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Infographic ■■ What Happened in #Atlanta on #ElectionNight?

In recent days, the fog of incomplete and conflicting information provided by interested parties has begun to clear. (Thread■)

It now appears that a state election monitor was absent for a part of the counting process.

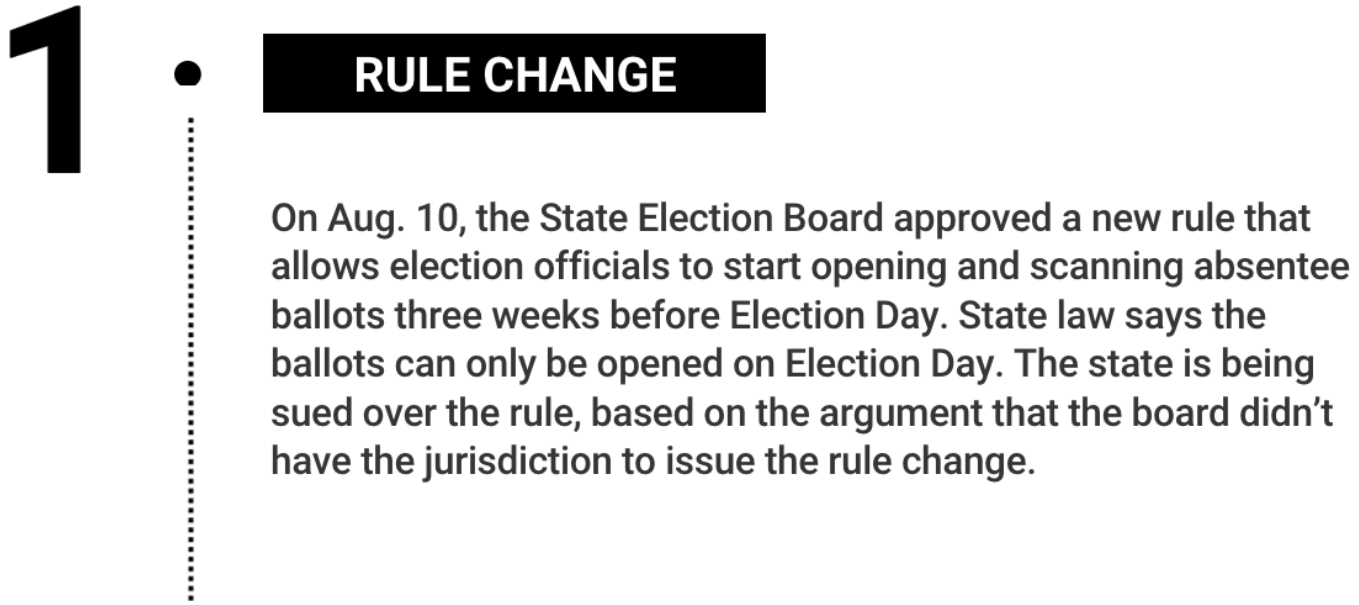
It is also clear that GOP #PollWatchers were prevented from meaningfully observing much of the process, even though they were allowed in the room.



1. RULE CHANGE
On Aug. 10, the State Election Board approved a new rule allowing election officials to start opening and scanning

#AbsenteeBallots 3 weeks before #ElectionDay.

The state is currently being sued over the rule.



2. WATER LEAK

On #ElectionDay, ballot-processing work at the State Farm Arena was delayed. It was later revealed that the source of the leak was an overflowing urinal.

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"At approximately 6:07 a.m., the staff at State Farm Arena notified Fulton County Registration and Elections of a water leak affecting the room where absentee ballots were being tabulated," Fulton County told FOX 5, an Atlanta Fox affiliate, in a statement. "The State Farm Arena team acted swiftly to remediate the issue. Within 2 hours, repairs were complete."

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An Atlanta NBC affiliate, 11Alive, reported that "Fulton County Registration chief Ralph Jones said that the pipe burst just after 6 a.m. Tuesday in the room above where they [sic] ballots were being kept, and water was draining down to the left side of the

3. SECURITY CAMERA FOOTAGE

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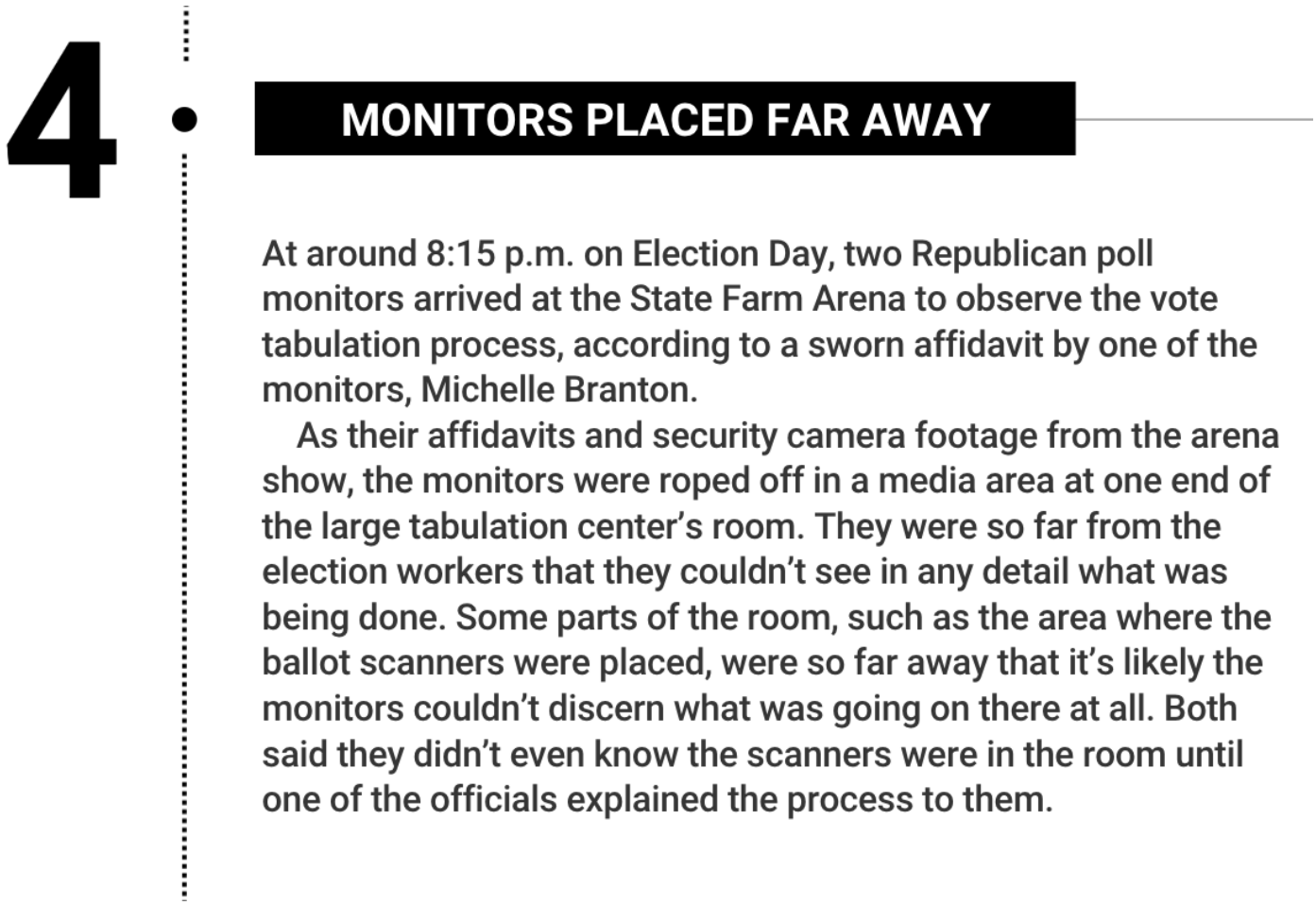
Only some parts of the footage were made publicly available when the Trump campaign's legal team aired them during a Dec. 3 Georgia Senate committee hearing on election issues. The arena provided the footage "to all parties in each related Georgia voting litigation," the arena's legal chief, Scott Wilkinson, told The Epoch Times via email.

