

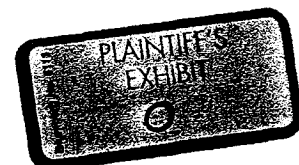
Exhibit 18

CITY OF TULAROSA)
COUNTY OF OTERO)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO)

AFFIDAVIT OF STEPHEN C. DUBOIS

STEPHEN C. DUBOIS, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and states as follows:

1. My name is Stephen C. Dubois, and I reside at 618 Willow Lane, Tularosa, New Mexico 88352.
 2. I am over 18 years of age and competent to make this affidavit.
 3. I am a registered voter in Otero County, New Mexico.
 4. I make this affidavit upon personal knowledge.
 5. On October 12, before noon, I went to vote at the Otero County Clerk's office.
 6. After being identified as a registered voter and signing, I was assigned to a machine (one of three) - the single machine against one wall that I think was the west wall (the other two being against another wall, that I think was the south wall).
 7. I sat down and inserted the card given to me by the poll worker and commenced to vote for individual candidates (not straight party).
 8. When I pushed the button for county clerk candidate John Secrest, I saw that the check had appeared for Robyn Silva.
 9. I asked the poll worker how to fix it (by touching) and we re-set it. As I passed my hand over Silva's name, but not touching it, on the way to pushing the button
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- for John Secrest, the check appeared for Silva a second time. This time, I re-set



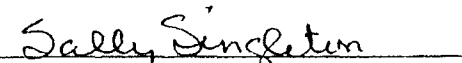
the machine myself.

10. On my third attempt, I purposely made my hand go around Silva's name (instead of over it) and I voted for John Secrest. This time, my vote registered as I intended.
11. When I was voting for a write-in candidate, once I had a letter I had pushed register incorrectly (I pushed "a" and "x" appeared) and I had to push the "h" several times before the letter appeared. As the name of my write-in candidate had two h's, I noticed having to push several times on each h. I had no problem with other letters.
12. Ultimately, I believed my votes registered correctly.
13. Denise Guerra, of the Otero County Clerk's office, called me and asked if I would come down so that she and Mary Quintana could interview me. I provided them the information set forth above.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.


STEPHEN C. DUBOIS

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
28 day of October, 2004.


Notary Public

My commission expires: 10-30-05
