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Re: Current Charges in the Election Tabulator Case – **This process is still ongoing and not over.**

In conjunction with my appointment as special prosecutor for the Attorney General our review of the police investigation has led to the following individuals being charged with criminal offenses related to the unauthorized possession and access to voting tabulators – these charges were authorized by an independent citizens grand jury. **Pursuant to MRPC 3.6 the public is notified that a “charge is merely an accusation and that the defendant(s) are each presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.**

Daire Rendon

COUNT I – Conspiracy to Commit Undue Possession of a Voting Machine, MCL 168.932(b);
COUNT II – False Pretenses \$1000 or more but less than \$20,000.00; MCL 750.218(4)(a)

Matthew Deperno

COUNT I – Undue Possession of a Voting Machine, MCL 168.932(b)
COUNT II – Conspiracy to Commit Undue Possession of a Voting Machine, MCL 168.932(b)
COUNT III – Conspiracy to Commit Unauthorized Access to a Computer or Computer System, MCL 752.795
COUNT IV - Willfully Damaging a Voting Machine, MCL 168.932(b)


All the charged defendants have been arraigned in an Oakland County Circuit Court and have been released on a personal recognizance bond.

The charging decision was the result of a thorough decision-making process by an independent citizen’s grand jury. This citizen’s grand jury carefully listened to the sworn testimony and analyzed the evidence as required by law and returned a decision to indict each of the defendants. We thank the grand

jury for their careful deliberation and for fulfilling their sworn commitment to make a decision that was not influenced by politics, bias or prejudice.

Although our office made no recommendations to the grand jury as to whether an indictment should be issued or not, we support the grand jury's decision and we will prosecute each of the cases as they have directed in the sole interests of justice.

I would also like to thank the Attorney General's investigators and the Michigan State Police for their thorough investigation and Oakland County Prosecutor Karen McDonald for accommodating my staff during the grand jury process. My team and I will be preparing for the next steps in this process.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DJ Hilson', is written over the printed name and title.

DJ Hilson
Prosecutor