID that was turned in. I then met with Anderson briefly at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office and she confirmed the male I was just speaking with outside is known to her (not by name, only as a frequent visitor to the Auditor/Treasurer's area). Anderson explained that Rage has brought in many groups of individuals to vote recently, and there were suspicious circumstances surrounding his visits. When I asked about the altercation she mentioned that it occurred yesterday (10/07/2024) when she asked Rage to translate for one of the voters. Anderson further explained that part of the voting process is reading and signing an oath, and that Anderson became concerned that a voter Rage was translating for appeared to not know much about what was happening. Anderson asked Rage to completely translate the oath, and Anderson alleges that Rage became disruptive and a verbal argument ensued. Anderson alleged that at one point Rage accused Anderson of oppressing voters. Anderson indicated the interaction did end, and that Rage returned later in the day and apologized. I cleared the Auditor/Treasurer's area.

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| <p>I completed NCIC checks of vehicle (TX) VGX2642 and found it registers to 'PV Holding Corp' which is a rental entity. I later checked surveillance video and observed that vehicle (TX) VGX2642 arrived at the Government Center at 0856 on 10/09/2024. The vehicle can be seen turning off Business Center Dr NW (from the west). It can be followed on camera until it parks in the SW lot, at which time Rage can be seen exiting the driver's seat. Rage is seen exiting, walking around to the passenger's side sliding door, and opening it for his two passengers. Rage can be seen leaving a jacket with the vehicle and escorting the two passengers inside. Rage is recognizable on camera and is wearing the same clothing I observed when dealing with him about an hour later. After doing these checks I was concerned Rage had been making a habit out of driving people to the Government Center without a valid Driver's License, and also seemed to be in a pattern of directing people who are voting which ultimately seemed to be a part of the instance of double voting. I completed an 'offline' search of both Rage and the alias he had provided in an attempt to locate any other Law Enforcement contacts using either name. The 'offline' NCIC search showed no contacts aside from my checks on 10/09/2024. I later learned of a contact Rage had with the Saint Cloud Police Department (SCPD) in 2018; Rage contacted the Police Department for assistance for a fire at his residence. Rage was listed as 'Tajir Rage DOB 07/12/1984' and not 'Abdi Mahad DOB 07/12/1984' in those reports.</p> <p>I learned that Rage may be the subject of similar issues at polling locations in Stearns and Benton Counties (I was advised by Auditor/Treasurer staff). I contacted Stearns County Auditor/Treasurer's Office and learned they have been dealing with an issue related to translating and voter assistance at the polling place since July 2024. Staff stated the issue involves a male named 'Abdi'. Staff sent me notes taken during the initial complaint, and one video of the male they stated they know as 'Abdi'. I observed the video depicts Rage (Rage is immediately recognizable) writing on something while at the Sherburne County polling place booths. Whatever Rage is writing on is not visible, but multiple females wearing head and body coverings are standing near Rage. Individuals speaking what appears to be Somali can be heard on the video. Rage has his hair held back and is wearing a white shirt with dark designs. I observed a clock in view reads '1020'. I later reviewed surveillance footage of the Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer area and found that the exact incident depicted in the video occurred in the Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer area at 1021 on 10/07/2024.</p> <p>I read the notes provided by Stearns County Auditor/Treasurer staff and learned the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Saint Cloud City Council candidate 'Omar' filed a complaint with election officials in July of this year regarding the conduct of the husband of fellow candidate Hudda Ibrahim. The notes indicate the complainant is 'Saint Cloud City Council candidate Omar' and staff explained to me on the phone that Omar's full name is 'Omar Podi'. Staff later provided me with contact information for Podi.</li><li>• Podi referred to fellow candidate Hudda Ibrahim's husband as 'Abdi'</li><li>• Podi claimed to know 'Abdi' (who I know as Rage) is doing things like calling the same woman 21</li></ul> |                                                                      |                              |
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times in a row to get her to vote and grabbing three women by the arm to tell them who to vote for

- Podi explained something to the effect of that the Somali candidates are from two separate civil groups
- Podi provided a video of Rage on the phone while at the Lake George polling place to corroborate the allegation, but there is no audio on the video. It should be noted I haven't seen this video and it seems to be different than the one Stearns County Staff provided me on 10/09/2024.
- Rage was approached and spoken to by election Officials about committing violations at the polling place, specifically 204C.15 (Voter Assistance). It is unclear from the notes whether this interaction occurred before or after Omar Podi completely shared his concerns.
- Election Officials did receive at least one other third-hand complaint regarding people acting as interpreters directing voters who to vote for at the polling place
- Election Officials were advised by Paul Linell (Secretary of State Office) that they could remove interpreters from the polling place, however, voters could bring interpreters in with them
- Election Officials met with at least 8 interpreters, Rage being one of them, and explained what they learned. Election Officials provided statutes and rules and added that interpreters are not allowed to campaign at the polling place.

I observed that Rage is depicted in several photographs in website and social media pages associated with Hudda Ibrahim, and it does appear the two are married.

Through articles and other public materials online as well as speaking with elections staff, I learned about the current election for Saint Cloud City Council. I learned the Saint Cloud City Council consists of seven members; four Ward representatives and three at-large representatives. I learned the three 'at-large' seats are up for election in 2024. I learned there were 16 candidates for the three open seats, and that the pool was narrowed to six (the top six vote getters) following the August 13, 2024 Primary. I learned that Hudda Ibrahim and Omar Podi were among the top six vote getters and are on the ballot for the general election on November 5, 2024. I learned that voters were allowed to vote for up to three candidates in the primary, and are allowed to vote for up to three again during the general election.

After speaking with Stearns County Auditor/Treasurer staff I became concerned that the instance of double voting I'd been alerted to was caused by an ongoing pattern, and that there may be a different problem than just one case of a voter independently violating an election law. I believed individual(s) associated with Hudda Ibrahim were causing violations of statutes related to election laws. Further investigation is needed to determine whether the violations are made unknowingly, unintentionally, or in a manner meant to affect an election.

On 10/17/2024 I conducted interviews of Auditor/Treasurer staff. Interviews took place in a conference room in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office and were audio recorded. I prepared 16 photographs which are

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each still images captured via surveillance video from 10/04/2024. The photographs vary in size and are each labelled by hand using numbers 1 through 16. The photographs were printed and prepared to aid in the interview process and hopefully identify additional witnesses to the instance of double voting. I photographed each photograph with the handwritten label visible and added it to the case file. I also later submitted the exact photographs into evidence.

I began staff interviews by interviewing Kenneth Selser Jr.;

- Selser Jr is an Elections Manager and has been working at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office for four years
- I explained that I was investigating an instance of double voting and asked Selser Jr to tell me what he knew about that. Selser Jr explained that he was aware there is a gentleman from the Somali community bringing individuals in to vote and would help translate for them. Selser Jr knew the gentleman was a teacher. Selser Jr indicated the double voter was also a translator.
- When showed photographs of the double-voter, Selser Jr pointed out Rage and indicated this is the male he knows as 'the teacher'.
- While asking specifically about the double voter it appeared Selser Jr had no independent recollection of the voter; he stated the double-voter was helping translate, but when showed photographs of the double-voter he did not recognize the person. Selser Jr also said that he did not specifically recall the voter casting the vote.
- When asked about any input on the incident Selser Jr indicated the group of voters on 10/04 was large (10-12 people), some were registered and some were not, and he described the group as chaotic in terms of getting them through the process.
- When Selser was shown photographs of Rage, Selser recognized him as the person he knows as the 'teacher'. Selser Jr claimed to have seen his ID half dozen to a dozen times, and believes he's told Selser Jr his name. Selser Jr has no recollection of the male's name, but he knows that it must have matched the ID. Selser Jr stated he would catch if the name given was different than on the ID.
- Selser Jr did not recognize individuals in photographs labelled as 9-13.
- Selser Jr did recognize the individual in photograph 14 as someone that may have translated at the polling location in the past, but pointed out the person he was thinking of wears 'street' clothes. The person in the photograph is a male and is wearing a one-piece body covering.
- Selser Jr did not recognize individuals in photographs 15 and 16.
- When asked if there was anything I missed or should be aware of, Selser Jr first indicated there was nothing he could think of and that he was just 'kicking himself'. Selser Jr did go on to talk about how he thought it was 'weird' that the person he knows as 'the teacher' continually brings in groups of 5-10 people at a time to vote. Selser seemed to find it suspicious and also talked about how Carrie (Carrie Anderson) has had to speak with the groups about lingering in the polling place.

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- I ended the interview, and it has been transcribed.

I then interviewed Carrie Anderson;

- Anderson is an Elections Specialist and has been since 2019.
- When asked about her knowledge of the instance of double-voting I was investigating, Anderson explained there is an individual she describes as 'claiming to be a translator' bringing in groups of people to vote multiple times a day/week.
- Anderson stated that this began in the primary election (Summer 2024), and Anderson worked with Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Carmen Schommer on providing translated copies of the oath at the polling place to fix issues that these groups brought about. Anderson explained that there was question as to if voters being brought in were actually understanding the oath, which is written in English, on absentee ballot applications, so Anderson worked with Schommer to leave slips of paper with the oath in English and Somali to assist the voters. Through our conversation Anderson explained that the issues that began in the primary continue today.
- When shown photographs of the double-voter, Anderson pointed out Rage and stated it is the person who gave her false identification and 'claims to be a translator'.
- When asked about the false identification, Anderson explained there was a recent altercation between her and Rage. Anderson stated that while dealing with a voter Rage was accompanying, Anderson had concerns that the voter did not know what was going on. Anderson asked Rage to completely read the oath on the application the voter was working to sign and turn in, but Rage just told the voter 'sign here'. It should be noted this altercation was in October 2024 when Anderson observed the same conduct that began in the 2024 primary. Anderson and Rage then got into an argument, with Rage stating something to the effect of 'you're suppressing the vote' and demanding Anderson's identification. Rage told Anderson he was writing a book on voting issues. Anderson provided her name, and asked for Rage's. Rage would only write down his name, and Anderson took and kept that paper.
- Anderson explained that the name was something similar to 'A-B-D-I' but she doesn't recall exactly. She clarified that she learned the name he provided her was false only when Rage's ID was found as I was interacting with him on 10/09/2024.
- Anderson stated that Rage did return later the same day of the confrontation to apologize.
- While discussing the altercation with Rage, Anderson stated that she's had smaller disagreements with Rage in the past. Anderson explained that while she worked with voters getting assistance from Rage, he would occasionally question why Anderson required proof of residency for a new voter registration. Anderson stated that on one occasion, Rage commented that Benton County requires no such documentation.
- I explained the specific timeline of the incident I was investigating and asked Anderson if she had

