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AG Wilson Asks SLED to Review Evidence of Voter Fraud

Columbia - Attorney General Alan Wilson today asked SLED Chief Mark Keel to review evidence of potential voter fraud in the state. The evidence was uncovered by Kevin Shwedo, Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, during an extensive review of data related to the state's new Voter I.D. law.

"Director Shwedo's research has revealed evidence that over nine hundred deceased people appear to have 'voted' in recent elections in South Carolina," said Wilson. "This is an alarming number, and clearly necessitates an investigation into potential criminal activity. I have asked SLED Chief Keel to review Director Shwedo's research."

In his letter to Chief Keel, Wilson writes, "No right is more precious than the right to vote and no process is more important in terms of integrity than the election process. Voter fraud cannot be tolerated. Therefore, I respectfully request that SLED conduct a preliminary inquiry into these voting irregularities."

Read the letter: <http://www.scag.gov/pdf/voting.pdf>

The state's Voter I.D. law was passed in 2011, and requires voters to show photo identification. The identification can be obtained free of charge from the Department of Motor Vehicles. It has been challenged by the U.S. Department of Justice.



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Chief Mark Keel
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Dear Chief Keel:

I am following up as a result of our meeting this morning with you and the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Kevin Shwedo. At that meeting, we were fully briefed by the Director to the effect that DMV's analysis of data reveals that there are numerous discrepancies concerning people who have voted in recent elections who may not have been entitled to vote.

Most troubling is the fact that over 900 persons, who were deceased at the time of the elections, appear to have "voted" in those elections. In addition, I have asked Director Shwedo to review his data for other potential voting irregularities.

No right is more precious than the right to vote and no process is more important in terms of integrity than the election process. Voter fraud cannot be tolerated. Therefore, I respectfully request that SLED conduct a preliminary inquiry into these voting irregularities.

Sincerely,

Alan Wilson

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cc: Director Kevin Shwedo, South Carolina DMV