

**Detailed History for Police Event #K22210898 As of 8/30/2022 13:02:47****Output for: 73849****Priority:2 Type:SUSP - Susp Circumstances****Location:SAMMAMISH CITY HALL, SAM at 801 228TH AVE SE, SAM****LocCross:btwn SE 8TH ST and SE 10TH ST**

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11:05:18	-PRIU	<a href="#">127</a>
11:05:18	-PREMIS	Comment:PPR
11:05:22	CASE	<a href="#">127</a> Case#:C22025442
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12:15:55	-PRIU	<a href="#">127</a>
12:15:55	-CLEAR	
12:15:55	*CLOSE	

Sammamish Police Department

**Case # C22025442 - Summary Report Cover Sheet**

REPORT DATE / TIME Aug 1, 2022 11:07	AGENCY / DISTRICT / REPORTING AREA / SUBDIVISION 4 / SUBDIVISION 5 Agency SAMMAMISH / District O2 / Reporting Area 002027	OFFENSE/INCIDENT START DATE / TIME - OFFENSE/INCIDENT END DATE / TIME Jul 21, 2022 11:05
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**INCIDENT INFO**

OFFENSE CODE  
377 - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

OFFENSE LOCATION  
919 SW GRADY WAY, RENTON, WA 98057

**INVOLVED ORGANIZATIONS**

INVOLVEMENT	NAME	ADDRESS
R-1	KC Elections	

**NARRATIVE**

Suspicious signs located near ballot drop boxes.

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## REPORT AUTHOR

KEITH GAFFIN #000095056

## REPORT TAKEN LOCATION

801 228TH AVE SE, SAMMAMISH, WA 98075

## IS TRANSIT?

 YES  NO

## EVENT STATISTICS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CC - Use of Force                 | <input type="checkbox"/> CC - Suicidal                               |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs Involved                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Deputy Assaulted - No Weapon            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Hazard Existed                | <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol Involved                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Deputy Assaulted - Weapon     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Gang Related                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CC - Crisis Call                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Aid Required                                |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 - No Apparent Hazard | <input type="checkbox"/> COVID                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N - Follow-up Over Phone          | <input type="checkbox"/> Note 2 - Anti-Harassment/DVs require report |
| <input type="checkbox"/> King County Parks                 |  |

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**REPORTING PARTY-1**

## REPORTING PARTY-1 (ORGANIZATION)

R-1 KC Elections

ORGANIZATION TYPE Government	PHONE NUMBER (206) 263-9706 (Work Phone)
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## LOCATION NAME / STREET ADDRESS/LOCATION NAME / APT, UNIT, STE / DESCRIPTION

919 SW GRADY WAY

CITY RENTON	STATE WA	ZIP 98057	COUNTRY CODE US
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LOCATION CATEGORY Government/ Public Building	AGENCY / DISTRICT / REPORTING AREA / SUBDIVISION 4 / SUBDIVISION 5 Agency RENTON / District S3 / Reporting Area S03001	PUBLIC / PRIVATE Public
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### Case # C22025442 - Supplement - 1 Report

REPORT DATE / TIME Aug 1, 2022 11:10	OFFENSE/INCIDENT START DATE / TIME - OFFENSE/INCIDENT END DATE / TIME Jul 21, 2022 11:05	REPORT AUTHOR KEITH GAFFIN #000095056
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REPORT DESCRIPTION

Ballot Box Signs

SUPPLEMENT TYPE - ONLY SELECT ONE

Primary Incident Report

### NARRATIVE

On July 21, 2022 I was asked to look into suspicious signs that were posted near King County ballot drop boxes. The signs were reported near several drop boxes and stated "This Ballot Dropbox is Under Surveillance Accepting compensation for harvesting or depositing ballots may be a violation of Federal law". On the bottom of the sign is stated "Please report suspicious activity here:" and provided a QR code. The QR code loaded a link to <https://kcgop.org/submitreort/>. The link provided an Election Incident Report to fill out. The form asked for basic information of the person submitting the report as well as a box to describe the incident and an area to upload files.

I contacted KC Elections Chief of Staff, Kendall Hodson. She stated that they had received complaints about the signs and had begun collecting them. She provided a screen shot that an unknown person sent them that showed a forwarded message from Amber Krabach. The message stated that Dropbox Surveillance Signs were ready and provided a SignUp Genius link to sign up to pick a sign up. A search of Amber Krabach shows she is running for the Washington House of Representatives on a platform of election integrity.

