

WARRANT TYPE: ARREST WARRANT  
AWPS#: 16000872  
COURT CASE NUMBER:

CASE TYPE: FELONY  
REFILE INDICATOR:  
DIVISION:

TO ALL AND SINGULAR SHERIFFS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, GREETINGS:  
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO IMMEDIATELY ARREST THE DEFENDANT AND BRING HIM OR  
HER BEFORE ME, A JUDGE IN THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, TO BE DEALT  
WITH ACCORDING TO LAW:

DEFENDANT'S NAME: COEGO LAST GLADYS FIRST MIDDLE TTL

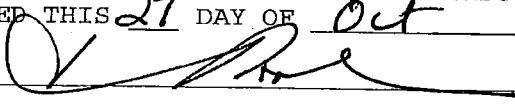
AKA(S):  
STR/APT/CITY/ST/ZIP: 9421 SW 7TH LN / / MIAMI / FL/ 331742146  
DOB: 08/22/1942 RACE: W SEX: F HEIGHT: 500 WEIGHT: HAIR: EYES:  
SOC SEC #: CIN #: SID #: FBI #:  
SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS: IDS #: 3099990  
DRIVERS LICENSE #: STATE: FL

VEH TAG #: STATE: MAKE: MODEL: YEAR: COLOR:  
COMMENTS:

PROBATION:  
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BEFORE ME PERSONALLY CAME CASTILLO, FRANCISCO J (AFFIANT) WHO, BEING DULY  
SWORN, STATES THAT THE DEFENDANT \*\* COEGO, GLADYS \*\*, DID COMMIT THE  
ACTS STATED IN THE ATTACHED STATEMENT OF FACTS. BASED UPON THIS SWORN STATEMENT  
OF FACTS, I FIND PROBABLE CAUSE THAT \*\* COEGO, GLADYS \*\* DID COMMIT  
THE CRIME(S) OF:  
F 3 104.047(2) VOTING ABSENTEE/DESIGNATE ON BALLOT OF ANOTHER ~~\$5,000~~  
F 3 104.047(2) VOTING ABSENTEE/DESIGNATE ON BALLOT OF ANOTHER ~~\$5,000~~

IN DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONTRARY TO FLORIDA STATUTES AND AGAINST THE PEACE AND  
DIGNITY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.  
POLICE CASE #: AGENCY: MIAMI  
ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY: HELFMAYER, DEVON UNIT: 064

EXTRADITE INFORMATION  
EXTRADITION CODE: 1 - FELONY - FULL EXTRADITION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED IN MIS FIEL  
EXTRADITION MAY BE CONFIRMED WITH THE METRO-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT, DADE COUNTY  
\*\* IN ANY EVENT, DEFENDANT WILL BE ARRESTED IF FOUND IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA \*\*

SWORN TO BY AFFIANT CASTILLO, FRANCISCO J COURT ID 001- 27507  
SO ORDERED THIS 27 DAY OF Oct, 2016.  
  
\$10,000.00  
BOND AMOUNT

JUDGE IN THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DADE COUNTY FLA  
( ) FIRST APPEARANCE JUDGE MAY NOT MODIFY CONDITION OF RELEASE  
(RULE 3.131(D) (1) (D))

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( ) TO ANSWER UNTO THE STATE OF FLORIDA ON AN INFORMATION OR INDICTMENT  
FILED AGAINST HIM OR HER BY THE STATE ATTORNEY FOR THE CHARGE(S) OF:  
( ) UPON ORDER OF A JUDGE IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA FOR  
FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT TO ANSWER THE PENDING CHARGE(S) FOR THE  
CHARGE(S) OF:

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK OF THE COURT  
BY \_\_\_\_\_ DEPUTY CLERK \_\_\_\_\_ DATE

## AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF WARRANT

Your Affiant, Francisco Castillo, is a City of Miami Police Detective (IBM# 27507), employed with the City of Miami Police Department for approximately eleven (11) years. Your Affiant has been assigned to the City of Miami's Internal Affairs Division and detached to the State Attorney's Multi-Agency Public Corruption Task Force (SAPCTF) since April of 2014. During that time your Affiant has been investigated multiple public corruption cases, some of which have led to successful arrests. Prior to being assigned to the SAPCTF, Your Affiant worked as a City of Miami Homicide Detective for approximately five (5) years. Your Affiant has been responsible for investigating various crimes within the jurisdiction of the City of Miami Police Department, including but not limited to homicide, attempted homicide, stalking, robbery, sexual assaults, narcotics trafficking, and arson.

In connection with Your Affiant's official duties as an MDSAO Criminal Investigator, he is responsible for conducting investigations into violations of Florida Statutes § 104.047.

### **The Subject**

Your Affiant learned that Gladys Coego (hereafter "COEGO") was hired by the Miami-Dade Elections Department (hereafter "Elections Department") as a temporary Election Support Specialist. COEGO began working as an Election Support Specialist on October 24, 2016. COEGO was assigned to work in a room with approximately eighty (80) other Election Support Specialists. COEGO's job is unofficially referred to as a "ballot opener." COEGO's duties as an Election Support Specialist were to process and sort unopened vote-by-mail (formerly "absentee ballots") envelopes. More Specifically, COEGO's job consisted of four steps:

1. Open the vote-by-mail envelope and place it with other envelopes from the same precinct;
2. Remove the secrecy envelope and place it with other secrecy envelopes from the same precinct;
3. Remove the ballot, confirm that the ballot had the appropriate number of pages, check the ballot for tears and stains, and place it with other ballots from the same precinct;
4. Count the number of ballots and record that number on a Tabulation Sheet.

Your Affiant learned that the Elections Department provided each Election Support Specialist with one red pen. The Election Support Specialists, including COEGO, were

Affiant FC

Judge [Signature]

prohibited from bringing any other pens or pencils into the ballot sorting room. Your Affiant learned that COEGO concealed a black ink pen in her purse and brought it into the ballot sorting room and used it to unlawfully mark ballots.

### **Applicable Law and Crimes**

Florida Statute § 104.047(2) provides: "Any person who marks or designates a choice on the ballot of another person, except as provided in s. 101.051, s. 101.655, or s. 101.661, is guilty of a felony of the third degree."

~~Your Affiant has probable cause to believe that on October 24, 2016 and October 25, 2016, COEGO unlawfully marked the ballots of other persons. Your Affiant is requesting the Court's permission to arrest COEGO for two counts of Marking or Designating on the Ballot of Another, in violation of Florida Statute § 104.047(2), one for each day in which she marked another person's ballot.~~

### **Investigation**

On October 25, 2016, Your Affiant was dispatched to the Elections Department, which is located at 2700 NW 87 Ave., in Doral, Florida. Your Affiant arrived at the Elections Department at approximately 12:15 hours, accompanied by investigators from the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Multi-Agency Public Corruption Task Force. Your Affiant met with Ms. Michelle McClain, a Deputy Supervisor at the Elections Department. Ms. McClain informed Your Affiant that her staff had observed COEGO unlawfully marking vote-by-mail ballots. Your Affiant and his fellow investigators divided responsibility for the different aspects of the investigation. Investigator M. D'Ambrosia was assigned to speak to the Elections Department staff. Investigator D'Ambrosia provided recordings of the sworn statements to Your Affiant.

### *S. Tremmel's Statement*

Investigator D'Ambrosia took a sworn statement from Mr. S. Tremmel. Mr. Tremmel testified that he was a temporary worker assigned to the ballot sorting room at the Elections Department. Mr. Tremmel testified that his duties were to receive the ballots, which had been separated by county precinct, and distribute the ballots to the ballot openers. Once the ballot openers finished opening and sorting the ballots, Mr. Tremmel's job was to gather the ballots and store them for tabulation. Mr. Tremmel testified that on October 25, 2016, between

approximately 9:30 and 10:30, he saw COEGO pull a pen out of her purse and mark a ballot. Mr. Tremmel noticed that COEGO was sitting at a table by herself at the back of the room, with her purse placed on the chair to her immediate left. Mr. Tremmel testified that he was initially unsure about what he had seen. Mr. Tremmel testified that as he was continuing his job, he saw COEGO again take a pen out of her purse and mark a second ballot. He continued to watch COEGO and she soon marked a third ballot. According to Mr. Tremmel, COEGO would hide the pen in her purse whenever a supervisor or other employee came near. Mr. Tremmel testified that after he saw COEGO mark the third ballot, he reported to his supervisor, Mr. Javier Vazquez.

