

From: Mark Stroehler
Sent: Thu, 5 Nov 2020 21:02:23 +0000
To: Steven A. Wadsworth
Subject: Re: Reporter from KXAN

Thanks, Steve. Yes, that's basically what I told her also. Yes, I believe Ms. Pressley was "coaching" that group in the election with the fluoride issue. I don't know if she also helped in lining up the attorneys or not. But, I did hear her name during that time. I'm sure she's involved with this election also.

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From: Steven A. Wadsworth <swadsworth@gillespiecounty.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 2:53 PM
To: Mark Stroehler <mstroehler@gillespiecounty.org>
Subject: RE: Reporter from KXAN

FYI and some thoughts on this – when Anissa called me, I told her to contact you promptly

Obstruction of a poll watcher is a class A misdemeanor. The SOS will screen that complaint and if deemed appropriate, SOS will refer to AG's office for further investigation and possible prosecution. I do not know who made the complaint, but if Ms. Pressley did so, be aware that she has a history of making these types of complaints and then filing a civil lawsuit as well.

I am also not sure if she is involved behind the scenes with the current lawsuit against the city election, which the county ran as well, but that case is still pending and the plaintiffs never came to view the documents that Anissa prepared. I would approach the matter carefully.

In her email to me, Ms. Pressley threatened civil litigation, so I think it would be prudent to approach the situation as if litigation is pending with respect to Tuesday's election as well.

My general approach to the media is to not speak on camera or telephone, unless I really know and trust the reporter, but do a written press release instead as it retains more control over the release of information. Thanks.

From: Anissa Herrera
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Mark Stroehler <mstroehler@gillespiecounty.org>
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Subject: Reporter from KXAN

Mark,

Wanted to let you know I just received a call from a reporter from KXAN, Jody Barr at 1:35. He is on his way to Fredericksburg and is investigating a complaint made to SOS regarding allegations Terry Hamilton obstructed view of poll watchers from this election and prior elections.

My response was I am happy to provide election result numbers but all other matters I refer to the County Judge's office. He said he really wanted to speak to someone from the elections office and would like to speak to Mr. Hamilton as well. I reiterated I would need to speak to my county judge first. He said he would be in town around 3 and his cell is 512-269-1557.

He also asked if they could come into the area where Central Count was conducted and take pictures. I said no, because we have already broken down the room. If you would like me to speak to them with you or Steve present I am happy to. Or if you would like me to say no comment because we believe litigation is pending. Or just no comment and we believe we did everything appropriately.

Please advise what you would like me to do.

Sincerely,

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