I requested contact information for the individuals that contacted KC Elections regarding the signs.

7/22/22- KC Elections provided the following names as individuals who reported the signs to them-

- William Murray - [REDACTED] - Broadview Library
- Winter Cashman - [REDACTED]
- Jessica Fuller - [REDACTED]
- Leonard Bordeaux - [REDACTED] - Lake City Library
- Beaton Brown - [REDACTED] - Lake City Library
- Keith Bieber - [REDACTED]
- Harper McKinney - [REDACTED]

I emailed each person asking for where they saw the signs and how it impacted them. The replies I received are attached.

Received a call from Winter Cashman. He reported that a friend of his named Kristiana (253-[REDACTED]) told him about a group message she was in that contained a message from Amber Krabach.

7/26/22- Received a call from Mike Moore, Special Agent with the Seattle FBI Election Crimes. He stated they have also been made aware of the signs and offered assistance.

8/1/22- I attempted to call Kristiana about the group message, voicemail left. I later received a call back. Kristiana stated she was in a group on Telegram that focused on politics called "ACTION Maple Valley & Surrounding Area". She stated the group discusses politics and she saw a post regarding the signs.

I located two possible phone numbers for Amber Krabach- 425-861-7997 and 4-[REDACTED] 7997 was not in service, VM left on 4312. I later received a text message from Robert Bouvatte who stated his firm represents Krabach and should would not be giving a statement at this time.

In the message screen shot provided by KC Elections, a Debbie Hutchinson responded saying she would pick up a sign at the PCO meeting. I located a Deborah Hutchinson that is a PCO (precinct committee officer) in Ravensdale. I attempted to call her at [REDACTED] VM left.

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Agent Mike Moore called and stated they would not be opening up an investigation while the election was still in process in order to not interfere but would follow up at a later time.

8/2/22- Received a call back from Debbie Hutchinson. She confirmed that the message in the screen shot was from her. She stated she has been a long time observer of the voting process and frequently observes at Rock Creek Elementary. She offered to place a sign their when they were made available. She stated she believes the intent behind the signs was to educate the public about observers and the legal right to observe the drop boxes. She did not think signs were developed to intimidate voters. She stated she believes a group called Election Integrity Committee came up with the idea for the signs. She stated during a PCO meeting shortly after the signs were made, they received a letter from the KCGOP stating to not use the signs and no more signs were handed out.

8/17/22- Discussed case with the KC Prosecutor's Office and KC Elections. We agreed that the behavior (placing signs near ballot boxes) stopped when KCGOP denounced the effort and it was publicly announced an investigation had been opened. This was the primary goal of the agencies involved. It was concluded that further investigation was not necessary at this time but the case could be re-opened if similar behavior is seen during the next election.

I updated Agent Moore and he requested a copy of the reports to assist in determining if the FBI would be further pursuing this case.

8/23/22- Copy of case sent to Agent Moore.

Case open, inactive.

## ATTACHMENTS ADDENDUM

FILE NAME	UPLOAD DATE/TIME	UPLOADED BY
C22025442_Gaffin_Biever email.pdf	Aug 1, 2022 11:46	K. GAFFIN #000095056
C22025442_Gaffin_Bordeaux email.pdf	Aug 1, 2022 11:46	K. GAFFIN #000095056
C22025442_Gaffin_Fuller email.pdf	Aug 1, 2022 11:46	K. GAFFIN #000095056
C22025442_Gaffin_KC Elections email.pdf	Aug 1, 2022 11:46	K. GAFFIN #000095056
C22025442_Gaffin_Murray email.pdf	Aug 1, 2022 11:46	K. GAFFIN #000095056

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## Gaffin, Keith J

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**From:** Keith Biever [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2022 3:30 PM  
**To:** Gaffin, Keith J  
**Subject:** Re: Ballot Box signs

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

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Sorry,

I didn't see a sign .... only pictures in the paper.

I wrote to Julie suggesting that she and Dow issue press releases telling all voters to avoid intimidation by mailing their ballots, as we always do.

Keith

On Jul 25, 2022, at 12:30 PM, Gaffin, Keith J <[Keith.Gaffin@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Keith.Gaffin@kingcounty.gov)> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

I am looking into the surveillance signs posted near several ballot boxes. I was given your email from King County Elections as someone who reported one of the signs. I am reaching out to see when and where you saw a sign as well as how you reported it (to KC Elections/Police/Other). Will you also let me know why you reported the sign and how the sign impacted you?

