

The State of Texas §
County of Starr §

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2023-SW-18

SEARCH WARRANT
[Articles 18.02 (a)(9) and (10), Texas Code of Criminal Procedure]

THE STATE OF TEXAS: TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY PEACE OFFICER OF STARR COUNTY, TEXAS OR ANY PEACE OFFICER OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

WHEREAS, the Affiant whose name appears on the affidavit, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes is a peace officer under the laws of Texas and did heretofore this day subscribe and swear to said affidavit before me, and whereas I find that the verified facts stated by Affiant in said affidavit show that Affiant has probable cause for the belief he expresses herein and establishes existence of proper grounds for issuance of this search warrant.

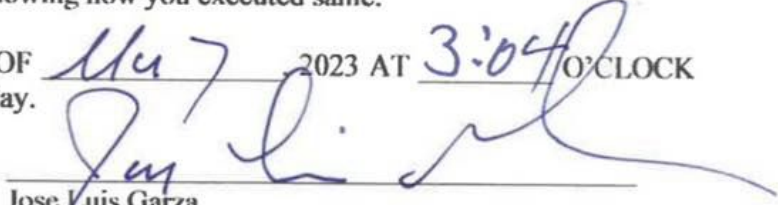
NOW THEREFORE, YOU ARE COMMANDED to seize unopened carrier envelopes containing voter mail ballots, rejected by the Starr County Ballot Board and that were not counted in the November 8th, 2022, Starr County General Election ("Rejected Mail Ballots"), which are in the possession of Armandina Martinez, the Starr County Elections Administrator and stored at the Starr County Elections Administrative Office located at 100 N. FM 3167, Rio Grande City, Texas 78582, and which is within the 229th Judicial District of Starr County, Texas.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to open and search said Rejected Mail Ballots not counted in the November 8th, 2022, Starr County General Election for evidence of violations of the Texas Penal Code and the Texas Election Code, to include but not limited to violations of Texas Election Code, Sections 64.012, 64.036, 276.015 and violations of Texas Penal Code, Section 37.10. The search may include photographing, copying, swabbing for DNA, examining for fingerprints, and other forensic examination as deemed necessary by law enforcement.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Article 18.10, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, that you shall retain custody of any property seized pursuant to this search warrant, until further order of this Court or any other court of appropriate jurisdiction shall otherwise direct the manner of safekeeping of said property. This Court grants you leave and authority to remove such seized property from this county to a secure, law enforcement facility for the specific purpose of having the seized Rejected Mail Ballots not counted in the November 8, 2022, Starr County General Election searched by a trained specialist in a controlled environment, or if such removal is necessary for the safekeeping of such seized property by you, or if the provisions of Article 18.10, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure otherwise authorize such removal and to notify this Court in the return.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you then and there this Warrant within three days, exclusive of the day of its execution, with your return thereon, showing how you executed same.

ISSUED THIS THE 24 DAY OF May 2023 AT 3:04 O'CLOCK
P.M, to certify which witness my hand this day.


Jose Luis Garza
Presiding Judge, 381st District Court
Starr County, Texas