

INFORMATION

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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SUPERIOR COURT**

Disposition date

Police Case number
2024-029157Agency name
State of Connecticut - Division of Criminal Justice

Agency number

Title, Allegation and Counts

State of Connecticut vs. (Name of accused) Joyce, Margaret C		Residence (Town) of accused Stratford	Docket number		
Address 36 Honeyspot Road, Stratford, Ct			Date of birth 04/29/1979	The undersigned Prosecuting Authority of the State of Connecticut charges that:	
To be held at (Town) Bridgeport		Geographical area number 2	Court date		
Count One — Did commit the offense of: Misrep. Eligibility Requirements for Voting by AB - Angelique Martinez				Continued to	Purpose
At (Town) Bridgeport	On or about (Date) 07/09/2023	In violation of General Statute number 9-135(b)			
Count Two — Did commit the offense of: Possession of Ballots and Envelopes Restricted					
At (Town) Bridgeport	On or about (Date) 08/22/2023 - 02/27/2024	In violation of General Statute number 9-140b(d)			
Count Three — Did commit the offense of: Fraudulent Voting					
At (Town) Bridgeport	On or about (Date) 08/22/2023 - 02/27/2024	In violation of General Statute number 9-360			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See other sheet for additional counts		Date 2-08-2025	Signed (Prosecuting Authority) <i>K. B. P. J. D.</i>		

Court Action

Defendant advised of rights before plea (Judge) (Date)				Bond	Surety	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 % <input type="checkbox"/> Cash	Election (Date) <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> JY
<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Public defender		Guardian		Bond change			Seized property inventory number
Count	Plea date	Plea	Plea withdrawn Date New plea	Verdict finding	Fine	Remit	Additional disposition
1					\$	\$	
2					\$	\$	
3					\$	\$	
Date	Other Court Action						Judge

Receipt number	Cost <input type="checkbox"/> IMP <input type="checkbox"/> NCI	Bond information <input type="checkbox"/> Bond forfeited <input type="checkbox"/> Forfeiture vacated <input type="checkbox"/> Forfeiture vacated and bond reinstated			
Application fee - receipt number if paid	Circle one W I Q	Program fee - receipt number if paid	Circle one W I Q	Probation fee - receipt number if paid	
Prosecutor on original disposition		Reporter/monitor on original disposition	Signed (Clerk)		Signed (Judge)

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Additional Counts

Count Four — Did commit the offense of:

Misrep. Eligibility Requirements for Voting by AB - Wanda Rivera

At (Town) Bridgeport	On or about (Date) 07/09/2023	In violation of General Statute number 9-135(b)		
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Count Five — Did commit the offense of:

Possession of Ballots and Envelopes Restricted

At (Town) Bridgeport	On or about (Date) 08/22/2023 - 02/27/2024	In violation of General Statute number 9-140b(d)		
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Count Six — Did commit the offense of:

Misrep. Eligibility Requirements for Voting by AB - Tyquashaya Hairston

At (Town) Bridgeport	On or about (Date) 07/09/2023	In violation of General Statute number 9-135(b)		
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Count Seven — Did commit the offense of:

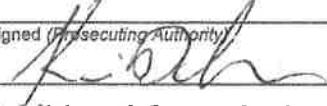
Possession of Ballots and Envelopes Restricted

At (Town) Bridgeport	On or about (Date) 08/22/2023 - 02/27/2024	In violation of General Statute number 9-140b(d)		
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Count Eight — Did commit the offense of:

Misrep. Eligibility Requirements for Voting by AB - Sade Starling

At (Town) Bridgeport	On or about (Date) 07/09/2023	In violation of General Statute number 9-135(b)		
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Signed (Prosecuting Authority) 	Printed name of Prosecuting Authority Kevin D. Lawlor DCSA	Date signed 2-08-2025
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Additional Court Action

Count	Plea date	Plea	Plea withdrawn		Verdict finding	Fine	Remit	Additional disposition
			Date	New plea				
4						\$	\$	
5						\$	\$	
6						\$	\$	
7						\$	\$	
8						\$	\$	

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Count Nine — Did commit the offense of:

Possession of Ballots and Envelopes Restricted

At (Town)	On or about (Date)	In violation of General Statute number	Continued to	Purpose	Reason
Bridgeport	08/22/2023 - 02/27/2024	9-140b(d)			

Count Ten — Did commit the offense of:

At (Town)	On or about (Date)	In violation of General Statute number		

Count Eleven — Did commit the offense of:

At (Town)	On or about (Date)	In violation of General Statute number		

Count Twelve — Did commit the offense of:

At (Town)	On or about (Date)	In violation of General Statute number		

Count Thirteen — Did commit the offense of:

At (Town)	On or about (Date)	In violation of General Statute number		

Signed (Prosecuting Authority)

Printed name of Prosecuting Authority

Kevin D. Lawlor

Date signed

08-2025**Additional Court Action**

Count	Plea date	Plea	Plea withdrawn		Verdict finding	Fine	Remit	Additional disposition
			Date	New plea				
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10						\$	\$	
11						\$	\$	
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13						\$	\$	

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State of Connecticut vs. Joyce, Margaret C

To: Any Proper Officer of the State of Connecticut

Probable cause to believe that an offense has been committed and that the accused committed it having been found, by Authority of the State of Connecticut, you are hereby commanded to arrest the body of the within-named accused. ("X" all that apply)

A. Accused is ordered to be brought before a clerk or assistant clerk of the Superior Court.

B. Accused is not entitled to bail.

If A, B, or both are checked above, you shall, without undue delay, bring the arrested person before the clerk or assistant clerk of the Superior Court for the geographical area where the offense is alleged to have been committed, or if the clerk's office is not open, to a community correctional center within said geographical area, or the nearest community correctional center if no such center exists in the geographical area, or to the York Correctional Institution, as the case may be.

C. Bail set at _____.

D. Non-financial conditions of release:

No contact with any complainants
or witnesses

Extradition boundaries established by prosecutor

E. Conditions of release not determined by court.

By the Court

Signed (Judge of the Superior Court)

Seeger

Date

2/10/25

Name of Judge (Print or type)

Dayton**Return On Arrest Warrant**

Geographical area number

Town of

Bridgeport

Date

2/11/25

State of Connecticut

Then and there, by virtue of the within and foregoing complaint and warrant, I arrested the body of the within-named accused and read the same in the hearing of said accused; and have said accused here in court for examination.

Attest (Officer's signature and Department)

Off. VoggsChief State Attorney's office, DCJ.

Date

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Judge

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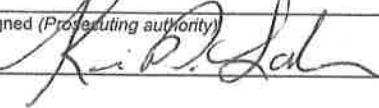
Yes No

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Application For Arrest Warrant

To: A Judge of the Superior Court

The undersigned hereby applies for a warrant for the arrest of the above-named accused on the basis of the facts set forth in the: Affidavit Below. Affidavit(s) Attached.

Date 2-08-2025	Signed (Prosecuting authority) 	Type/print name of prosecuting authority Kevin D. Lawlor DCSA
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Affidavit

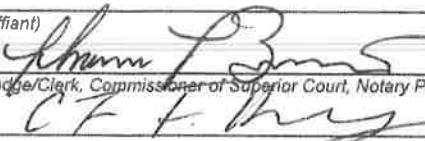
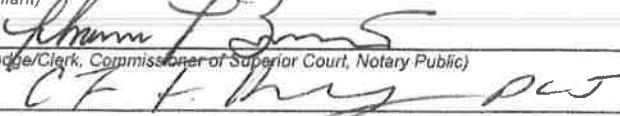
The undersigned affiant, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. The Affiant, Police Inspector Thomas Bennett, is a regular sworn member of the State of Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ), and is currently assigned to the Office of the Chief State's Attorney (OCSA) in Rocky Hill. This affiant has over 35 years of police training and experience, and has conducted numerous investigations resulting in both the arrest and conviction of those person involved. The facts and circumstances set forth below are from the affiant's personal investigative efforts, as well as information received from other law enforcement personnel acting in their official capacities.

2. On September 12, 2023, the City of Bridgeport held a primary for the Democratic Party candidate nomination for Mayor (hereinafter referred to as "2023 Primary"). The distribution of AB's for the 2023 Primary began on August 22, 2023, and ended on September 12, 2023. The 2023 Primary candidates were party endorsed candidate and sitting Mayor Joseph Ganim, and challenger John Gomes. The results of the 2023 Primary reported to the State of Connecticut by the Secretary of the State (SOTS) were 4,212 total votes for Joseph Ganim and 3,961 votes for John Gomes, making the margin of victory by Mr. Ganim 251 votes. According to undisputed reported results, Mr. Ganim received 2,648 votes via polling place machines on Primary day, and 1,564 votes via absentee ballot ("AB"). Mr. Gomes, in turn, received 3,100 votes via polling place machines, and 861 AB votes. Following a civil trial in Bridgeport Superior Court, wherein Mr. Gomes sought to overturn the 2023 Primary results, the Honorable William Clark ordered that a new Primary be held to determine the Democratic Party nominee for Mayor.

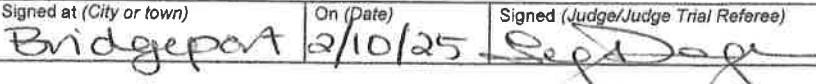
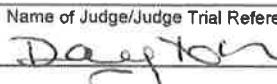
3. On September 13, 2023, the Bridgeport Police Department (BPD) received a complaint (BPD case number 2023-00076023) that Wanda Geter-Pataky (DOB 6/19/1956) violated state laws regarding absentee balloting during the 2023 Primary. The BPD referred the matter to the State Election Enforcement Commission (SEEC) for further investigation on September 14, 2023. This became SEEC No. 2023-052. The SEEC subsequently referred #2023-052 to the Office of the Chief State's Attorney (OCSA) pursuant to C.G.S. §9-7b(a)(8) for criminal investigation. Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) Inspectors Alfonso Vazquez, Mark Ryan, Scott Stevenson, and Tom Bennett were assigned to the referral which became DCJ# 2024-029157.

(This is page 1 of a 8 page Affidavit.)

Date 02-08-2025	Signed (Affiant) 
Jurat Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Date) 2/8/25	Signed (Judge/Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public) 

Finding

The foregoing Application for an arrest warrant, and affidavit(s) attached to said Application, having been submitted to and considered by the undersigned, the undersigned finds from said affidavit(s) that there is probable cause to believe that an offense has been committed and that the accused committed it and, therefore, that probable cause exists for the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of the above-named accused.

Date and Signature 	Signed at (City or town) Bridgeport	On (Date) 2/10/25	Signed (Judge/Judge Trial Referee) 	Name of Judge/Judge Trial Referee D. Daykin
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4. The DCJ Inspectors conducted interviews throughout the course of the investigation. Witnesses described, among other circumstances, an unknown female having brought their absentee ballot applications to them. They further explained the same female would return to their home after the AB arrived, whereupon she would take possession of the absentee ballot. One witness reported the unknown female filled out the elector's ballot. The unknown female was later identified as Margaret Joyce (DOB 4/29/1979).

5. Note that all interviews detailed in this affidavit were documented via DCJ-issued body worn cameras ("BWC"). The excerpts from these interviews do not contain all of the information provided by the interviewees, but rather seek to establish pertinent facts required for the determination of probable cause.

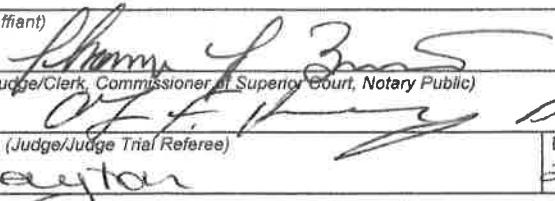
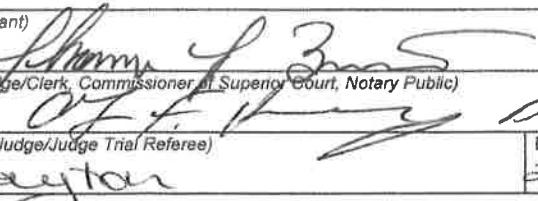
6. On 10/22/2024, the affiant and Inspector Vazquez spoke with Jessie Pettway at his residence in regards to his 2023 Primary AB application. He was asked if he recalled anyone coming around with an absentee ballot application. He recalled that it was a "light-skinned girl". He did not want to review any paperwork with Inspectors at that time because he stated that he is legally blind. He explained that his wife normally takes care of his paperwork. As a result, Inspectors arranged for a future interview.

7. On 10/22/2024, the affiant and Inspector Vazquez interviewed Angelique Martinez at her Bridgeport residence. Martinez reviewed a copy of her absentee ballot application dated July 9, 2023, and confirmed her signature on same. Martinez stated that a Latin or black female (name unknown to her), who was able to speak Spanish, brought her absentee ballot application to her. Martinez stated that this female did not review the eligibility requirements for absentee voting with her. When shown that sickness was checked off as the reason for requesting her AB, Martinez said she was in fact sick, but denied that she had checked the box on her AB application.