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any input. Anderson and I had a lengthy conversation about the process of absentee voting. Through this conversation and additional research I learned the process is as follows; a voter turns in an absentee ballot application (which they sign), the Election Official verifies the voter is registered through 'SVRS' on a computer, the Election Official retrieves an appropriate ballot (there are many depending on the district where the voter resides), the Election Official provides the ballot and explains the next step, the Election Official retains the application as the voter retires to a booth to complete their ballot, and the voter then turns in the completed ballot which they seal in an absentee ballot envelope themselves. The Election Official compares the information the voter wrote on the absentee ballot envelope to the application being retained, and if it all matches, the Election Official will accept the ballot and place the ballot and application (attached to each other) in the 'transfer case' which is kept at the front counter. Anderson explained that the voter then signs the ballot envelope, and someone (usually the Election Official) signs as a witness.

- Anderson explained that during the check in SVRS the computer prints stickers specific to the voter and the document where it is to be applied; one sticker contains the voter's information and indicates it is for the application and one sticker contains the voter's information and indicates it is for the ballot envelope. Anderson explained that it is possible to 'reprint' the stickers, but also explained that an Election Official cannot check/bring up a voter's information more than once in SVRS. An example Anderson gave during the interview was someone who both received a mail-in-ballot at home and then came in to vote; a voter coming in under those circumstances would not be able to complete the voting process because when the Election Official checks the voter in SVRS, it will prompt a warning that the voter already had stickers printed which were applied to the ballot that was mailed in.
- When I showed Anderson photographs of Rage, she stated she recognized the male as the person we were talking about, 'Abdi'.
- When I showed Anderson photographs 8 through 16, Anderson indicated each seemed familiar but she did not know names and could not describe specific conversations with them.
- When I asked Anderson if there was anything else he missed that she thinks I should be aware of, Anderson provided additional details.
- Anderson stated there have been two new translators since she observed my meeting with Rage, one is a female who sometimes tells Anderson she's nice, and the other is a male that wears a hat.
- Anderson also brought up that she sees potential issues with the proof of residency that voters accompanied by Rage provide. Anderson explained that examples of proof of residency being provided include lease agreements which list many names, many of which are common names that also have similar birthdates (Anderson explained that many birthdates in these instances begin '01/01').
- I spent time speaking with Anderson about this issue, and learned these suspicions are not based in violations she is seeing but rather that she's suspicious that the voters are not swearing to the

