



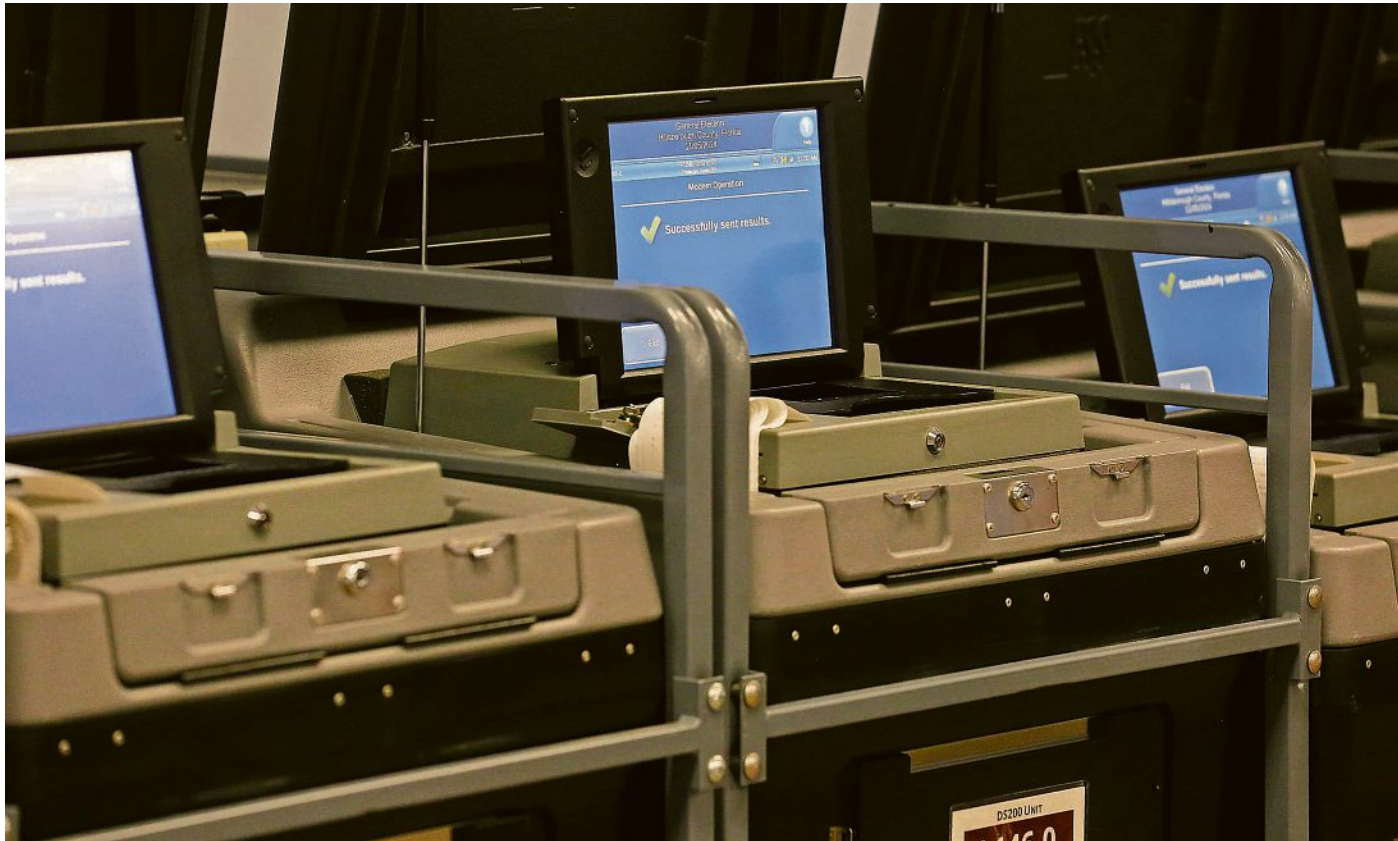
Trump seeks 'DronePort' for White House ballroom

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The Supervisor and Elections office staff runs test ballots through the voting machines during a test run at the Supervisor of Elections Office in Tampa, Florida, on Oct. 3, 2024. That year, at least 27 states used Dominion machines, similar to the number in 2020. OCTAVIO JONES/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Trump official tried to ban half of voting machines

President repeats debunked claims despite lack of evidence

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's election-security czar last year sought to ban voting machines used in more than half of states by asking whether the Commerce Department could declare their components national-security risks, according to two people with direct knowledge of the matter. White House adviser Kurt Olsen, a lawyer Trump has tasked with proving widely debunked election-rigging conspiracy theories, pushed the plan to target Dominion Voting Systems machines.

