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**To:** [Nick Cox](#)  
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**Subject:** FW: CONSUMER INQUIRY - FRANK STARNELLA - ELECTIONS CYBER FRAUD POSITION  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022 5:15:29 PM  
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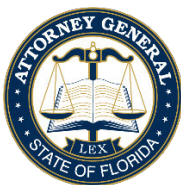
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Thanks,



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Yeah, we only have the lawyers. All the investigators will be at D of State, so you were right to send him there.

Thanks.... the other Nick. Lol

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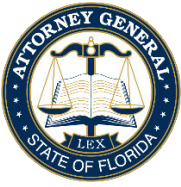
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**To:** [Nick Cox](#)  
**Cc:** [Gerald Whitney Ray](#)  
**Subject:** FW: WKMG-TV inquiry (voter fraud prosecution)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:25:43 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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**DRAFT RESPONSE:**

Our office is not involved with these cases. Please contact the Florida Office of Election Crimes and Security for more information.



*Kylie Mason*

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**From:** Mike Deforest <MDeforest@wkmg.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2022 11:17 AM  
**To:** Kylie Mason <Kylie.Mason@myfloridalegal.com>  
**Subject:** WKMG-TV inquiry (voter fraud prosecution)

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## Wendy Sartory Link

Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections

January 21, 2022

Matthew P. Keane  
8174 Copenhagen Way  
Boca Raton FL 33434

PSU

Voter Registration Number: [REDACTED]

Dear Matthew P. Keane :

We are in the process of updating our voter records. In reviewing a petition you signed, we noted that your signature was different than the one we currently have on file for you. We would like you to provide us with a current signature to add to your Voter Registration Record. We use the signatures we have on record to verify your identity on petitions, provisional ballots, and Vote-by-Mail ballots.

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Thank you in advance for your response to this notification. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (561) 656-6200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Sartory Link".

Wendy Sartory Link  
Supervisor of Elections Palm Beach County

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Petition Signature Update

B: 728 REC: 0103/22 PETITION BATCH: 24

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT INITIATIVE PETITION FORM - PAID PETITION CIRCULATOR

#### Amendment Information

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See separate document for the full text of the proposed constitutional amendment.

Date Approved 06/23/2021 Serial Number 2113



#### Sponsor's Information (Return all completed petition forms to the address below.)

Name: Florida Education Champions  
Address: PO Box 1753 Tallahassee, FL 32302

#### Voter's Information

I am a registered voter of Florida and hereby petition the Secretary of State to place the above proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution on the ballot in the general election.

Name - Last Deane First Matthew Middle P  
Address 4174 Copenhagen way  
City Beach Park, FL Zip 32834 County Polk Beach

Update my voter registration record to this address. (check box)

Registration No.  or Date of Birth 05 / 13 / 1977

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed 12 / 13 / 2021

#### Petition Circulator's Information



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#### Paid Petition Circulator's Affidavit

Name Shuntrice King Circulator's Number 32831  
Address 3536 Saint Mary's Rd C9 Columbus, GA 31906

By my signature below, as petition circulator, I verify that the petition was signed in my presence. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing Petition Circulator's Affidavit and the facts stated in it are true.

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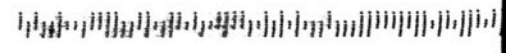
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**To:** [Nick Cox](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Tammy/SWP -  
**Date:** Friday, September 16, 2022 10:01:00 AM  
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How should I ask CS to handle this?

*Tammy Wade, CPM  
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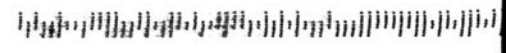
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Thank you for accepting my letter and I hope it finds you well. After multiple attempts to contact the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections, and after having received no response to my initial request for information, I ultimately received a few more details regarding an alarming yet ambiguous letter (enclosed) I received from its office. I was informed upon my second inquiry that a person forged my signature on a petition in support of a ballot initiative for expanding access to gambling in our state. I was provided only the enclosed poor-quality and redacted image of where an individual named Shuntrice King forged my signature.

