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On Thursday, November 9, 2023 at approximately 3:30 P.M. Fairfield Judicial District State's Attorney Joseph T. Corradino was contacted by Fairfield Police Chief Robert Kalamaras concerning a possible burglary into a Town of Fairfield facility in which municipal election ballots were stored pending a recount in the November 7 town elections.

In the interest of transparency, Chief Kalamaras sought an outside investigation into any potential criminal activity, including any compromise of the ballots. Fairfield Police secured the scene, pending a hand-off to outside investigators. State's Attorney Corradino and a police inspector from his office responded to the scene and the Connecticut State Police Western District Major Crime Squad was summoned to conduct the investigation.

The facility has a dual lock system, which requires both the Democrat and Republican Registrar of Voters to be present to unlock the storage facility. Both registrars were summoned to the scene and were present during the investigation.

Connecticut State Police Detectives processed the scene, which concluded at approximately 10:00 p.m. It was determined that there had been no break-in of the facility. All of the bags containing ballots were still sealed, although verification from the Town Clerk was expected to be conducted on Friday, November 10. At 11:00 p.m. State's Attorney Corradino was advised by CSP personnel that there was no indication of criminal activity at the ballot storage site.

"Although this is still technically a pending investigation, there is no indication that a burglary of the facility was committed nor is there any reason to believe that the ballots were compromised," said Corradino.

Corradino said that he has been in contact with the State Elections Enforcement Commission and the Secretary of State's Office, and that upon completion, the investigative report will be forwarded to the Commission.

"The Fairfield Police Department acted promptly to insure both the integrity of the election and the investigation. It is important that people have confidence in our democratic system" Corradino said.