I am happy to discuss this further over the phone if you like- 206-556-0258.

Detective K. Gaffin  
King County Sheriff's Office  
206-556-0258

**Gaffin, Keith J**

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**From:** Len Bordeaux <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2022 12:59 PM  
**To:** Gaffin, Keith J  
**Subject:** Fwd: "Under Surveillance" signs on Ballot Boxes

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

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Dear Detective Gaffin:

I am forwarding to you the email I sent to the Director of Elections on July 19th. As you will read in my email, I was concerned by the report I read in The Seattle Times about these signs posted on drop boxes: I did not personally see the sign because I don't drop off my ballot until election day. The Seattle Times story lists the box near the Lake City Library as one location where signs have been posted, and this is the site I have usually used to drop off my ballot. If I saw such a sign, I would consider it intimidating.

Please let me know if you would like any further information.

Thank you very much for your work on this!

Leonard Bordeaux

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Len Bordeaux <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Tue, Jul 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM  
**Subject:** "Under Surveillance" signs on Ballot Boxes  
**To:** <[elections@kingcounty.gov](mailto:elections@kingcounty.gov)>



Dear Director Wise:

I am very concerned about citizens posting "Under Surveillance" signs on ballot boxes in King County, as reported in a recent Seattle Times story. I routinely use the box near the Lake City library to return my ballot, and I would find such a sign intimidating. From the newspaper story I understand that the Republican Party has repudiated the signs and I am glad to hear that, but I think any such signs should be taken down by your department and not be allowed to be put up. these boxes are an official part of our voting system in King County, and private citizens should not be allowed to use them for posting their own personal sentiments. If I were to post an advertisement for a candidate or ballot measure on a box, I'm sure that would not be allowed. These "surveillance" signs are of the same nature and should be removed ASAP.

Thank you for working to ensure that our elections are safe.

Leonard Bordeaux  
Seattle 98125

## Gaffin, Keith J

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**From:** Jessica Fuller <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2022 10:28 AM  
**To:** Gaffin, Keith J  
**Subject:** Re: Ballot Box signs

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Hi -

Happy to help. I saw 2 signs by the Ballard Public Library Drop Box. I emailed King County Elections to let them know, and I was actually wondering if they were allowed to be there and if I saw signs in the future can I remove them? I'm a pretty educated voter and I know it is not illegal to take someone else's ballots to a drop box (say my husband and son's ballots) but those signs still made me feel a bit intimidated. For example, was someone going to harass me if they saw me drop off more than one ballot? I didn't want others to feel like they needed to second guess dropping their ballots off or the ballots of other people so I think those signs should be removed immediately. They had the air of being official but they are not.

Thanks,  
Jessica

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Detective K. Gaffin

King County Sheriff's Office

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**From:** LeVan Hodson, Kendall  
**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2022 10:03 AM  
**To:** Gaffin, Keith J  
**Cc:** Barron, Steve  
**Subject:** RE: illegal signs

Absolutely. Here are some folks who reached out with the drop box noted if we know it. Our customer service team is also looking through their records and I'll share those when we've got them.

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- Jessica Fuller - [REDACTED]
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- Harper McKinney - [REDACTED]

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**From:** Gaffin, Keith J <Keith.Gaffin@kingcounty.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2022 1:36 PM  
**To:** LeVan Hodson, Kendall <Kendall.LeVanHodson@kingcounty.gov>  
**Cc:** Barron, Steve <sbarron@kingcounty.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: illegal signs

Thank you for the information. I just had a meeting with the prosecutor's office to discuss applicable laws and next steps. Do you have contact information for anyone that reported the signs?