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| <p>information. I had asked if the lease agreements she was citing are valid proof of residency according to her understanding of the requirements, and Anderson stated they were. When asked why they were suspicious if they were within the parameters set, she explained that it is because she does not believe the voters are swearing to the information they are providing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anderson stated she estimates Rage has brought in 100 or more voters recently, and estimates over half have not been fully advised of the oath before signing the documents based on her observations.</li><li>• When asked about Selser Jr's observation that groups of voters being brought in by one person seems suspicious, Anderson agreed; she's wondered if there is a candidate arranging five to six people to go out and bring voters to the polls. Anderson explained that in the primary election, the groups with Rage began coming. Anderson stated the large groups would take turns coming into the building, and at one point she learned campaign materials for 'Hudda' were left on the ground outside the Government Center (Anderson describes the campaign materials as possibly one item left on the ground where the groups congregate). Anderson also explained that later on, while ballots were being counted, it caught her attention that every ballot seemed to be empty. This occurred while there was a stack of approximately fifty ballots, and it concerned Anderson. Anderson flipped one of the ballots over and discovered there was only one selection; the name 'Hudda' matching the campaign material found on the ground. Anderson explained this is how she made the connection to know the groups and the activity she was seeing is associated with a particular political race.</li><li>• The last concern Anderson mentioned was that she occasionally observed that voters accompanied by Rage did not appear to match the person on their identification. Anderson explained that identification is not required for a voter who is registered to turn in a ballot application, however, Anderson commonly asks for identification in those instances because the voter's name structure is often not filled in correctly (voters accompanied by Rage will commonly put their last name in the first name box, etc.). Anderson stated that on those occasions she sometimes finds that the voter seems different than the person on the ID card/Driver's License. Anderson indicated that at times she believes the voter is older or younger, at times she believes they are heavier or lighter, and at times she just can't tell because the voter's face is covered. I ended the interview, and it has been transcribed.</li></ul> <p>I then interviewed Sherlyn Kapsner;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sherlyn Kapsner is an Accounting Manager and is an Elections Manager during non-election time.</li><li>• When asked what Kapsner's knowledge of the instance of double-voting I'm investigating is Kapsner explained that she's aware the issue was caught by Carmen Schommer. Kapsner explained she was working late and observed Carmen Schommer make the discovery.</li></ul> |                                                                      |                              |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When I showed Kapsner photographs of the double voter, she indicated she recognizes the male (Rage) as the person who's been bringing in groups daily. Kapsner referred to Rage as an interpreter.</li><li>• When asked, Kapsner did not have input on the timeline of events as I explained them.</li><li>• When I showed Kapsner a photograph of Rage, she indicated it is the person she knows as the interpreter.</li><li>• When I showed Kapsner photographs 9-12, she indicated she did not recognize the people in the photographs.</li><li>• When I showed Kapsner photographs 13 and 14, she indicated those people looked familiar.</li><li>• Kapsner did not recognize people in photographs 15 and 16.</li><li>• When I asked Kapsner about anything I missed that may be helpful as I investigate the double-voting, Kapsner did not have input.</li><li>• When asked if Kapsner agreed that the large groups being brought in are suspicious, she indicated they were not.</li><li>• When asked if Kapsner shared in the concern about an oath being read to someone who seems to not speak English, she stated she did not. Kapsner explained that she assumes the oath is being read and understood at some point, like out in the lobby while an interpreter is assisting with the application/ballot.</li></ul> <p>I met with Selser Jr again briefly to cover things I learned in interviews with Anderson and Kapsner, mainly regarding the process of acquiring the stickers used to label absentee ballot envelopes and applications;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I verified what I learned from Anderson and Kapsner about the printing of stickers; Selser Jr agreed that the SVRS should only allow an Elections Official to bring up a voter once.</li><li>• Selser Jr agreed that it is possible to 're-print' the stickers if the window was still up.</li><li>• I explained that the notes provided to me indicate Selser Jr printed both sets of stickers used to label the double-voter's ballots and applications.</li><li>• Selser Jr stated he suspects that he checked the double-voter in SVRS during the first vote, printed and applied the stickers needed, but mistakenly printed a second set while the double-voter's information was still up in SVRS with his arm. Selser Jr suspects that he could have then gone about his business, accepted another application from the double voter without realizing it was a second vote, and then discovered the stickers still on his printer at his desk when he went to check the voter in SVRS. Selser Jr explained he could have seen the stickers on the printer, overlooked the fact he hadn't just searched the voter in SVRS, and simply applied the stickers.</li><li>• I ended the interview, and it has been transcribed.</li></ul> <p>I then did a more extensive review of surveillance video in the areas of the parking lot and Auditor/Treasurer's Office about the date and time of the instance of double voting (10/04/2024 around</p> |                                                                      |                              |
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noon). I observed the following;

- At 1115 hours a silver hatchback vehicle arrives and parks in the Northwest lot of the Government Center. The vehicle came from Business Center Dr NW. Four females exited the vehicle, the rear driver's seat passenger is suspected to be Hani Gure. She is wearing a black head and face covering, a lighter colored top, a lower body covering with large yellow designs, and a small purse. The four females can be seen walking into the Government Center together.
- At 1119 hours the group of four arrives in the Auditor/Treasurer's area, at least one of the females faces around as if looking for someone, and then the four walk away.
- At 1157 hours a large white shuttle van arrives at the SW lot of the Government Center from Business Center Drive NW. The vehicle had come from the west. The driver exits and is recognized as Rage. Seven passengers exit the van and walk in with Rage toward the Government Center. I recognized the passengers as the voters Rage ultimately accompanies during voting. Hani Gure is not with this group. The group can be seen walking right into the area of the Auditor/Treasurer's Office. Multiple people in the group appear to begin filling out applications. For roughly one hour, the polling place becomes busy and Rage appears to linger in the location for that period. My understanding is that one voter may bring in a translator, but Rage is seen walking in with a group and then acting as a director in the polling location. I observed Rage does not stick with a voter throughout the voting process but alternates among the group, to include individuals he did not arrive with. Rage will take and fill out applications, point and direct voters around the polling location, and walk around and seemingly speak with individuals in the polling location (again, not always people he arrived with, which seems to be a violation of individuals allowed in the polling place).
- At 1215 hours Hani arrives in the Auditor/Treasurer's area and appears to begin writing on a paper. At one point Rage appears to take Hani's paper (believed to be an absentee ballot application) and write on it.
- At 1222 hours Hani gets in line while holding paperwork.
- At 1231 hours Hani can be seen reaching the Auditor/Treasurer's window and providing paper to Selser Jr. Ken takes the paper and walks away from the window.
- At 1233 Selser Jr returns to the window with what appears to be stickers and a ballot.
- At 1234 hours Hani retires to a booth by herself.
- At 1236 Selser Jr appears to accept identification and an application from a separate voter. Selser Jr goes on to retrieve stickers and a ballot for this voter, who is unidentified, the same way he did with Hani.
- At 1237 Hani appears to get assistance first from a female and then Rage (Hani appears to get the attention of the female, they face Hani's paper, then Hani and the female appear to get Rage's attention and he comes over).
- At 1238 Rage escorts Hani to the Auditor/Treasurer window and appears to assist sealing Hani's ballot in an absentee ballot envelope. That ballot can be seen being accepted by Anderson.

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Anderson appears to label the ballot and place it in the transfer case.

- At 1239 Hani sits at a booth and begins doing something on her cellular phone. Also at this time Selser Jr can be observed accepting what appears to be two more applications. Selser Jr handles these applications the same way as he has been (returning to his desk for a brief time then coming back to the Auditor/Treasurer window with stickers and ballots). Rage is still assisting other voters at this time.
- At 1243 Selser Jr can be seen taking another application, this time it is a person I believed to be Sadiyoh Gure based on photographs I had reviewed before Hani Gure was confirmed to be the person who voted twice (I had reviewed photographs of Sadiyoh Gure because she has the same address that was filled out on the double ballots and Hani Gure was not yet identified).
- At 1245 Selser Jr provides Sadiyoh Gure with a ballot just as he had been with other voters.
- At 1247 Sadiyoh Gure sits alone, then appears to go to Rage for assistance.
- At 1248 Rage and Hani appear to have a conversation while Hani was still on her cell phone.
- At 1249 Hani is seen writing on a paper that was on the booth table from another voter earlier in the day, seemingly an unused absentee ballot application.
- At 1252 Hani gets back in line with the piece of paper she had been writing on.
- At 1300 hours Hani reaches the Auditor/Treasurer counter and gives Selser Jr the application.
- At 1302 Selser Jr appears to take the application and walk to his work area.
- At 1303 Selser Jr appears to return to the counter with a ballot and stickers. Selser Jr then gives Hani her ballot and places her application on the back counter as normal. Selser Jr appears to grab a lunch box and head into the area of the cafeteria at this time.
- At 1305 hours Carmen Schommer retrieves the transfer case and takes it out of view of the camera. This is the transfer case that has Hani Gure's first ballot inside.
- At 1305 hours Rage and Hani Gure appear to speak, then Rage escorts Hani Gure to the Auditor/Treasurers window where he helps turn in the second completed ballot.
- At 1306 hours a new transfer case is brought to the counter for staff.
- At 1310 Sherlyn can be seen accepting the second ballot and placing it in the new transfer case.
- At 1311 Hani can be seen leaving the Government Center, entering the vehicle she arrived in, and leaving the way she came with the same group she arrived with.
- At 1328 the group of seven voters accompanied by Rage returns to the van. They wait at the passenger door as Rage walks back toward the Government Center briefly.
- At 1332 Rage returns, appears to unlock the passenger side door for the group, and enters the driver's seat himself. The vehicle is then seen leaving the Government Center and westbound onto Business Center Dr NW the same way it came.

I then took a more detailed look at the surveillance videos around the Auditor/Treasurer's Office and parking lot areas during the date and time I first interacted with Rage (10/09/2024 at approximately 0930

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hours). I learned the following;

- At 0856 hours a silver van exits Business Center Drive from the west and proceeds to enter and park in the SW parking lot of the Government Center. Rage can be seen exiting the driver's seat wearing the same clothing he was wearing when I had contact with him later; shoulder-length black hair, glasses, a light top, tan pants and white shoes. Rage walks in with two females that had also exited the van.
- At 0938 hours I can be seen approaching Rage while he was standing at the van in the Southwest parking lot. The two passengers had returned to the van at that point.
- At 0950 hours I can be seen walking with Rage in the direction of the Government Center, but we part ways.
- At 0951 hours Rage can be seen walking toward the Auditor/Treasurer's area but he takes a right down the '1400' corridor before reaching it. Rage walked all the way down that hallway, turned around and walked toward the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.
- At 0952 hours Rage reaches the Auditor/Treasurer's Office but continues straight into the bathroom adjacent to the Auditor/Treasurer's counter.
- At 0953 hours Rage can be seen exiting the bathroom. Rage retrieves the cellular phone out of his rear pants pocket, and a small object consistent with a MN ID card can be seen coming out with Rage's phone and falling on the ground. Rage seems to not notice. Rage goes out again the way he came, past the Auditor/Treasurer's Office and out the southwest entrance.
- At 0954 hours I can be seen re-approaching Rage with a TCS Deputy. Rage does not appear to meet with anyone to sign paperwork or spend more than one minute in the bathroom during this short trip back into the Government Center.
- At 0954 hours a female wearing what appears to be an employee badge walks by the bathroom near the Auditor/Treasurer's Office, picks up the object that is seemingly Rage's ID, and walks it right over to the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.
- At 0959 hours the female employee behind the Auditor/Treasurer's Office that had accepted the ID exited the Auditor/Treasurer's area and walked the ID to a TCS Deputy at the security checkpoint near the west Government Center entrance.
- At 1003 the CID partner that responded to assist me can be seen walking up to the security checkpoint, taking possession of the ID, and walking it right out to me.
- At 1011 hours one of Rage's two female passengers approached me held up a Minnesota Driver's License. The female appeared to not speak English, and she repeated 'Melrose' multiple times.
- At 1014 Rage and I part ways. The female that showed me her Driver's License got into the driver's seat this time, Rage was in the front passenger's seat.
- At 1015 hours the vehicle left the Government Center and again headed west.

