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Center that serves as early voting location was broken into overnight

Houston, TX- Harris County Clerk Beverly Kaufman, the chief elections officer of the County, announced this morning that the Julia C. Hester House Community Center was vandalized overnight. The center serves an early voting location.

"It appears that Hester House experienced an incident of random vandalism", said Clerk Kaufman. According to an onsite report the building was ransacked including the voting area. As a result, 2 County computers, a modem, a printer and a scanner were reported missing. An additional printer was destroyed. However, the voting equipment was intact and secure and election clerks were able to set up to receive voters as scheduled by 7.a.m.

The County Clerk's Election Technology Center responded as soon as possible and was able to replace the necessary equipment to get the site on-line within the hour of the beginning of voting. According to the Clerk's office the computers which are missing contained information which is public and could be obtained by any individuals via a public information request. The information in the computers does NOT include social security numbers.

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Early voting ends tomorrow, Tuesday Dec. 8th. Today and tomorrow voters may vote from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more election information voters may visit www.harrisvotes.com. Voters may also call 713.755.6965, Harris County's automated election information line.

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