"Without a subpoena, our policy does not allow us to release

4. MONITORS PLACED FAR AWAY

According to #Affidavits and #Security footage, GOP poll monitors were roped off in a media area at one end of the large tabulation center's room.

They were so far from the election workers that they couldn't see in any detail what was being done.

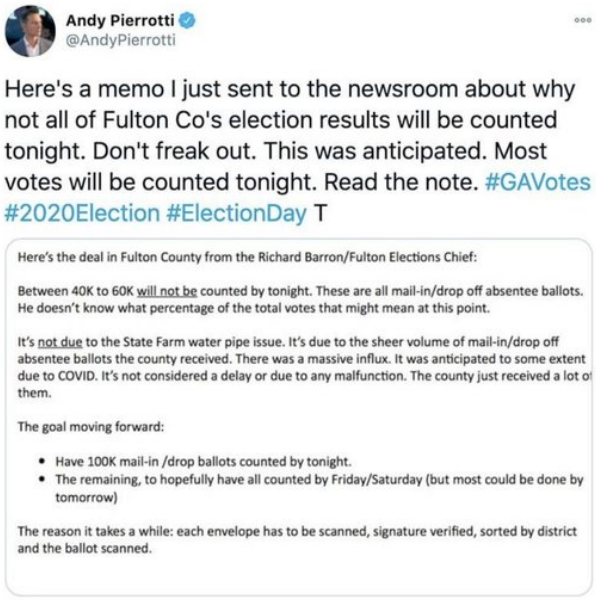


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"According to those officials, none of the ballots were damaged in the process," the channel said in an update to its live coverage of the election.

At 10:08 p.m., 11Alive investigative reporter Andy Pierrotti reported that Fulton County wouldn't be counting about 40,000 to 60,000 ballots that night.

"It's not due to the State Farm water pipe issue," he said in a memo he posted on Twitter. "It's due to the sheer volume of mail-in/drop off absentee ballots the county received."

A screenshot of a Twitter message sent by 11Alive investigative reporter Andy Pierrotti on Nov. 3 saying that Fulton County wouldn't be counting about 40,000 to 60,000 ballots that night.

> Here's a memo I just sent to the newsroom about why not all of Fulton Co's election results will be counted tonight. Don't freak out. This was anticipated. Most votes will be counted tonight. Read the note. #GAVotes #2020Election #ElectionDay T pic.twitter.com/gZOGTWfeuF
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> — Andy Pierrotti (@AndyPierrotti) November 4, 2020

6. BOXES IN FRONT OF AND ON TABLE

Released footage shows at 9:57pm, a man bringing an empty black ballot box and placing it on a table.

At 10:25pm, the two boxes are still on top of the table. At 10:37pm, the table appears to have been cleared, with no sign of the boxes.

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The released footage shows, beginning at 9:57 p.m., a man in a black jacket bringing an empty black ballot box and placing it next to the table installed by Moss. He's accompanied by a woman in a purple t-shirt, who was later identified as election worker Ruby Freeman based on her apparel, hairstyle, and public posts and videos on Facebook, where she also appeared to identify herself as Moss's mother.

A minute later, the man places a white tray of ballots inside the box. Freeman then closes the box.

The man then brings another box and places in it another tray of ballots that was previously on top of the table.

Shortly after that, the video skips to 10:19 p.m., and two closed ballot boxes are seen on top of the table.

The video, which then jumps to 10:25 p.m., shows the two boxes still on top of the table, in addition to another tray of ballots.

At 10:37 p.m., the table appears to have been cleared, with no sign of the boxes. The media and the monitors can still be seen in their designated area. Nearly all the workers are gone.