On 10/17/2024 I contacted Omar Podi using the phone number Stearns County provided, '612-323-1747'.

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I reached Podi, and asked about his complaint with Stearns County as it appeared similar in nature. Podi alleged Rage and his wife Hudda Ibrahim are guilty of violating election laws, but would not provide me any contact information for the witnesses he stated made him aware of these violations. We made plans to meet on a later date.

On 10/17/2024 I responded to 1811 16th St SE #12 in the City of Saint Cloud, Sherburne County in an attempt to meet with Hanni Gure. I had learned this address is associated with Hani Gure's mother, Hindyo Ali (it is about one City block south of the address used to complete Hani's absentee ballot envelope). Upon arrival, I observed a red Ford Fusion parked on 16th St SE south of the building. I knew Hani had a similar vehicle registered to her, and when I completed an NCIC check of the vehicle dispatch advised that the vehicle is registered to 'Hani Gure'. I looked at the driver's seat and observed it appeared Hani was sitting in it. I observed Hani was not 100 pounds. I observed Hani exit the vehicle and enter the area of the rental complex.

The units of this complex are accessible from the ground level because they are townhome-style rentals. I approached unit 12 while wearing my issued black polo with name and badge sewn on, as well as my badge on my belt next to my issued firearm. I was wearing my issued bodyworn camera (BWC), and it was recording when I approached unit 12. I observed there were multiple females standing at the doorway, including who appeared to be Hani Gure. I identified myself and asked if I could speak with the females regarding an investigation. Hani Gure indicated that was fine and we spoke at the entryway of the rental unit. I learned the following;

- I explained that I am with the Sheriff's Office, which means 'Police' and explained Hani did not have to speak with me. I explained I would leave any time Hani wanted. Hani stated she would speak with me.
- I did not have trouble communicating with Hani; she would occasionally speak a language I believed to be Somali with the female next to her but I was able to communicate with Hani in English during our conversation.
- When I told Hani I wanted to speak about voting Hani stated that she did go in and vote recently. Hani told me she voted [REDACTED] and I explained I am not interested in candidates, just the process of voting.
- Hani stated she voted [REDACTED]. Hani asked if that caused her a problem, and I explained I was trying to figure out what was going on. Hani stated she [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
- Hani stated she voted for [REDACTED] then realized she forgot to vote for president, so she got another paper and voted for [REDACTED]. I clarified by asking 'did you vote two times in one day?' and Hani stated 'ya'. At one point Hani stated 'I got two ballots'.
- Hani stated she was with three people, her cousins.
- When asked, Hani stated that there was a 'guy' helping her during her first vote. I asked who that

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was and Hani stated 'I don't know his name'. Hani told me he was present helping people. I asked if Hani had ever seen the male before and I observed Hani stop, face around, begin speaking once, and then ultimately state 'I've never seen him before'. I was concerned Hani was not telling the entire truth. There was a pause and Hani began speaking Somali with the female next to her.

- I asked what Hani was doing after the first vote and she stated she was waiting for her cousin.
- Hani stated she then asked someone 'can I vote again for another person' and the person said 'yes'. I clarified if this person is who she described as the person helping out/the person who helped her the first time, Hani stated it was.
- Hani stated she then got back in line and voted again.
- When asked if anyone asked her to come vote, Hani paused and faced the other female, spoke Somali, and then stated 'there were people saying you could vote for someone'.
- When asked 'did anyone ask you to vote?' Hani at first didn't answer and instead spoke with the female next to her.
- I asked how it came about that Hani went to vote and she explained there was a group going to vote [REDACTED] and she went with. I asked if the female felt pressured or was made to vote and Hani stated 'no'.
- Hani then appeared to ask a clarifying question of me; "Are you saying you don't have to vote for anybody?". I stated "You don't have to vote for anybody. Did someone tell you have to vote?". Hani made an expression with her face, faced around, and then only spoke in Somali to the female next to her. There was some more conversation and then Hani stated "I didn't know that".
- At one point I asked 'did you feel pressure? Did someone tell you to go vote?' Hani replied 'Ya'. I asked if someone told Hani she had to go vote [REDACTED] and she said 'ya'.
- I asked if it was one person who told her to vote and she stated 'ya'. I asked if it was the person helping people and she state 'ya'.
- When speaking about others (it seemed Hani was speaking about others she knows that are not Rage) Hani stated she was told she didn't have to come vote.
- When asked if anyone gave Hani anything to vote, she stated no.
- I showed Hani an unmarked photograph of Rage and Hani stated 'Yeah this guy'. After more conversation Hani explained it's the person who told her she could vote again.
- Hani identified herself as the female wearing black face and head covering, light top, and lower body covering with large yellow designs when I showed her a photograph of the person who voted twice.
- Hani did seem confused about the voting process while I spoke to her. At one point she asked 'can I go in and vote on different days' and I told her no.
- I asked if I'm welcome to come back if I have more questions and Hani agreed. Hani explained that her address is on University (University Dr SE) but she spends time here to help her mother.
- It should be noted that at multiple times in the interview with Hani she stated multiple people she knew voted for presidential and local office candidates on the same ballots.

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- It should be noted that the two females with Hani Gure were identified as Hani Gure's sister Sadiyo Gure (via MN DVS photos and she also provided her own name) and Hani Gure's mother Hindiyo Ali (via MN DVS photos and she also provided her own name).
- This interaction was recorded and transcribed, and it was captured on bodyworn camera (BWC).

On 10/18/2024 I met with Podi at the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office within the Sherburne County Government Center and learned the following;

- Podi chose to run for Saint Cloud City Council in May in order to help others in his community that are from East Africa.
- Podi believes someone he is running against, Hudda Ibrahim, is guilty of violating the rules/law of the election.
- Podi knows Ibrahim to be married to someone he knows as 'Abdi Mahad'. I showed an unmarked photograph of Rage to Podi, and he stated it is the person he knows as 'Abdi Mahad'.
- Podi claims Ibrahim has 8 people working to obtain votes for the election, and that there are multiple violations that have occurred.
- One alleged violation is that Ibrahim and those working for her are campaigning at the polling place. This issue was addressed at Stearns County, and Podi agreed it was already addressed.
- Another alleged violation is that Rage is providing the Minnesota Driver's Licenses of individuals working out of state to others in this area so they can vote using that ID of another. Podi stated he's heard this from two witnesses regarding two separate incidents, and that it's occurred in Sherburne County. Podi explained the two witnesses approached him and said something to the effect of that they saw Rage retrieve an identification card and hand it to someone known not to own that card and use it to vote.
- Podi re-stated the issue we spoke about most on the phone; Podi alleges that Rage is telling voters that Podi is not running for City Council anymore, and therefore tricking voters into voting for Ibrahim. Ibrahim explained that Rage will ask who someone is voting for and when the voter says 'Omar Podi' Rage will offer to transport them but along the way or at the polls Rage tells the voter Omar Podi is not running so the only option is to vote for Hudda Ibrahim. Podi stated 9 witnesses have told him this.
- The last alleged violation is that Rage is directing voters to vote for Ibrahim only and no one else in the City Council race. Podi claims hundreds of witnesses have told him this.
- Podi stated he would provide no names of witnesses, but did produce the video I've already seen. Podi also suggested I watch video of polling places to investigate the violations. I explained that I've watched a lot of video, but I need to speak with witnesses to move the investigation any further. Podi stated he would consider it and attempt to get permission from some witnesses, and the interview was ended.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The interview was recorded and has been transcribed.</li></ul> <p>When I parted ways with Podi in the hallways on the west side of the Government Center, he called back out to get my attention. I returned to Podi, and he pointed to the Auditor/Treasurer space. Podi explained that the activity was still occurring right now and that he wanted me to investigate. I asked if he saw Rage, and he stated no. I asked how Podi knew that the activity was occurring right now, and he stated that there are Somalis voting so he knows it's associated with Rage. I told Podi I would not be approaching voters at the polling place today.</p> <p>I had been attempting to complete a statement with Rage, and had been unable to set a meeting. I've had conversations with Rage over the phone and via texting, but Rage commonly cites issues with his busy schedule during the day. On the afternoon of 10/23/2024 I responded to the address Rage had given, 3201 14th St N #322. I attempted contact, but an on-site manager told me that Rage and his wife Ibrahim commonly leave early in the morning and don't return until after 1930.</p> <p>I returned to Rage's residence at 1930 and knocked on the door of unit 322. I heard a female voice ask who was at the door and I responded that I'm 'Austin with the Sheriff's Office'. There was a delay, then Hudda Ibrahim answered the door. I asked if Tajir could speak with me and Ibrahim stated he is busy and won't see me. Ibrahim offered to have Tajir try to work something out in the daytime, but I explained I've already been trying that with Tajir. Ibrahim denied any knowledge of the ongoing investigation. I left an additional card and cleared. I did take photos of the electronic directory at this unit; there was 'Ibrahim, Hud' and 'Rage, T' but no 'Mahad, A'.</p> <p>On 10/23/2024 I received text messages from Rage indicating that he would not meet with me. The text was lengthy, and included language like "I was informed that you came to my house last night", "I am extremely upset", "If this continues, I will file a police report", and "I'm not interested in engaging with you.". I took screenshots and added them to the case file.</p> <p>I continued analyzing video from the instance of double voting on 10/04/2024. I observed the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>At 1204 hours a silver hatchback vehicle arrives in the SW lot of the Government Center and parks near the van Rage had driven.</li><li>An elderly couple exits and enters the Government Center. I recognized the male in this couple to be a person Rage later helps vote on 10/14/2024.</li><li>A short time later, a female exits the driver's seat of the same vehicle and approaches the Government Center. The female appears to walk into the polling place for a bit then walks back out and sits on a table near the security checkpoint.</li><li>The farthest point the female reached while walking toward the polling place was a bench (which was occupied by a male wearing body coverings) on the south side of the break in the hallway</li></ul> |                                                |                |
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between the main west entrance of the Government Center and the Auditor/Treasurer's Office. The female reaches this point at approximately 1209.

- I later visited the exact point the female reached and found it is close to the polling place. While taking the route the female took, I could observe the signage advertising/promoting voting ahead. When I stopped at the point the female reached, I observed he was less than 50 feet from the beginning of the signs and waiting lines for voting (the waiting lines were set up with gate/fence devices placed to form a line leading to the window of the Auditor/Treasurer's Office). I also observed the point the female was is less than 75 feet from the actual Auditor/Treasurer's desk and voting booths. Also of note was that the bench the female reached seems to act as a waiting area for the voting location based on surveillance video.
- While reviewing the video of the female in the hallway leading up to the Auditor/Treasurer's window, the female is recognized as Hudda Ibrahim.
- Ibrahim returns to the lobby near security checkpoint in the west lobby and sits down at a table.
- Ibrahim appears to approach the coffee shop vendor at least three times, and to give coffee she purchases to voters (in all instances, this is after the voters have voted). Two of the people Ibrahim gives coffee to appear to be the two people who rode with her, and the other individual is not able to be identified as being with Rage's group or not.
- Ibrahim lingers in this west lobby until Hani's group, Rage's group, and the group the male from the bench had arrived with all cleared.

On 10/23/2024 I visited the coffee shop that Ibrahim had visited. I obtained contact information for the owner, and contacted him by phone. The owner, Matt, explained that the coffee shop is part of his business 'Options' in Big Lake. I explained that I was looking for either one large purchase at the shop or several smaller ones using the same credit card between the hours of 1200 and 1330 on 10/04/2024. Matt explained there were three transactions that match that description, all using a credit card with the last four digits '4612';

- Purchase for \$9.17 at 1213 hours
- Purchase for \$21.58 at 1251 hours
- Purchase for \$12.41 at 1318 hours

Matt provided screenshots of these transactions, which were added to the case file. Each transaction was for craft/specialty coffee. I did review surveillance and confirmed Ibrahim was at the cash register of the coffee shop at 1213 hours, 1251 hours, and Rage used the same card (seemingly Ibrahim's) at 1318 hours, consistent with the receipt.

Also on 10/23/2024 I obtained a Search Warrant to search the two absentee ballot envelopes which were secured at the Sheriff's Office at the onset of this investigation. The Search Warrant was predicated off of

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information collected in this case and authorized the search of the absentee ballot envelopes to inspect and take photographs of the ballots cast by Hani on 10/04/2024. The Search Warrant was granted by Judge Buccicone on 10/23/2024.

I executed that Search Warrant at the Sheriff's Office the same day. I began by taking a video of all materials received from the Auditor/Treasurer's Office; both absentee ballot envelopes (each still sealed and accompanied by an absentee ballot application), and materials prepared by Loraine Rupp. I then cut each ballot envelope and inspected the two ballots.

I found the first ballot cast was marked as a vote for Saint Cloud City Council [REDACTED] only, and the second was a vote cast for Presidential candidate [REDACTED] only. This is consistent with Hani's statement. I left all materials in a bag along with a copy of the warrant and a receipt documenting the photographs/videos collected. These photographs and videos were added to the case file.

Through speaking with Auditor/Treasurer staff and reviewing Minnesota State Election Laws, I have learned there are only two ways which a completed absentee ballot application/absentee ballot envelope would indicate the voter was physically with a particular person at the time the absentee ballot was completed;

- Reviewing the 'Witness' portion of the absentee ballot envelope;
  - On the back of the absentee ballot application envelope, there is a box with the text 'Witness must complete this section'
  - Lines to be completed include 'Witness Name', 'MN Street Address', and 'Witness Signature'
  - A person listed in this box would physically with the voter at the time the process was completed
- Reviewing the 'Voucher Form' within the absentee ballot application;
  - On the back of the absentee ballot application, there is a portion labelled 'Voucher Form'
  - If the voter does not have proof of residency and needs a person to vouch for their current residency, the voucher lists their 'name', 'street address', and possibly 'voter ID #' to complete that process
  - A voucher would have their 'voter ID #' listed if they check a box that they are pre-registered as a voter in the same precinct as this new voter (voucher has to either meet this criteria, have registered the same day as this application, or be an employee of a residential facility in order to be a voucher)
  - A person listed/signing as a voucher would physically be with the voter at the time the process was completed

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Based on all observations and circumstances I know there have been violations of Minnesota State Statutes relating to elections. I believe the cause is, in part, an ongoing pattern of activity by individual(s) associated with Hudda Ibrahim. Further investigation is needed to determine whether the violations were made unknowingly, unintentionally, or in a manner meant to affect the current election. Investigation is also needed to uncover violations yet to be confirmed or discovered.

I'm working to investigate the reported violations (instance of double voting, violations alleged by staff and witnesses during interviews) but also other violations that have been uncovered while investigating the cause of the violations (Conduct in the Polling Place, Assistance to Voters). I'm working to review surveillance footage, identify additional witnesses for interviews, and otherwise continue to investigate multiple violations.

At this time, I'm requesting this report be forwarded to the County Attorney's Office for review of charges for Hani Gure. Possible charges include two separate statutes (one for casting two ballots in the same election, and one for providing two of the same type of ballot to an Election Official).

Additional charges for other individuals are pending further Investigation.

End of Report.

Sergeant Austin Turner

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