8. Martinez stated that her AB arrived in the mail days later, and the same female returned to pick it up that same day the AB arrived. Martinez stated she never opened her AB; that when the female returned, she (unknown female) opened the AB and filled it out (selected candidates). Martinez stated that she did not direct the unknown female to select any of the candidates on the AB, and that she (Martinez) was fine with whomever the unknown female chose. Martinez stated that when the AB was completed, the unknown female had her sign the envelope and then left with the sealed/completed AB.

9. When a person provides assistance to an elector with completion of their absentee ballot application, the person must indicate their name and sign the application as the "assister" under penalties of false statement in absentee balloting. Wanda Geter-Pataky appears as the assister on Martinez's AB application. Martinez did not recognize that name, and when shown a photo of Geter-Pataky, Martinez stated that she is not the Latin or black female who brought her absentee ballot application, or took her AB, as described above. Martinez assured inspectors she would reach out if she recalled any further information.

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Jurat 10/21/25	Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Date) 10/21/25	Signed (Judge/Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public) 	
Reviewed (Prosecutorial Official) 	Date 2-8-25	Reviewed (Judge/Judge Trial Referee) Dayton	Date 2/10/25

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10. SEEC investigators queried the CT Voter Registration System (CVRS) and determined that an absentee ballot in Angelique Martinez's name was received and tabulated in the 2023 Primary.

11. On 10/22/2024, the affiant and Inspector Vazquez interviewed Wanda Rivera at her Bridgeport residence. During the interview, Rivera spoke both Spanish and English. Rivera's boyfriend, Orlando Hernandez, was also present and claimed that he, too, voted by absentee ballot. Hernandez spoke only in Spanish. Rivera reviewed a copy of her absentee ballot application date July 9, 2023, confirmed her signature on same, and denied that all other handwriting was hers. Rivera recalled that two women (names unknown to her) brought her absentee ballot application and one of them filled it out. Sickness was checked off as the reason for requesting Rivera's absentee ballot, which Rivera denied as having checked off.

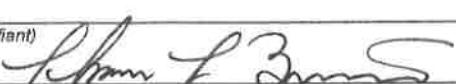
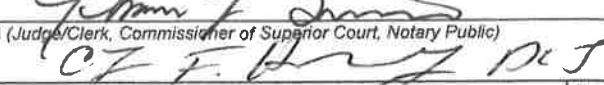
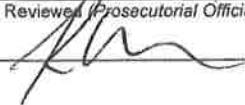
12. Rivera described the woman who filled out her absentee ballot application as being of "mixed" ethnicity. Rivera was shown that Wanda Geter-Pataky was listed as the assister on her absentee ballot application, and Rivera denied knowing her. Rivera stated that both she and Hernandez received their AB's in the mail and filled them out, alone. A few days later, the same two females came back to her home and took both completed AB's with them. Rivera added that she voted via AB in each of the follow-up elections related to the 2023 Primary, and that one of the two females previously mentioned was present each time.

13. SEEC investigators queried CVRS and determined that an AB in Wanda Rivera's name was received and tabulated in the 2023 Primary. The CVRS also shows an AB in the name of Orlando Hernandez was not received.

14. On 10/22/2024, the affiant and Inspector Vazquez interviewed Tyquashaya Hairston at her Bridgeport residence. When we stated that we wanted to discuss the 2023 Primary with her, Hairston stated "about Wanda?" Hairston was shown a copy of her absentee ballot application dated July 9, 2023. Although she confirmed her own signature on same, Hairston denied that any other handwriting was hers and had no memory of filling the form out. Hairston first stated the form came in the mail, but when shown that it was signed at the bottom by an assister, she stated "a lady fills out all her paper work." Inspectors asked if Hairston knew Wanda Geter-Pataky, as she is the person who is indicated as the assister, and Hairston stated, "the only reason I'm scared to talk, is because Wanda Geter is my aunt." Hairston stated Geter-Pataky did not bring her the application. Although she is listed as the official assister, Hairston asserted Geter-Pataky was not present at any point during the completion of the AB application.

15. Hairston described the person who brought the AB application to her as "like Spanish" and "she gotta be like 40, she may even be older than that." Hairston could not recall her name, but stated the female drives an older white car, possibly a Nissan, and that she used to work at the Sunshine Deli in Bridgeport. Hairston said the female did not explain the exceptions that would make her eligible to vote via absentee ballot, and when shown the box for sickness was checked off as the reason for requesting an AB, Hairston stated she was unaware of that, and she was not sick at the time in question.

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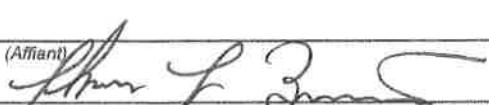
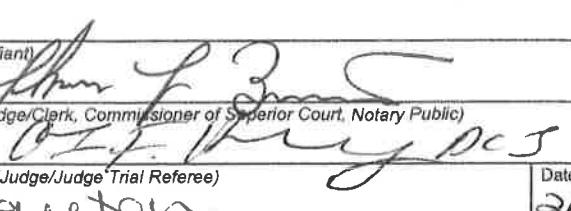
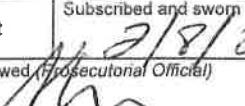
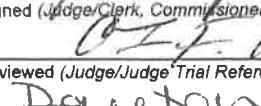
16. During the interview Hairston seemed confused as to whom the election involved. Hairston stated, "me personally, wouldn't have even went." Hairston further claimed that the same Spanish female had just recently come to her apartment looking for a recently mailed absentee ballot for the upcoming 2024 Presidential Election. She then produced her unopened 2024 ballot from the mailbox and showed it to Inspectors. Hairston stated when the 2023 Primary absentee ballot came in the mail she handed it over to the Spanish female unopened and not completed. Hairston further stated that the more the unknown female came, she (Hairston), "got with the program". She said, "It's like clockwork, when I see these (ballots) she's here two or three days after, cause she needs to." She stated, "Yeah, I just eventually, I started catching on with the program." Hairston was asked to give Inspector Alfonso Vazquez's DCJ-issued business card to the female she had been giving her ballots to. This business card was later produced by Margaret Joyce.

17. SEEC investigators queried CVRS and determined that an AB in Tyquashaya Hairston's name was received and tabulated in the 2023 Primary.

18. On 11/13/2024, Angelique Martinez contacted Inspector Vazquez and stated that she had just seen the Latin or black female she described (in paragraph # 7 of this affidavit) on Stratford Avenue in Bridgeport. Martinez further stated she photographed the female's white car, which bears CT registration BH43728. Inspectors queried the COLLECT system and determined this vehicle to be a white 2011 Ford Fiesta SE, registered to Jose Cuevas-Lopez of Bridgeport. Based on our investigative efforts, Inspectors learned that this vehicle had been stopped by the Connecticut State Police on 10/18/2024. The Fiesta's operator in that incident was identified as, Margaret Joyce (DOB 4/29/1979). During that interaction with Troopers, Joyce stated she was living at the HoneySpot Motor Inn in Stratford, CT. It is unclear when Joyce took possession of the Ford Fiesta due to her assertions to State Police on that day. Due to a previous arrest in Indiana, a booking photo of Joyce was available. The booking photo was old, however, a neck tattoo is clearly visible in the photo. Joyce's date of birth would make her 44 years old at the time of the 2023 Primary, which is consistent with Tyquashaya Hairston's description of the suspect.

19. On 11/15/2024, the affiant along with Inspectors Vazquez, Ryan and Stevenson knocked on the door of room number 220 at the HoneySpot Motor Inn and a female with a neck tattoo who looked older in age and heavier in weight than the Indiana booking photo, answered and confirmed her name was "Margaret". Margaret was advised we were there to investigate activity related to the 2023 Primary to which she responded, "that's fine." Joyce stated she was working for Eneida Martinez and Mayor Ganim, and expected to be paid \$20.00 per hour. Joyce said she stopped working for Martinez because she was not getting paid and eventually started getting threats. When asked, it was determined the statements about working for Martinez and Ganim were in reference to the 2024 Presidential Election. Joyce claimed to have made a complaint to SEEC about Eneida Martinez picking up ballots. Joyce said she "did not want to pick up illegal ballots". She said she was "smart enough to know that." When asked what illegal ballots were, she replied, "you're not supposed to pick up no one's ballot", and "they mail that in they self."

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20. SEEC referred their No. 2023-074 to DCJ for further investigation at its July 17, 2024 meeting, however the complainant in that matter is not Margaret Joyce. Joyce is in fact implicated in that complaint by an elector as having represented she was working with Ernie Newton and Eneida Martinez, and is alleged in that case to have been illegally collecting absentee ballots from Grant Street. "Margaret" is described in that complaint as an "African American with a small tattoo on her left neck".

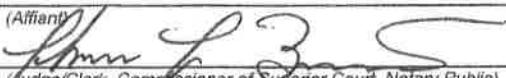
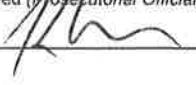
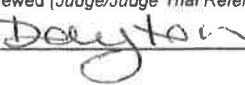
21. When redirected to the 2023 Primary, Joyce again stated she was working for Eneida Martinez and Joe Ganim and was getting paid by both. Joyce said she would check out 50-100 absentee ballot applications at a time from Bridgeport City Hall. The absentee ballot distribution log at The Bridgeport Town Clerk's Office has no record of Joyce signing out any absentee ballots during the 2023 Primary.

22. Joyce stated that Eneida Martinez provided her with a list of persons to visit with absentee ballot applications. Joyce stated she handed out between 70-80 absentee ballot applications for the 2023 Primary, and that she was working with a Hispanic female named "Silvia." Joyce stated that she filled out everything on the absentee ballot applications, except the elector's signature and date. Joyce stated she explained eligibility requirements, and that most of them were elderly or had physical problems. She also stated that the electors told her which exception to use. When we pointed out that Joyce's name did not appear as the assister on any absentee ballot applications (in DCJ possession), she stated she was never told to sign, or knew she had to sign the forms. She even denied they were signed by Wanda Geter-Pataky when she had possession of them. Joyce showed Inspectors the DCJ-issued business card that was given to Hairston on October 22, 2024, and said her (Margaret's) boyfriend and Hairston's boyfriend know each other. Margaret knew that Hairston is Geter-Pataky's niece and said she was "playing the game with them".

23. Margaret Joyce led Inspectors Vazquez and Ryan to her car to retrieve paperwork that was marked, "2024 election". While at the car, she was again given an opportunity to tell the truth about her absentee ballot activities. Inspectors pointed out the 2024 list she was presently showing them included people we knew had already received their 2024 absentee ballot. Margaret first stood by her original story that she only got the lists because she did not know the area. She then admit she took possession of other electors' absentee ballots for the 2023 Primary. Joyce said she picked up ballots at an "old folks" building where she worked. She then admit she picked up ballots at two locations: one home on Willow St and the other on Read St. Joyce stated she picked up four or five completed AB's from one house, and three or four from another, estimating she took possession of approximately nine completed AB's. Joyce then said she was "pulling y'all chain" in the beginning because she thought Eneida Martinez was setting her up. She admit she filled out Hairston's AB application but denied she took possession of her absentee ballot. She reiterated the assister section was not filled out on the AB applications.

24. Inspectors re-visited A. Martinez, Hairston, and Rivera who positively identified Margaret Joyce using either

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a single photograph or folder shuffle photographic array based on their familiarity of the female subject they described during their previous interviews. The photograph used in all identification procedures was a still photo taken from BWC footage of the interview with Joyce on November 15th. The background on all photos used for identification, including the still photo, were removed.

25. On 11/15/2024, Inspectors re-visited Angelique Martinez. Given her familiarity with the suspect's appearance, Martinez was shown a single photo of Joyce, whom she positively identified as the female who she described in her October 22nd interview and stated she saw again on November 13, 2024. .

26. On 12/10/2024, Inspectors re-visited Tyquashaya Hairston. Given her familiarity with Joyce's appearance, Hairston was shown a single photo of Joyce, whom she verbally stated she was not sure, but was nodding her head yes while pointing to a male in the other room, off sight of the BWC. Hairston said this male is the father of her child and has dealings with Margaret's boyfriend. This corroborated Joyce's assertion that Hairston's boyfriend and her own (Joyce's) boyfriend knew each other. She signed Joyce's photo in acknowledgement that Joyce was the "Spanish female in her 40s" that Hairston described in her previous interview.

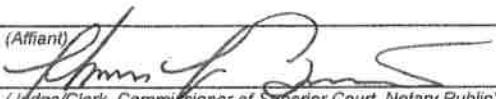
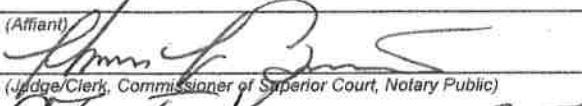
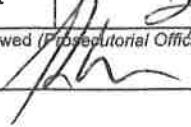
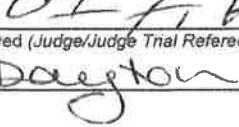
27. On 12/13/2024 the affiant and Inspector Ryan re-visited Wanda Rivera. Unprompted, and prior to viewing photos, Rivera stated that she remembered the name of "Margaret" as one of the individuals who came to her apartment in September 2023. In a subsequent folder shuffle identification procedure, Rivera positively identified Margaret Joyce as the person she described to Inspectors on October 22nd.

28. On 12/13/2024, Inspectors Vazquez and Stevenson interviewed Sade Starling at her Bridgeport residence. Sade reviewed her absentee ballot application dated July 9, 2023, and confirmed her signature on same. Note that Wanda Geter-Pataky appeared as the assister on Sade's absentee ballot application. When asked if she recalled having filled-out her AB application, Sade initially believed that her grandmother, Cynthia Starling, had her sign it. Sickness was checked off as the reason for requesting Sade's AB. Sade denied that she checked that box, denied that she was sick at the time.

29. Sade recalled that when her AB arrived in the mail, a female was present when she made her AB selections. This female has been present at the home on several occasions for different reasons, including voting. Sade then recalled that this female is the person who helped her with her absentee ballot application. Sade stated that after she completed her absentee ballot, the female took it with her and left. Inspectors conducted a folder shuffle identification procedure with Sade, whereupon she positively identified Margaret Joyce as the female who assisted with her absentee ballot application, who was present when she executed her AB, and who also took possession of her completed absentee ballot. SEEC investigators queried CVRS and determined that an AB in Sade Starling's name was received and tabulated in the 2023 Primary.

30. On 12/13/2024, Inspectors Vazquez and Stevenson also interviewed Sabrina Starling, Sade's mother. Sabrina

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stated she is legally blind, but can see some things. Sabrina said her mother, Cynthia Starling, signs her paperwork for her. Sabrina stated that if something's on paper, she cannot see it. But she did review her absentee ballot application by holding it very close to her face to inspect it. After doing so, she confirmed her signature on same, surmising that the signature may be her mother signing the document for her. Sabrina was asked if she remembered the person who came and picked up the completed AB's. Sabrina stated she had been in this person's presence a few times, always at election time. Inspectors conducted a folder shuffle identification procedure with Sabrina, who was unable to identify any of the photos. SEEC investigators queried CVRS and determined that an AB in Sabrina Starling's name was received and tabulated in the 2023 Primary.

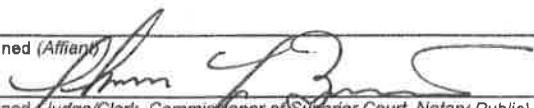
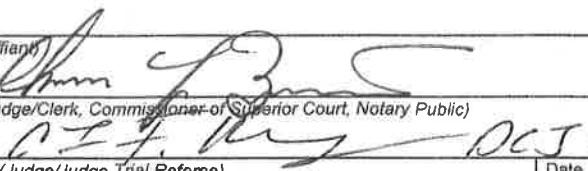
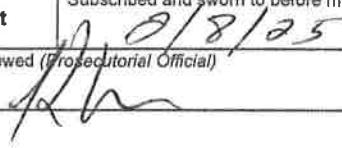
31. Inspectors Vazquez and Stevenson revisited Jessie Pettway on 12/13/2024 to conduct an interview. Pettway is Sabrina Starlings' father and Sade Starling's grandfather. Upon arrival, Inspectors observed he was watching television. Pettway reviewed his absentee ballot application by holding it close to his face and confirmed the signature was his. When asked if he recalls who brought him his 2023 Primary absentee ballot application, Pettway stated it was an unknown light skinned black female. Wanda Geter-Pataky is also listed as Pettway's assister on his absentee ballot application. Pettway stated that although the eligibility requirements for absentee voting were not covered with him, he does not vote in person because he is legally blind and has mobility issues. Pettway stated that when his AB arrives in the mail, his wife assists him with filling it out and that they all vote the same. Pettway was unsure who Cynthia gives the completed AB's to, but he does know that Wanda Geter-Pataky usually brings the paperwork. Pettway was shown a single photograph of Margaret Joyce, who he identified as the person who has previously brought absentee ballot applications to his house.

32. The affiant notes that upon review of the CVRS, Inspectors determined that Margaret Joyce voted in person in the 2023 Primary.