7. 'STOP WORKING AND COME BACK TOMORROW'

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The poll monitors said that activity at the arena slowed after 10 p.m. At around 10:30 p.m., a person clearly identified by them as Moss "yelled out [that] they should stop working and come back tomorrow (the next day, Wednesday, November 4) at 8:30 A.M.," said Mitchell Harrison, one of the monitors, in his affidavit. Branton agreed with this description, saying the workers who were removing absentee ballots from the outer envelopes had mostly stopped working by that point.

The monitors were tasked by the local Trump campaign field organizer to find out how many ballots were processed and how many were left. They asked county spokesperson Regina Waller, who was on site, about this, but she didn't get them an answer, so they eventually left shortly after 10:30 p.m., they said.

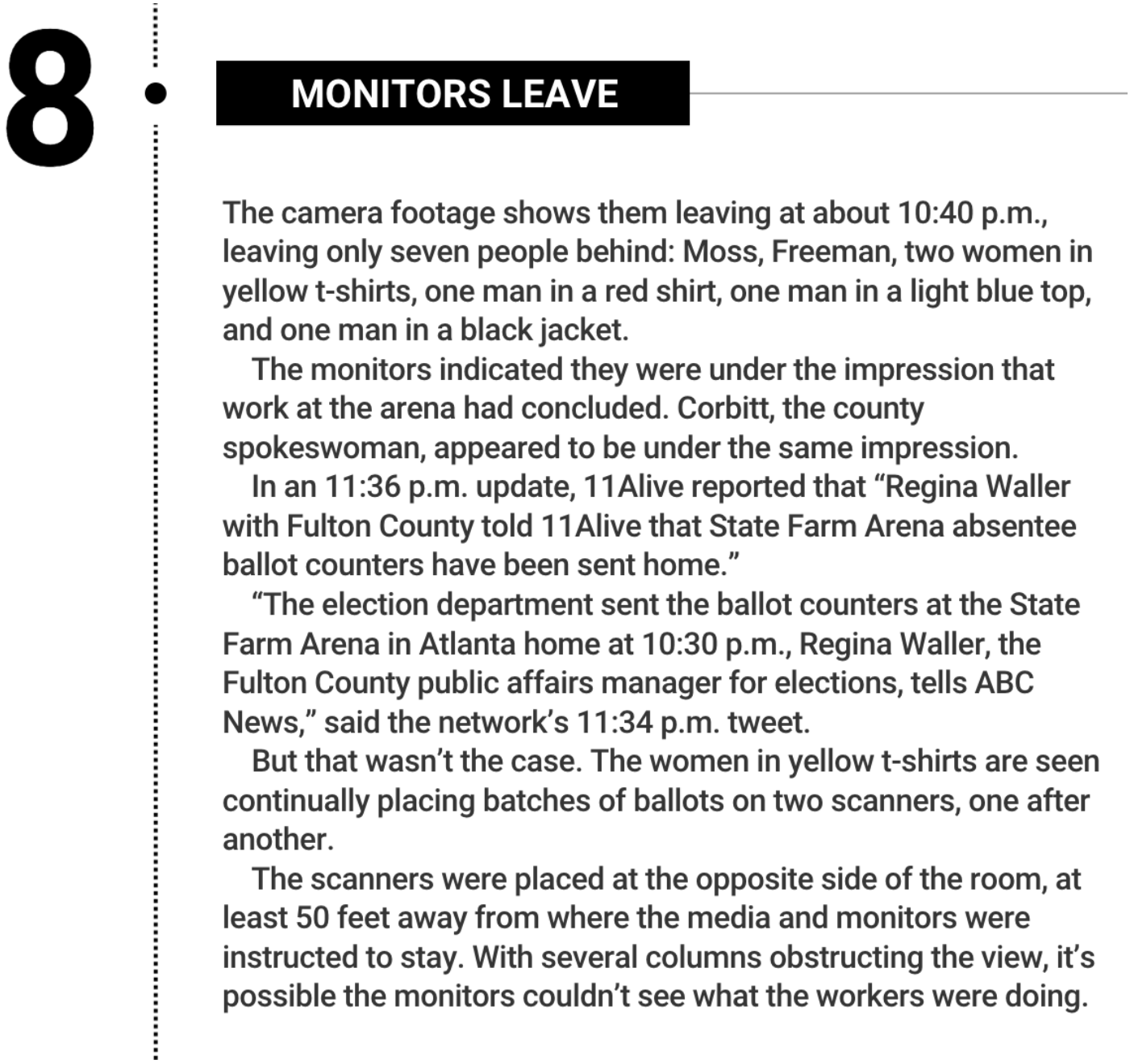
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An election worker processes absentee ballots at State Farm Arena in Atlanta on Nov. 2, 2020.

