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DA ANNOUNCES OPENING OF ELECTION TIP LINE OF 610-292-2022; RESIDENTS CAN REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Oct. 31, 2022) — As the Montgomery County secure ballot drop boxes became operational over the weekend, Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele today announced measures to secure the sanctity of the upcoming election, including an **Election Tip Line of 610-292-2022** to report any suspicious activity around the boxes or suspicious activity on Election Day.

Anyone who sees someone attempting to break into the boxes, delivering multiple ballots, damaging the boxes or otherwise doing something suspicious or criminal is asked to immediately call the **Election Tip Line at 610-292-2022**.

“Today I want to reassure Montgomery County residents that we will use all means to make certain we have a safe, secure and valid election here in Montgomery County, for both in-person voting on Election Day and for voting by dropping off completed paper ballots between now and Nov. 8,” said DA Steele. “If the facts and evidence warrant it, we will prosecute anyone who attempts to interfere with this election.”

Spread throughout Montgomery County, the 12 secure ballot drop box locations are available 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., through Nov. 8, 2022 and are fully staffed and under video surveillance. They are located in Cheltenham, Lansdale, Lower Merion, Norristown (two locations), Pottstown, Royersford, Skippack, Upper Dublin, Upper Frederick, Upper Merion and Upper Moreland. Completed ballots can also be dropped off at Montgomery County Voter Services office locations, which are spread throughout the county. Addresses for secure drop boxes and Voter Services offices, as well as voting instructions, can be found on the county’s website at <https://montcopa.org/3587/Secure-Ballot-Drop-Box-Locations>.

On Nov. 8th Election Day, a team of prosecutors and detectives will be available for referral and to respond to complaints. “While we don’t expect any irregularities to occur with the election, we are ready to assist in protecting the integrity of our electoral system—as we do for every election—and to make sure that our poll workers are safe as well. Intimidation and harassment of workers at election voting locations will not be tolerated, and any criminal behavior will be assessed and charged,” said Steele.

First Assistant District Attorney Edward F. McCann Jr., Assistant District Attorney Jediah Grobstein and Montgomery County Detectives will work with federal, state, county and local law enforcement, as well as other government officials, to protect access to and the integrity of the Nov. 8 election. Reported violations of election laws will be investigated, and if appropriate, prosecuted. In addition, the District Attorney's Office will work with the United States Attorney's Office to deter electoral corruption and will refer any federal violations to the U.S. Attorney.

On Election Day, any potential problem should be reported to the Election Tip Line 610-292-2022 or by email at emccann2@montcopa.org or jgrobstein@montcopa.org. The District Attorney's Office can also be reached through the County Radio Room at 610-275-1222.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele