Exh. 29 – Affidavit of Michelle Branton

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths in said State and County, Michelle Branton, who after being duly sworn, deposes and says upon oath:

1. My name is Michelle Branton, and I am a resident of Cobb County Georgia. I am employed by Georgia Republican party as a Field Organizer. I am over the age of 18 and make these statements based on my personal knowledge of the facts, matters and events described herein.

2. As I stated, I am employed by the Georgia Republican Party and so for the November 3, 2020 General Election, I was to be involved in monitoring the ballot counting process. On the night of the November 3rd election, I was assigned by Regional Field Director Brandon Moye to be a Poll Watcher and to report to the Fulton County Board of Elections Warehouse, located at 1365 English Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia, at 6:30 p.m..

3. After arrival, I was then reassigned to the State Farm Arena in downtown Atlanta to watch the processing of Absentee Ballots and arrived at around 8:15 p.m. At State Farm arena, I joined Mitchell Harrison, Field Organizer for the GAGOP. Mitchell and I entered the State Farm Arena at the same time as the news crew from Fox News which included their broadcaster, photographer, and producer.

4. Upon arrival in the processing room located on Level S of State Farm Arena, we were supposed to watch the processing of the Absentee Ballots from the observation area which was delineated by a fenced area of roping secured by posts. This observation area we were put in was very distant from the staff actually processing the ballots. The room where the ballot processing took place is a very large room, and this distance effectively prevented our actual observation of the process. In addition, other areas of this -- again very large -- room were not visible at all from our observation area.

5. For example, the machine that copied the UOCAVA electronically received ballots (sometimes called military ballots) onto a paper copy of same could only be viewed from the side and the

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doors to that area were positioned in a way that prevented us from any viewing of this process. Additionally, the scanners that scanned the absentee ballots were not visible to us at all.

6. The only way we knew that the scanners were located across this large room and was that Regina Waller, Public Affairs Manager for Elections was onsite and she described the process to Mitchell and me. There were several different news crews that came and went that evening from this same observation area. The Chairman of the Fulton County Commission, Robb Pitts, was there most of the night along with his personal assistant, another lady, and his security guard. At the time, I thought it was unusual that the Commission Chairman would be personally involved in the processing of ballots. Chairman Pitts left before the processing stopped later that evening. Additionally, Joe Carn, another Fulton County Commissioner was also onsite. Mr. Carn stayed until right before the processing stopped and spoke with Mitchell and me. Regina Waller, Public Affairs Manager for Elections for Fulton County was also onsite for the entire time and was still onsite when we departed.

7. As the night progressed, most of the staff processing the removal of the inner envelopes and ballots from the outer envelope of the Absentee Ballots stopped working; however, there was one employee that continued working when the others had stopped. That last employee to finish was a younger woman. After that last employee completed her stack at approximately 10:30 p.m., a woman across the room where the scanners were allegedly located yelled to everyone to stop working and to return the next day at 8:30 a.m. This lady had appeared through the night and Mitchell and I believed her to be the supervisor. The supervisor was an approximately 35-35 year old female, with hair that was blonde and braided which came at least to the middle of her back in length.

8. After the "supervisor" gave her instruction, nearly all of the staff workers left, except the supervisor described above, another much older lady that had a shirt on that said "Ruby" on it, and one other lady that I cannot recall her appearance, and Regina Waller, the Public Affairs Manager for Elections. so, at the time that work stopped at about 10:30 I recall those four employees remaining.

9. At this same time,, we along with the Fox News crew were the only other persons as I recall left in the room. We had been instructed by Brandon Moye to obtain the number of ballots processed and the number that were still remaining to be processed. We attempted to obtain

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this information three separate times from Regina Waller and she would not give an answer and she also appeared to be calling someone asking them for advice on how to respond to our request. Afterwards, Regina Waller would only say "it could be obtained on the website".

10. After concluding that Regina Waller would not give us this information on the number processed versus the ones still left to be processed,, we along with the Fox News crew left the State Farm Arena shortly after 10:30 p.m. When we left, Regina, the "supervisor" and only two other people remained in the area of the scanners, the lady with the "Ruby" on her shirt was sanitizing the tables and tablecloths, and the third lady was further across the room and I could not tell what she was doing. Regina Waller was sending an email, as she relayed to us, when we left.

11. We were then told to return to the Fulton County Board of Elections Warehouse on English Avenue. Shortly after we arrived at the Warehouse Facility, Regina Waller entered the facility within 15-20 minutes of when we arrived. The English Avenue facility is a huge warehouse storing election machines, scanners and other election equipment.

12. Sometime thereafter while still at English Avenue, Mitchell Harrison and Brandon Moye advised they heard counting was still going on at State Farm Arena and Mitchell Harrison and Trevin McKoy, field organizers, were sent to confirm the ballots were again being counted at the State Farm Arena. I did not go with them on the return to State Farm.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

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Michelle Branton

Sworn to and subscribed before me this $\frac{8}{2}$ day of November, 2020.

Notary Public