*Javier Vazquez's Statement*

Investigator D'Ambrosia took a sworn statement from Mr. Javier Vazquez, a Computer Technician with the Elections Department. Mr. Vazquez testified that on October 25, 2016, between approximately 10:30 and 11:00, he was approached by temporary worker Mr. S. Tremmel. Mr. Tremmel reported that he had seen COEGO improperly marking ballots. Mr. Vazquez immediately reported to his supervisor, Ms. LaRhonda Wimberly.

*LaRhonda Wimberly's Statement*

Investigator D'Ambrosia took a sworn statement from Ms. LaRhonda Wimberly. Ms. Wimberly testified that she works for the Elections Department as an Elections Tabulations Manager. She testified that on October 25, 2016, she was approached by Mr. Vazquez, who informed her that one of the temporary workers was seen unlawfully marking three (3) ballots. Ms. Wimberly approached COEGO's table and covertly watched her from behind. Ms. Wimberly testified that after only a short time, she observed COEGO take a black pen from her purse and begin to mark a ballot with the pen. Ms. Wimberly testified that she immediately confronted COEGO and confiscated the ballot. Ms. Wimberly testified that she escorted COEGO out of the ballot sorting room.

The Elections Department discovered COEGO's conduct at approximately 11:30. After removing COEGO from the ballot sorting room and securing all of the ballots that she handled, the Elections Department notified the State Attorney's Multi-Agency Public Corruption Task Force. Investigators from the SAPCTF immediately responded to the Elections Department and began the investigation.

*COEGO's Statement*

When Your Affiant arrived at the Elections Department, COEGO was voluntarily sitting inside an office. Your Affiant and Sergeant Sergio Diez spoke to COEGO in Spanish. Your Affiant informed COEGO that she was free to leave, and that she did not have to speak with anyone. During her voluntary statement to Your Affiant and Sgt. Diez, COEGO admitted to

COEGO stated that she began working at the Elections Department on October 24, 2016, which was the previous day. COEGO stated that

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COEGO showed Your Affiant

COEGO said that

COEGO stated

COEGO denied any connection to Ms. Regalado or her campaign. COEGO stated that

It should be noted that there is no evidence that anybody connected with Ms. Regalado, or Ms. Regalado's campaign, had anything to do with COEGO's actions. COEGO further stated

*The Ballots*

Your Affiant retrieved the ballot that Ms. Wimberly had confiscated from COEGO. Your Affiant observed that the majority of the ballot was marked with blue ink. The only race that was marked with black ink was the Miami-Dade Mayoral Race. The bubble designating a vote for Ms. Regalado was circled with black ink, as if someone was stopped in the process of completing the vote for Ms. Regalado.

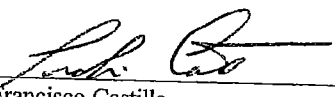
Your Affiant learned that Sergeant Diez and Detective Ronald Chapman observed Deputy Director Rosy Pastrana examine all of the ballots that COEGO had processed. The Elections Department could identify the ballots processed by COEGO on October 24, 2016, because COEGO had written her name and the date on the Tabulation Sheet accompanying each stack of ballots. Through her examination, Ms. Pestrana identified additional ballots that appeared to have been altered by COEGO. For each of those ballots, all of the markings on the

ballot were in blue ink, with the exception of votes for Ms. Regalado in the Mayoral race, which had been marked in black ink.

None of the ballots that COEGO altered were her own.

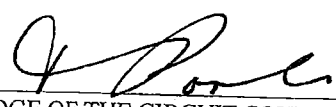
**Prayer for Arrest**

Based on the foregoing, your Affiant believes that probable cause exists to arrest COEGO for two (2) counts of Marking or Designating on the Ballot of Another, each third degree felonies in violation of Florida Statute § 104.047(2).



Detective Francisco Castillo  
Miami Police Department  
State Attorney's Multi-Agency Public Corruption Task Force  
1-27507  
AFFIANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this the 27 day of Oct, 2016.



JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA