

COMPLAINTS REGARDING WADESBORO 2 PRECINCT

1. One of the observers, a Ms. McNair, paced back and forth in our polling space, and though she was an "observer," she was seen by us as more of an intimidator, writing things down on her pad and getting beside voters to hear their questions. She often talked with voters inside the precinct area and even sometimes would follow a voter outside to question them about what was told to them by the poll judges. Though she admitted that she was not supposed to talk to us, she still would make comments to us and ask questions.

--Michelle Bennett and Delores Thomas, Assistants, Wadesboro 2

2. A gentleman walked in the same time as some other voters and was standing near the door where we (Michelle Bennett and I) were assigned. I began making conversation with him and he was telling me that he was from New York, but now lived in Rockingham, so I thought he was probably a delivery man because there had been a cleaning man around the night before. Chief Judge Rosa Pinkston suggested that I go eat my lunch so that we could rotate lunch times. To be polite since he continued to stand there, I invited him to join me for lunch. Another judge, Sue Burr, was in the lunch space also so I took a chair at her table and he joined us. I even invited him to share my peanut butter sandwich, but he refused. He sat there until I'd finished my sandwich and drink. While we were sittin there, a lady who had been standing outside with a man and a child, who I realized later was Judge Lisa Thacker, came into the polling place, came further on into the lunch space and handed him a barbecue ticket for him and his family, saying that he had been a great help to her and she wanted to thank him!!

When Mrs. Burr and I got up to go back to our workplace, he rose also and left. Shortly thereafter, Chief Judge Pinkston saw a man standing within the "no campaigning tape space" and she and others went outside to ask him to move uphill. He refused and told her to bring a tape measure to verify. Of course, she didn't have one, but told him to not come any closer than he was. We kept an eye on him, but he stayed there all the rest of the afternoon. He had brought a chair and was giving a marked ballot to everyone who would take one and would often talk for long periods of time with those who came to vote. Later in the afternoon, he came in and looked at the M-100 to see how many people had cast votes. It was then that I realized he was the same man who had come into the polling place and had sat in the lunch space with Mrs. Burr and me.

-- Delores Thomas, Republican Assistant

3. I saw Lisa Thacker, her husband and daughter standing about 20-25 feet from the entrance door of Wadesboro 2 polling precinct. We observed her talking with voters as they came and went. As a judge, she knew she was breaking the law by being inside the 50 feet distance from the door.

-- Delores Thomas & Michelle Bennett, Precinct Assistants