33. It should be noted that the absentee ballot applications belonging to Martinez, Rivera, Hairston, Sade and Sabrina Starling, and Pettway, show Wanda Geter-Pataky listed as the assister. None of the witnesses identified Geter-Pataky as the actual assister on their application. Each of the witnesses, with the exception of Sabrina Starling, identified Margaret Joyce as the actual assister. Connecticut General Statutes §9-140(a)(1) requires any person who assists another person in the completion of an absentee ballot application, sign the application under penalty of false statement in absentee balloting.

34. It should be further noted that Margaret Joyce's assertion that she checked out the applications herself is inconsistent with the Bridgeport Town Clerk's record which shows the absentee ballot applications filled out for Hairston, Rivera, Martinez, Sade and Sabrina Starling, and Pettway, were originally signed out by Alfredo Castillo. GGS §9-140(a)(1) also requires absentee ballot applications provided by the municipal clerk to be consecutively numbered and be stamped or marked with the name of the municipality issuing the application. Subsection (k)(1) of that same statute requires a person to register with the town clerk before distributing five or more absentee ballot applications. Margaret Joyce did not register with the town clerk and Castillo did not

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distribute these particular applications, thereby undermining aspects of absentee voting law designed to keep track of the applications and ensure a ballot is cast on the elector's will and not on the will of another.

35. Any elector eligible to vote at a primary may vote by absentee ballot upon the occurrence of at least one of six circumstances listed in C.G.S. §9-135(a). Misrepresenting the eligibility requirements for voting by absentee ballot to any elector or prospective absentee ballot applicant is prohibited by C.G.S. §9-135(b).

36. No person shall have in his possession any official absentee ballot or ballot envelope for use at any primary except the applicant to whom it was issued unless otherwise authorized by C.G.S. §9-140b(d). None of the statutory carve-outs are present in the transactions described in this affidavit that would bring Margaret Joyce's possession of an elector's absentee ballot in accord with the law.

37. Connecticut General Statutes §9-360 prohibits any person who is legally qualified to vote in an election or primary election, to vote more than once at the same election or primary election.

38. Based upon the facts and circumstances stated herein, the affiant believes that probable cause has been established that Margaret Joyce violated the following Connecticut General Statutes:

MISREPRESENTING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ABSENTEE VOTING (4 counts, to wit:)

1. Angelique Martinez (as detailed in paragraph # 7 of this affidavit)
2. Wanda Rivera (as detailed in paragraph # 11 of this affidavit)
3. Tyquashaya Hairston (as detailed in paragraph # 15 of this affidavit)
4. Sade Starling (as detailed in paragraph # 28 of this affidavit)

POSSESSION OF BALLOTS AND ENVELOPES RESTRICTED (4 counts, to wit:)

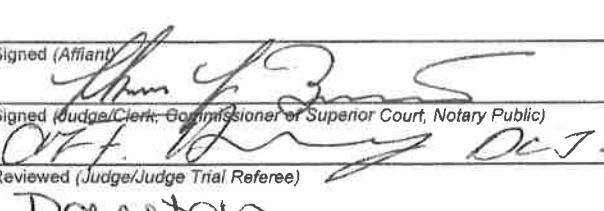
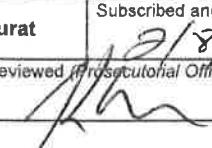
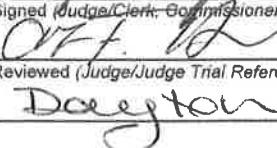
1. Angelique Martinez (as detailed in paragraph # 8 of this affidavit)
2. Wanda Rivera (as detailed in paragraph # 12 of this affidavit)
3. Tyquashaya Hairston (as detailed in paragraph # 16 of this affidavit)
4. Sade Starling (as detailed in paragraph # 29 of this affidavit)

FRAUDULENT VOTING (1 count, to wit:)

1. Angelique Martinez (as detailed in paragraphs # 8 and # 32 of this affidavit)

39. WHEREFORE, the affiant requests that an arrest warrant be issued for Margaret Joyce (DOB 4/29/1979), charging her with Misrepresenting Eligibility Requirements for Voting by Absentee Ballot in violation of C.G.S. 9-135(b) (4 COUNTS); Possession of Envelopes and Ballots Restricted in violation of C.G.S. 9-140b(d) (4 COUNTS); and Fraudulent Voting, in violation of C.G.S. 9-360 (1 COUNT).

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