I regret the need to reach out in this manner but I am not confident that this has been escalated appropriately. As such, I am requesting information regarding what has been or will be done to hold this individual accountable. For example, will this individual be charged with a crime? If so, when and by what authority? If not, why not, etc.? Like I often get asked in my profession, "who owns this?," and what penalties are imposed to deter such individuals from (re)committing fraud of this kind against our great state and its voters?

My family has asked me several times whether the individual that forged my signature will be held accountable. I would like to give them an answer besides "I don't know" and hopefully one where I will not have to explain that those who carry out this kind of fraud do so without consequence. Please accept my thanks in advance for your help and your commitment to integrity and accountability for our voters.

With gratitude for your time and attention,

Matthew Keane  
8174 Copenhagen Way  
Boca Raton, FL 33434

Enclosures: 2

CC: The Honorable Wendy Sartory Link, Supervisor of Elections, Palm Beach County  
The Honorable Cord Byrd, Secretary of State  
The Honorable Ron DeSantis, Governor



## Wendy Sartory Link

Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections

January 21, 2022

Matthew P. Keane  
8174 Copenhagen Way  
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PSU

Voter Registration Number: [REDACTED]

Dear Matthew P. Keane :

We are in the process of updating our voter records. In reviewing a petition you signed, we noted that your signature was different than the one we currently have on file for you. We would like you to provide us with a current signature to add to your Voter Registration Record. We use the signatures we have on record to verify your identity on petitions, provisional ballots, and Vote-by-Mail ballots.

Florida Law requires you to use a Voter Registration Application to update your signature with us. See Florida Statutes, Section 98.077(1). We have enclosed a Voter Registration Application and a return envelope for your convenience if you would prefer to submit a paper application. **Be sure to fill it out completely and sign it.**

Thank you in advance for your response to this notification. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (561) 656-6200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Sartory Link".

Wendy Sartory Link  
Supervisor of Elections Palm Beach County

Enclosures

Petition Signature Update

B: 728 REC: 0103/22 PETITION BATCH: 24

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT INITIATIVE PETITION FORM - PAID PETITION CIRCULATOR

#### Amendment Information

**Ballot Title:** Authorizes sports and event betting; if betting revenues are taxed, taxes must supplement public education.

**Ballot Summary:** Authorizes sports and event betting under Florida law at professional sports venues and pari-mutuel facilities and statewide via online sports betting platforms by entities authorized to conduct online sports betting, and by Native American tribes with a Florida gaming compact, only for persons age 21 years or older. Requires legislative action to regulate sports betting. Legislature may tax betting revenues, and all such taxes are required to supplement the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund.

See separate document for the full text of the proposed constitutional amendment.

Date Approved 06/23/2021 Serial Number 2113



#### Sponsor's Information (Return all completed petition forms to the address below.)

Name: Florida Education Champions  
Address: PO Box 1753 Tallahassee, FL 32302

#### Voter's Information

I am a registered voter of Florida and hereby petition the Secretary of State to place the above proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution on the ballot in the general election.

Name - Last Deane First Matthew Middle P

Address 4174 Copenhagen way

City Beach Park, FL Zip 32834 County Polk Beach

Update my voter registration record to this address. (check box)

Registration No.  or Date of Birth  /  /

redacted per 97.0585

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed  /  /

#### Petition Circulator's Information



This petition form is only to be circulated and collected by a paid petition circulator. After the voter signs the form, the circulator must complete the affidavit below.

#### Paid Petition Circulator's Affidavit

Name Shuntrice King Circulator's Number 32831

Address 3536 Saint Mary's Rd C9 Columbus, GA 31906

By my signature below, as petition circulator, I verify that the petition was signed in my presence. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing Petition Circulator's Affidavit and the facts stated in it are true.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed  /  /

#### Attention

- This form becomes a public record once filed with the Supervisor of Elections.
- It is a first degree misdemeanor to knowingly sign the same petition more than once. [§104.186, F.S.]
- An improperly completed form will not be validated.

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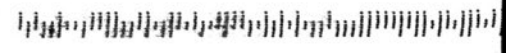
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**Subject:** FW: Tammy/SWP -

How should I ask CS to handle this?

*Tammy Wade, CPM  
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Hi Tammy,

Checking with SWP in case you have info or prefer to handle the attached correspondence.