Detective K. Gaffin  
King County Sheriff's Office- Sammamish  
206-556-0258

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**From:** LeVan Hodson, Kendall <[Kendall.LeVanHodson@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Kendall.LeVanHodson@kingcounty.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2022 11:02 AM  
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**Cc:** Barron, Steve <[sbarron@kingcounty.gov](mailto:sbarron@kingcounty.gov)>  
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Hi Detective,

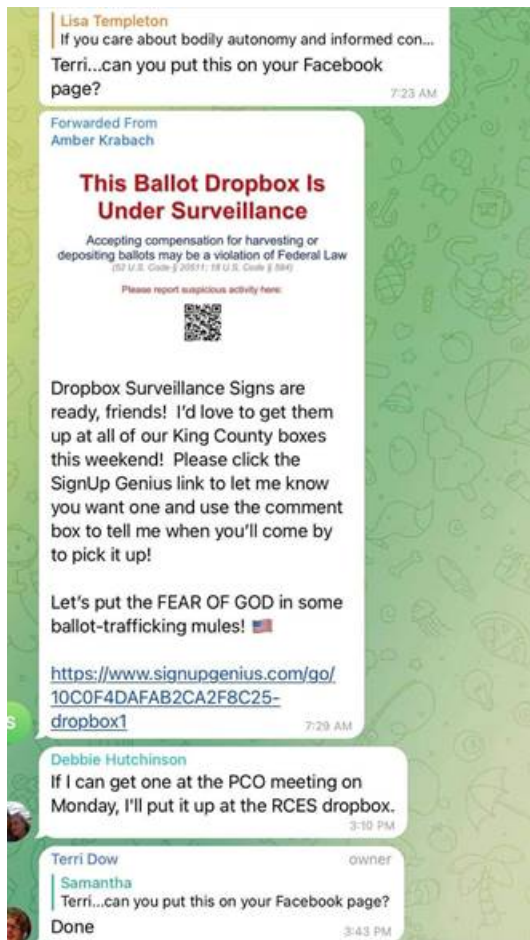
Thank you so much for working on this. I'm including Steve Barron, who oversees our drop box program. We'll be your points-of-contact for getting whatever you need.

The signs we've found have been documented and removed. Steve will send along pictures and locations. The signs themselves are in our warehouse at our Headquarters in Renton (919 SW Grady Way). Steve is onsite and can also coordinate pick-up of those if you'd like. While it's possible some locations may have cameras in the vicinity, it's not something we utilize or look for when selecting locations.

I've attached a few other things as well:

- (1) A liability waiver from the DropBoxwatch.com website that Ann Summers from the PAO downloaded Tuesday morning (and recommended we share with you)
- (2) FAQs that she also captured
- (3) Here is a link to where the QR code on the signs goes - [SUBMIT YOUR ELECTION INCIDENT REPORT – King County Republican Party \(kcgop.org\)](#)
- (4) A text message forwarded to us by an observer/voter (below) – the signup genius link is no longer active, but I can see if anyone has a screen shot of it if it's helpful

Don't hesitate to let us know anything else you need. Thanks – Kendall



**Kendall Hodson** (she/her)  
Chief of Staff  
King County Elections  
206-263-9706



[kingcounty.gov/elections](https://kingcounty.gov/elections)

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**From:** Gaffin, Keith J <[Keith.Gaffin@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Keith.Gaffin@kingcounty.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2022 10:41 AM  
**To:** LeVan Hodson, Kendall <[Kendall.LeVanHodson@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Kendall.LeVanHodson@kingcounty.gov)>  
**Subject:** illegal signs

Good Morning,

I have been asked to look into the signs that have been posted near ballot boxes and was given your name as a point of contact with KC Elections. Would you forward me any information that has been gathered so far? Including- Have the locations of the signs been documented? Have the signs been removed, if so where are they now? Are ballot boxes placed in areas with security cameras, or are they purposefully in locations with no cameras?

Thank you,

Detective K. Gaffin  
King County Sheriff's Office- Sammamish  
206-556-0258

## Gaffin, Keith J

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**From:** wgmurray [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2022 2:48 PM  
**To:** Gaffin, Keith J  
**Subject:** Re: Ballot Box signs

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Detective Gaffin,

I reported the surveillance signs via email to king county elections after placing my ballot in the ballot box at the Broadview library. I felt very good about voting that day until I read the sign and noticed it was on Library/City of Seattle property and thought in some way I was in trouble or being surveilled for casting my ballot there. I will most likely not use the ballot box at Broadview library in the future. I did receive an email from king county elections mentioning they are referring this matter to your office. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

William Murray  
Seattle Washington

wgmurray <[REDACTED]>  
to elections

To whom this may concern,

I recently visited the Broadview library and noticed a sign regarding election fraud adjacent to the library's ballot box. I believe the sign is posted on city property. Why is this sign posted?

Sincerely,

William Murray



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