The idea emerged, the sources said, as Olsen and other officials brainstormed about how the federal government could take control over elections from states, an idea Trump publicly aired.

Olsen wanted a national system of hand-counted paper ballots, the sources said, a frequent Trump demand some

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A woman checks over ballot papers at a polling center on Election Day in Brooklyn, New York, on Nov. 5, 2024. Election-security experts broadly support the current combination of technology and paper ballots, which provides a voter-verified trail for post-election audits. MAYE-E WONG/REUTERS FILE

EMT charged with sex crimes

Accused of assaulting teen during the ambulance transport

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MUNCIE — An EMT for an Indianapolis-based ambulance service is accused of having inappropriate sexual contact with a 14-year-old patient while she was being taken from IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital to a Bloomington medical facility.

Delaware County Prosecutor Eric Hoffman's office on Wednesday, May 27, charged 37-year-old Ronald D. Elliott Jr. with sexual misconduct with a minor, child seduction, vicarious sexual gratification, child solicitation and inappropriate communication with a child.

Elliott, of Dunreith in southern Henry County, was arrested after a Thursday traffic stop, according to Indiana State Police. He was being held without bond in the Delaware County Jail.

The charges against him include two Level 4 felonies, each carrying up to 12 years in prison, and two Level 5 felonies, with maximum six-year sentences.

State police said Thursday's arrest followed a three-month investigation.

Court documents allege the crimes took place in mid-February, when the juvenile was being transported in an ambulance, belonging to Quest Ambulance Service, to Bloomington.

According to an affidavit, Elliott — before having inappropriate sexual contact with the 14-year-old girl in the ambulance — showed her photos on his cell phone of his genitalia, showed her videos of the EMT having sex with a woman, and fondled the juvenile.

The Dunreith man is also accused of giving the girl a nicotine vape.

State police said Elliott also used the juvenile's Instagram account to communicate with her 13-year-old friend and made sexually suggestive comments to that girl.

Interviewed by state police on March 26, Elliott reportedly admitted giving the 14-year-old the vape and allowing

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Murder suspect accused of possessing child abuse material

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MUNCIE — A Muncie man recently charged with killing his girlfriend and shooting two other people now stands accused of having child abuse material on his cell phone.

City police have filed court documents accusing 21-year-old Rylynn J. Davis of 12 counts of possession of child porn, a Level 5 felony carrying up to six years in prison.

Delaware County Prosecutor Eric Hoffman's office will determine whether formal charges will be filed.

Davis was already being held without bond in the Delaware County Jail. He is charged with murder in the the May 10 shooting death of his 23-year-old girlfriend, Cheyenne Raines, outside the home they shared in the 2700 block of South Walnut Street.

He faces a total of 10 charges stemming from the events of that day, including attempted murder and kidnapping. He is also accused of shooting two

Muncie men, one of them in the head, who had stopped after they reportedly saw Davis dragging his girlfriend down a sidewalk by her feet.

A Muncie police detective reported he examined Davis' phone as part of the homicide investigation and found many videos and photos "that clearly depicted young children engaged in sexual acts."

The children shown were "clearly under 12 years of age," the detective wrote, with many of them "clearly very young prepubescent children."

Interviewed by police on Tuesday, May 26, Davis acknowledged ownership of the Samsung phone but maintained he had not possessed "any child sexual abuse material."

His trial on the charges stemming from the May 10 shootings has been set for Oct. 13 in Delaware Circuit Court 1.

Court records reflect no prior convictions for the Muncie man.

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