Palm Beach Elections Supervisor notified Boca Raton resident David Keane that his sig was forged on a 2021 casino constitutional amendment ballot initiative form. Mr. King asks the AG if the paid petition circulator (Shuntrice King) will be prosecuted.

Double checking w/you in case this is an SWP issue. I found several articles in Jan & Feb say FDLE was investigating "fraudulent signatures on pro-gambling petitions that have shown up at supervisors of elections offices across Northwest Florida and the state." (Also found articles saying former Sec of State forwarded the AG several forms and requested investigation, but didn't see any follow up articles ...)

If not, can any SWP staff suggest if we should forward the complaint to FDLE and Dept of State? Is this something that would fall under the new DOS Office of Election Crimes and Security?

Unfortunately, Mr. Keane didn't provide his phone # or email address, so we'll be writing him back snail mail. Thanks in advance...

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**Cc:** [Gerald Whitney Ray](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Questions for HuffPost story on ex-felon voter prosecutions  
**Date:** Friday, October 28, 2022 9:31:00 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: Questions for HuffPost story on ex-felon voter prosecutions

Dear Matt – Thank you for your email.

- In his August press conference, DeSantis said 20 people would be facing charges. But other reports I've seen put the number at 17 or 19. Can you confirm 20 people actually faced charges?

You can find the list of names in [this press release](#) sent out by FDLE. In addition to those in that release, David Dana, 58, of Fort Lauderdale was also arrested and booked into the Broward County Jail.

- Do you have any evidence that shows any of these defendants actually intended to break the law? And if not, why did you bring these prosecutions in the first place?

The ultimate responsibility to ensure compliance with the law lies with the voter, as local and state election officials are obliged to take the word of the voter on the voter application – affirmations made under penalty of perjury.

Florida's voters passed Constitutional [Amendment IV](#) which provides that a felony conviction in Florida for murder or a sexual offense makes a person ineligible to vote in Florida unless

and until the person's right to vote is restored by the [State Clemency Board](#). Each of the people arrested on August 18 had a felony conviction of murder or sexual offense and their rights had not been restored by the State Clemency Board.

These individuals lied when they registered to vote. They were never eligible and there is no confusion on that point. We are confident that when all the facts and evidence are revealed through the legal process, the reasons these individuals were arrested will be clear.

**- Isn't it the state's responsibility to vet potential voter registrations and sort out would-be voters who aren't eligible? And if so, it's this the state's failure? What is the state doing to address that shortcoming?**

Secretary Byrd has addressed this issue to a number of outlets; however, it has rarely been reported and there seems to be a persistent and complete misunderstanding of the Department's verification process and the statutory procedures for adding voters to the registration rolls.

In Florida, voter registration is set out by [Chapter 97](#), Florida Statutes. Pursuant to [section 97.053](#), Florida Statutes, once a completed voter registration is submitted, that person is added to the voter rolls after the department has verified the personal identifying information provided by the applicant (DL, FLID, SSN).

Once the voter is added to the rolls, the process begins immediately based on Florida law to verify the voter's eligibility. This cross-checking process occurs on a daily basis for the life of the voter's registration based on information obtained from credible and reliable sources and based on key changes that a voter may make to his or her record such as a date of birth correction, name change, address change.

Specifically as to felony convictions matches, the Florida Department of State receives daily reports of potential matches and works in conjunction with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Florida Department of Corrections, the United States Attorney's Offices, Florida Parole Commission, Clerks of Court, etc. to obtain information regarding a person's eligibility. As each individual match is [worked manually](#), information obtained over the course of that review confirms whether the identity is a match, whether it is a felony and what type of felony, whether it is an adjudication or adjudication withheld, and whether rights have been restored by clemency or operation of law (i.e., completion of sentence) depending on underlying felony conviction. If a match is invalidated, it is not sent to the county. If a match is determined to be valid, the file consisting of the supporting documentation for that initial determination is sent down to the county to review and to initiate notice under [section 98.075\(7\)](#), Florida Statutes. Again, the statutory process has a built in safety net. It requires the voter be given an opportunity for notice and due process including to admit or deny the initial determination and to have the opportunity whether informally or formally through a hearing to present their evidence as to their identity, conviction and/or restoration of rights before any final determination is made by the

Supervisor of Elections. Even after removal, a removed voter has the right to appeal (section [98.0755](#), Florida Statutes)

In sum, and as courts have noted, it is easy to be put on the rolls and difficult to be removed. This is as it should be. Should Floridians wish to see this process changed, they should contact their legislative representative to change the current statutes.

**- Critics say the charges were meant to intimidate former felons who may be confused about whether or not they are eligible to register. How do you respond to that criticism?**

This is blatantly false. The Department has information posted prominently [here](#) if a former felon is confused about whether or not they are eligible to register to vote. Additionally, Secretary Byrd has mentioned to the media many times that if a person is unsure about the impact upon restoration of voting rights, the person can ask for an advisory opinion from the Florida Division of Elections. Please review section [106.23\(2\)](#), Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code [Rule 1S-2.010](#) for how to ask for an advisory opinion and what information is required.

**- One defendant's lawyer told me, "I think it was specifically designed to disenfranchise Democratic voters in Broward County." Do you have any comment on that?**

This is also blatantly false. You can see from the [list of arrests](#), that only four of those arrests happened in Broward County.

**- In August, the governor said the charges he was announcing were just an "opening salvo," promising more cases in the future. But I've only seen one more charge since then, of Alford Nelson. Am I missing anyone? Or was the governor wrong? And if so, why did he make that claim?**

The Office of Election Crimes and Security was created in July 2022. There will be more cases as the Office completes additional investigations.

**- the late Mr. Antonacci [said](#) he was "certain" that there were "plenty" of illegal ballots in a recent Democratic primary. Do you have any evidence for that?**

I am unable to speak for the late Director Antonacci. However, Governor DeSantis, Florida's Secretary of State Cord Byrd and the Florida Department of State have made elections integrity a top priority. The Department continually receives and reviews complaints and information containing allegations of elections fraud from other sources, including but not limited to emails and telephone calls from the public, Supervisors of Elections, other local and state officials, and law enforcement. If, after a preliminary investigation, there is reason to believe that elections fraud may have occurred, the Department refers the information to the statewide prosecutor, the relevant state attorney, or an appropriate law enforcement agency for further investigation and prosecution.

I hope this is helpful.

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EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

We can publish in the afternoon tomorrow if it will allow enough time to get on-record responses! (cc'ing others so they know as well)

On Thu, Oct 27, 2022 at 4:18 PM Ard, Mark <[Mark.Ard@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Mark.Ard@dos.myflorida.com)> wrote:

You've requested quite a bit of information that I'll need to track down; I may not be able to make that deadline. I'll do what I can.

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Thank you. We plan on publishing tomorrow morning so please reply with any response by EOD. Best,  
Matt

On Thu, Oct 27, 2022 at 1:30 PM Ard, Mark <[Mark.Ard@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Mark.Ard@dos.myflorida.com)> wrote:

Matt - I am in receipt of your email and will be in touch.

Mark Ard  
External Affairs Director  
Florida Department of State

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
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#### EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

Hello,

HuffPost is writing about the chilling effect of the prosecutions against multiple former felons for illegal voting. The organizations in this email were represented at the governor's August press conference. Can you help with any of the following questions for our story?

- In his August press conference, DeSantis said 20 people would be facing charges. But other reports I've seen put the number at 17 or 19. Can you confirm 20 people actually faced charges?
- Do you have any evidence that shows any of these defendants actually intended to break the law? And if not, why did you bring these prosecutions in the first place?
- Isn't it the state's responsibility to vet potential voter registrations and sort out would-be voters who aren't eligible? And if so, it's this the state's failure? What is the state doing to address that shortcoming?
- Critics say the charges were meant to intimidate former felons who may be confused about whether or not they are eligible to register. How do you respond to that criticism?
- One defendant's lawyer told me, "I think it was specifically designed to disenfranchise Democratic voters in Broward County." Do you have any comment on that?
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- the late Mr. Antonacci [said](#) he was "certain" that there were "plenty" of illegal ballots in a recent Democratic primary. Do you have any evidence for that?

Any comment in general for our reporting? You can reach me by email or at 646-397-4678.

Thank you very much,

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