8. MONITORS LEAVE

Footage shows them leaving at about 10:40pm, leaving only 7 people behind: Moss, Freeman, 2 women in yellow t-shirts, 1 man in a red shirt, 1 man in a light blue top, and 1 man in a black jacket.



9. BOXES UNDER THE TABLE

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At 11:03 p.m., one of the women in yellow t-shirts pulls away a ballot box placed right beside the table. She takes stacks of papers out of it and starts placing them on the scanner.

About 30 seconds later, Moss pulls another ballot box from underneath the table, placing it next to Freeman's table, and takes stacks of paper out of it. Freeman then starts placing the stacks on another scanner.

At one point, it appears that Freeman places the same stack on the scanner repeatedly. This could legitimately be done in cases when ballots get jammed in the scanner feed. The video quality, however, makes it difficult to discern whether this was the case.

At 11:04 p.m., the man in a light blue top and the man in a black jacket leave the room.

About 40 seconds later, the man in a red shirt can be seen pulling another ballot box from underneath the table. He places it next to another table and, with some help from one of the women in yellow, takes stacks of paper out of it and starts

Edison Research #ElectionResults feed data published by @NYTimes show that between 11:15pm and 12:03am, #FultonCounty added 46,442 votes to its tally, about 21% of them for Trump.

Security footage continues at 12:50am, when the workers appear to be wrapping up.



Registration Officer Wandrea "Shaye" Moss is seen pulling a ballot box from underneath a table at the State Farm Arena in Atlanta, Ga., on Nov. 3, 2020.



A woman in a yellow t-shirt is seen pulling a box that was beside a table at the State Farm Arena in Atlanta on Nov. 3, 2020.



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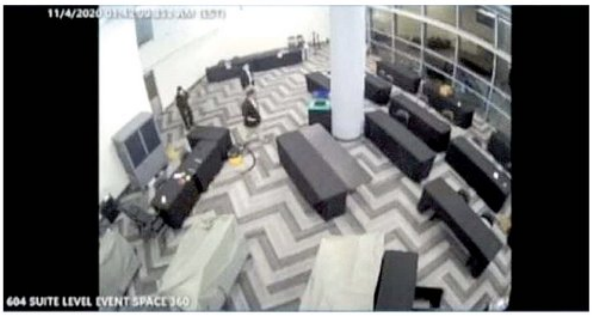
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After the next jump to 1:47 a.m., three people are seen coming in. According to the Trump campaign, two of them were Republican observers. Harrison said he and another monitor, Trevin McKoy, were told to go back to the arena after they learned from news crews that the counting had continued.

Indeed, Alive 11 reported around 12:38 a.m. that "another official in Fulton County says some work is still being done at State Farm Arena with ballots."



Three people, two of them likely the Republican poll monitors, are seen right after entering the tabulation center room at the State Farm Arena in Atlanta on Nov. 3, 2020.

11. OFFICIALS RESPOND
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The available footage doesn't show the exact moment the boxes。are placed under the table. Watson said his investigators reviewed the footage and determined that the boxes were filled, sealed, and placed under the desk when the monitors were still present.

"Around 10 p.m., with the room full of people, including official monitors and the media, video shows ballots that had already been opened but not counted placed in the boxes, sealed up, stored under the table," he said. "This was done because employees thought that they were done for the night and were closing up and ready to leave."

Gabriel Sterling, Georgia's voting system implementation manager, told Newsmax that only some of the workers were told to go home.

"There are cutters, the people who are opening the envelopes, and there's the ones who are scanning," he said.

Registration and Elections Director Richard Barron told the Fulton County Board of Commissioners that when he learned that staff were dismissed at 10:30 p.m., he advised that some workers needed to continue, the county's spokeswoman previously told The Epoch Times.

"Based on that directive, a smaller crew continued to work through the night. It may be possible that observers left at the time the majority of the staff left, but from the information we have, the processing area was never closed to observers," she said.

A Georgia secretary of state spokesperson said in a statement that its "investigator" and an "independent monitor appointed by the State Election Board ... both observed scanning until it was halted for the night around midnight," Newsmax reported.

It's not clear who the monitor and investigator were, as the video shows only five people in the room at certain times, one of whom was Moss, while the other four were engaged in the scanning.

Sterling also acknowledged that there was an "82-minute" period when no monitor was present.

12. ENVELOPE WITHOUT ADDRESS

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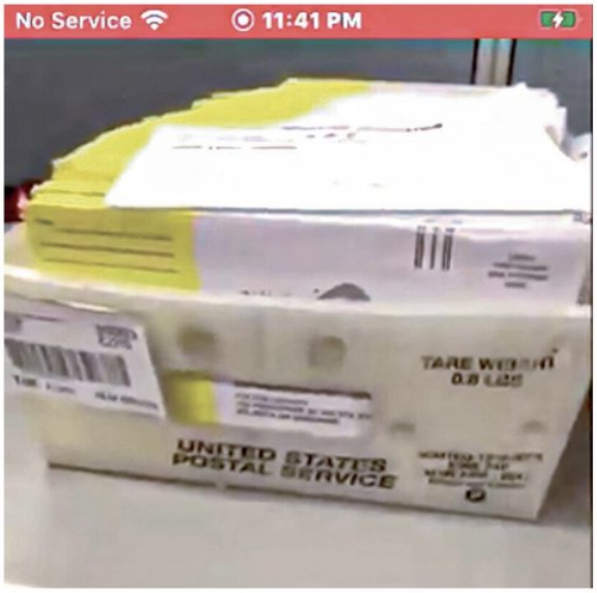
Freeman's Facebook page has ceased to be publicly accessible in recent days, after some of its content was posted on Twitter. The content included videos of her sitting in a cubicle and walking around an office space with trays of absentee ballots seen on tables. At one point, a man brings her a tray labeled "Ballot Signature Verification" with nearly 400 absentee ballot envelopes in it. The first envelope lacks a return address. Early in-person votes are cast on absentee ballots, which also need to be placed in envelopes. It's not clear whether the envelope would have a return address in that case.

In Georgia, absentee ballot signatures are matched by county election clerks to signatures on record for each voter. The clerks flag any mismatches for further verification, including a follow-up with the voter. Less than 0.2 percent of absentee ballots are rejected for signature issues, according to the state. That only accounts for mailed absentee ballots. It's not clear what the rejection rate is for early voting ballots.

Each county has a bipartisan election board, which may oversee the signature-matching process, according to Ryan Germany, general counsel of the secretary of state.

"For signature matching, they can choose to be as involved in that as they want," he said during the Senate hearing.

None of the five members of the Fulton County election board answered emailed questions regarding their involvement in the signature-matching oversight.



A screenshot of a video posted by Ruby Freeman on Facebook shows a box of ballots in her cubicle. The first ballot doesn't show a return address.

The @GASecofState has acknowledged his office is investigating hundreds of instances of potential illegal voting activity, but has rejected the notion that #FultonCounty officials were involved in #VoterFraud at the arena on #ElectionNight. https://t.co/pwhUw6s74r

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