



**Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust**

Report of Inquiry

**Investigator:** Sylvia Batista

<b>Case No:</b> K14-088	<b>Case Name:</b> Bell/Hodge	<b>Date Open:</b>	<b>CASE CLOSED</b>  Date: <u>10/15/14</u>
<b>Complainant(s):</b> Robkevia Scott and Betty Brockington	<b>Subject(s):</b> Mark Bell and Norman Hodge, Jr.	10/18/13	

**Allegation(s):**

On 10/17/13, Homestead voter Robkevia Scott (Scott) contacted the COE and informed that two men visited her home on the previous evening carrying four pre-marked absentee ballots. Scott said that the men had the ballots of four voting members of the family. Scott said that she and the other voters in the household were asked to sign the ballots. Scott's aunt, Betty Brockington (Brockington), was looking over the ballots when Scott came over to see what her aunt was signing and opened the envelopes. Scott said that she noticed that two numbers corresponding to candidates that her family opposed had been previously marked on the absentee ballots. The candidates marked on the ballots were mayoral candidate Mark Bell (Bell) and council candidate Norman Hodge, Jr. (Hodge). Three of Scott's family members signed their absentee ballots, including Brockington, but Scott said she kept her envelope and called the Department of Elections to report the incident.

The names of the members of her household who signed the absentee ballots are Betty Brockington, Taquesha Robinson and William Snead. Scott said that their home address is 861 SW 7<sup>th</sup> St., Homestead, FL 33030.

**Relevant Law:**

Florida Statutes, Section 104.047.

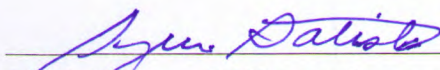
**Investigation:**

**Interviews/E-mails:**

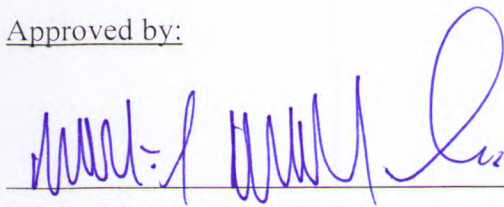
11/15/13 - E-mail from Assistant State Attorney Isis Perez of the SAO advised that the SAO would be working the case.

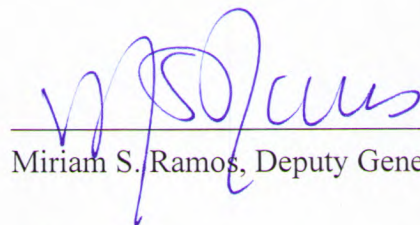
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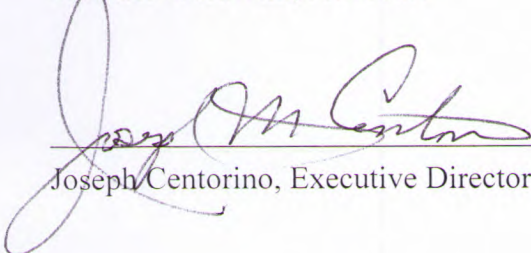
This matter was referred to the Office of the State Attorney for handling.  
On 10/9/14, the two individuals suspected of bringing the absentee ballots to the house of the subject voters were arrested and charged wherefore this matter is closed without further action.

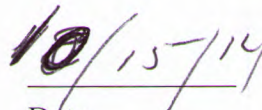
  
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