

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of a Referral by Janice A. Gionfriddo,
Middletown Registrar of Voters

File No. 2013-015

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Complainant, City of Middletown Registrar of Voters Janice A. Gionfriddo referred this matter to the Commission pursuant to General Statutes §9-7b, regarding a possible violation of elections laws by Dawn R. Wilson Jones (hereinafter "Respondent"). Specifically, Complainant forwarded information indicating that Respondent may have voted *both* by Presidential Ballot in the Town of West Hartford and in-person in the City of Middletown in District 4 at the Van Buren Moody School polling place at the November 6, 2012 election in violation of General Statutes § 9-360.

After the investigation of the Complainant's complaint, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

1. Respondent moved to the Town of West Hartford prior to November 6, 2012. Respondent on November 6, 2012 was registered to vote in the City of Middletown, Connecticut.
2. Respondent denied that she voted twice at the November 6, 2012 election or that she violated elections laws regarding the same. Respondent admitted that she voted by Presidential Ballot in West Hartford on November 6, 2012.
3. Upon investigation, the Commission finds that on the morning of November 6, 2012 Respondent went to the Middletown District 4 polling place at the Van Buren Moody School where she was registered to vote.
4. Further, the Commission finds that Respondent showed polling place officials her identification, and requested that she be able to change her voter registration from Middletown to West Hartford. Finally, the Commission finds that at that time of the aforementioned request the Respondent's name was erroneously crossed off the District 4 checkers' list as having voted at the Van Buren Moody School polling place in Middletown.
5. Additionally, the Commission finds that Respondent was instructed by the aforementioned elections officials at the Van Buren Moody School polling place in Middletown that the only way she could cast a ballot on November 6, 2012 was by completing an application for a Presidential Ballot with the West Hartford town clerk's office. The Commission finds that Respondent followed this advice and subsequently voted by Presidential Ballot in West Hartford on November 6, 2012.

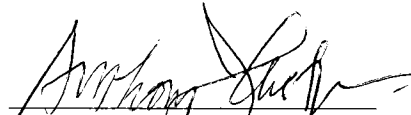
5. The Commission finds after investigation and review of pertinent documents from Middletown and West Hartford, as well as interviews of relevant municipal and election officials, insufficient evidence to establish that Respondent cast two ballots on November 6, 2012.
6. The Commission concludes, for reasons detailed in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, that the evidence after investigation does not support the conclusion that Respondent voted twice , both in Middletown and in West Hartford, on November 6, 2012 in violation of General Statutes § 9-360.
7. The Commission concludes Respondent did not violate General Statutes § 9-360 by voting twice at the November 6, 2012 election and therefore dismisses this complaint.

ORDER

The following Order is recommended on the basis of the aforementioned findings:

That the complaint is dismissed.

Adopted this 15th day of May, 2013, at Hartford, Connecticut.



Anthony J. Castagno, Chairman
By Order of the Commission