My Name is Heider Garcia. I am the Elections Administrator in Tarrant County, Texas, and have been in this position since February of 2018. I was the Elections Manager in Placer County California between April 2016 and January 2018. Prior to my work in the public sector, I worked for 13 years in the private sector with a voting technology and services company called Smartmatic; during that time, I worked in several election projects in different locations around the world, including Venezuela, Curacao, and The Philippines, to name a few. I am Computer Science Engineer with a certification in Project Management (PMP) and a Certification in Elections Administration (CERA). I have been married for 11 years, and have 2 children, a 6-year-old, and an 8-year-old.

Tarrant County has been for a long time a Republican majority county, and 2020 was no exception. On the evening of November 3, 2020, we announced Election Night results around midnight, and at that time, without late absentees and provisional ballots included, Donald Trump was winning by 2,168 votes. Fast forward 15 days, to the day official results that were canvassed. Even though countywide races down the ballot were all won by republican candidates with margins between 4 and 10%, the Presidential race went for Joe Biden by 0.22% (1,826 votes out of 838,968). That 0.5% variation is within the error margin of any poll or statistical analysis. So, with a set of results that was virtually identical to the election night report, we had gone from no questioning, no threats and no doubt to distrust, discord, and concerns for personal safety.

So, what happened in those 15 days? Sidney Powell and Rudy Giuliani made baseless accusations of voter fraud and manipulation of election results. In their statements the accused Smartmatic, one of my former employers, as one of the two main actors of "the steal", and from there the conspiracy theories about Tarrant County just spiraled out of control. But it was not indirect references, it was also direct accusations from Ms. Powell herself:

- On the Lou Dobbs show¹ she stated "...we know that one of the Smartmatic people went to Tarrant County, Texas and turned that county blue"
- On Twitter she posted² "Gee whiz! I wonder how #TarrantCounty Texas went #blue so easily after hiring a #Smartmatic guy?!", with a picture of me included.
- On a separate post on Twitter³, she stated "And #Tarrant County just went #blue?! What a coincidence! #ImpoundTheMachines #DominionVotingSystems #Smartmatic What could possibly go wrong with company called #Dominion?"

This campaign went beyond her, other personalities also referred to Tarrant County and me:

- Michelle Malkin did a segment in Newsmax about Tarrant County and went as far as to claim that I was a "Venezuelan born operative" that had fled the country⁴.
- The Gateway Pundit website put out <u>a piece pointing directly at me</u>⁵ asking "Does ANYONE believe this actually happened?"

¹ See video attachment "Sidney Powell – Lou Dobbs show"

² See image of tweet attached "Sidney Powell – Tarrant County"

³ See image of tweet attached "Sidney Powell – Tarrant County 2"

⁴ See video attached "Michelle Malkin – Heider fled the country"

⁵ https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2020/11/texas-county-goes-blue-first-time-since-1964-hiring-former-executive-smartmatic-elections-administrator/

- Texas State Representative Steve Toth tweeted⁶ "Meet Heider Garcia of SmartMatic as he's grilled in the Philippines over voter fraud. He now runs election in Tarrant County Texas What could go possibly wrong?"
- A Senatorial candidate in Florida tweeted⁷ first that "I want more intel on him ASAP" and later that "I need more on Heider Garcia".

What followed in the next 4 to 6 weeks was a terrible time of threats and concerns for the safety of my family, my staff and myself. I've included in this testimony screenshots of all the items I preserved from back then, and I can tell you this is just a sample, there were far more posts and messages than I can recall. As you can imagine, it was deeply concerning to read things like⁸ "HUNT HIM DOWN", "@heidergarcia needs to leave Texas and the U.S as soon as possible", "hang him when convicted from fraud and let his lifeless body hang in public until maggots drip out his mouth" or "What's his address". And if that sounds bad, the worse was yet to come.

On November 22, 2020, a twitter account posted my home address as a response to Sidney Powell's tweet (I have redacted my address from the screenshot of the tweet ⁹attached). We were lucky enough that my wife saw it as we were going to bed, and we were able to report it and have it taken down within 2 hours. Can you imagine the level of stress this put on us? I could not sleep that night, I just sat in the living room, until around 3:00 a.m., just waiting to see if anyone had read this and decided to act on it. The next days were the thanksgiving break, I spent those days installing security cameras around my house and preparing response plans with my wife for worse case scenarios.

All this information was turned over to the District Attorney's office and the Tarrant County Sheriff. The Sherriff was fantastic at coordinating support and patrol around our neighborhood, and as far as I understand, providing the information to the Intelligence team to assess for credible threats. The DA's office reviewed the messages and concluded that there were no elements there that constituted actual threats, and that there was no action that could be taken. To this day, not a single person or entity has been held accountable for the impact this whole situation had on my family and myself.

After all of this, where are we in June of 2022? Fraud theorists are still around, and the perceived threat level is still, in my opinion, high. We have received so many public records requests (FOIA, PRR, ORR, etc.) that we are asking our Commissioners Court to approve a new position for our department, so that we can have a full-time employee exclusively dedicated to preparing records for being released and addressing requests from the public. We have spent 18 months turning this office inside out, sharing public records, welcoming watchers, participating in public events, and providing answers to the public. Still, there are those who prefer to believe that "there has to be something wrong". The main argument used for the last 18 months to promote election fraud theories in our county has been that "it makes no sense that republican voters would vote all red but not for Donald Trump".

To conclude, I would like to make very specific recommendations to the committee:

1. Legislation should be passed that protects the addresses of elections officials around the country, much like judges and law enforcement officials in some states and for certain processes. While some

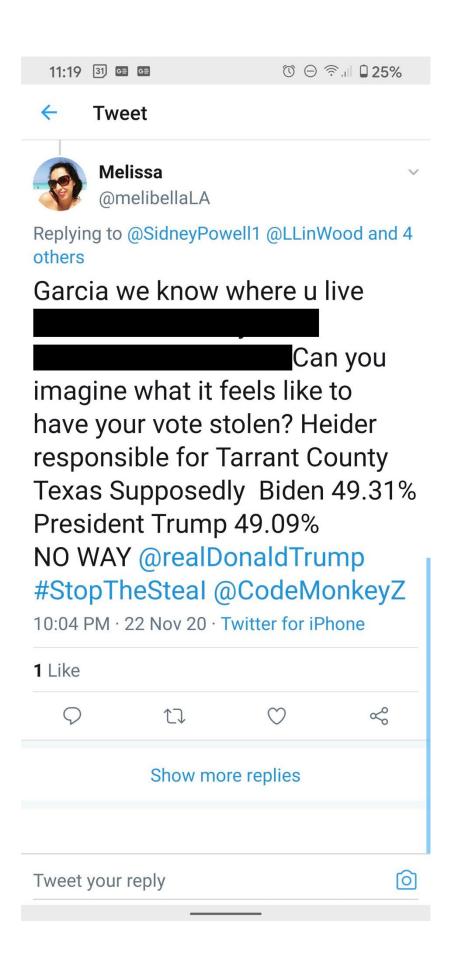
⁶ See image of tweet attached "Rep. Steve Toth – Heider Garcia"

⁷ See image of tweet attached "Hyde for senate – Heider Garcia"

⁸ See images multiple named "Threat X".

⁹ See image of tweet attached "Doxing"

- may argue that our job exposes us in one way or another as public officials, it is not fair that our families are exposed and subject to threats.
- 2. Legislation should be reviewed to ensure that violent language and threats can be treated as such by law enforcement. I deeply believe in the first amendment, to the point that I have never removed or edited any comments made by these conspiracy theorists on the Tarrant County Elections Facebook page. While some of these very nasty comments are founded in misinformation, I am not the speech police and will always refuse to give anyone the power to determine what opinions are right and what opinions are wrong. But there is a difference between saying "Heider should be fired" and someone telling me "I think we should end your bloodline".
- 3. Legislation should be passed to make doxing an offense: doxing has consequences and is becoming more and more a weapon of choice for intimidating and coercing public officials. It needs to end. Whether it's a Washington Post reporter or a Supreme Court Justice, both sides of the aisle have claimed foul when doxing has been used on someone friendly to them. And sadly, both sides have ignored it when it's used against someone who is not necessarily unfriendly, but surely not "on their side". Please, protect us, don't wait until it is too late for someone.
- 4. Legislation should be passed to require organizations and individuals raising money to prove election fraud to disclose their finances: let me be clear I have no doubt that a some of these groups and individuals that promote these election fraud theories are benefiting financially from this. We now see more groups asking for donations, more "data experts" charging entry fees to their speaking engagements and more merchandising being promoted. I think these groups should be subject to the same levels of the transparency and scrutiny they expect from us.





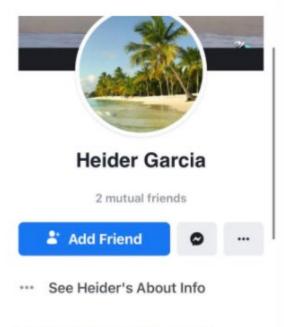
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Emma Right @emmbeliever
Wow! CIA & FBI could maybe
involved! Eric Cumer disappeared!
Dominion has fled! Server is secured.
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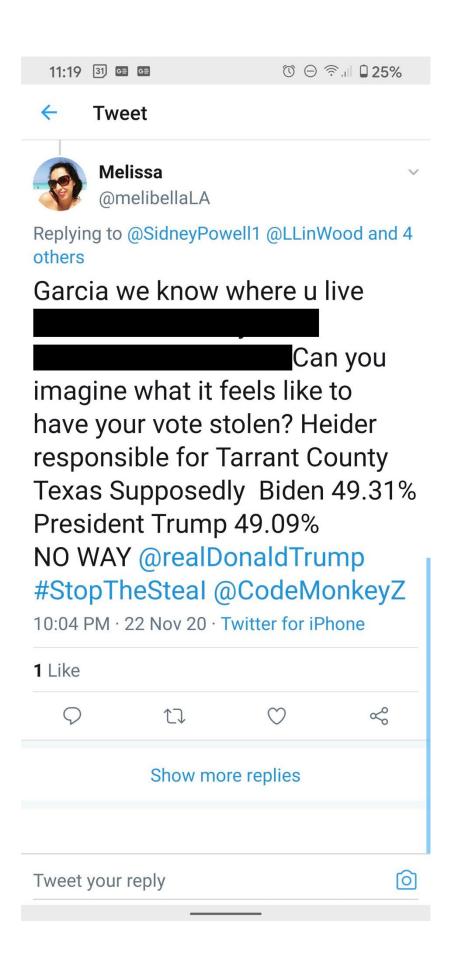


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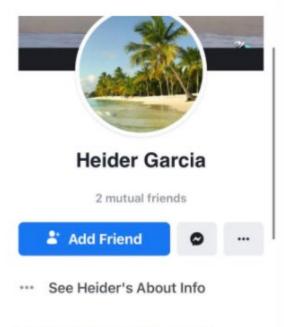
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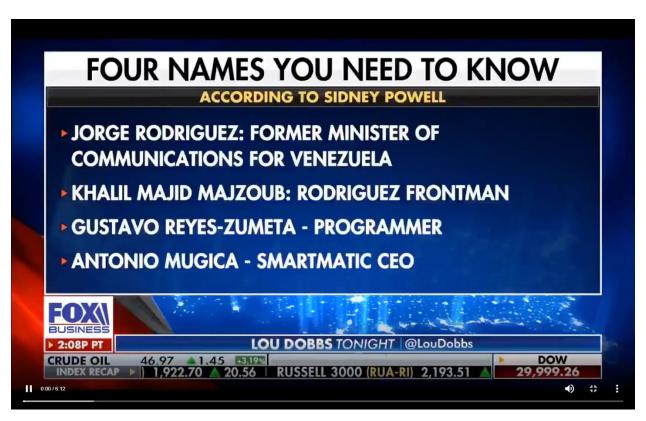
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- @realDonaldTrump
- @EricTrump
- @LaraLeaTrump
- @LLinWood
- @abigailcfrye

Michelle Malkin @ @michellemalkin
"Sons of bitches!" Former Smartmatic official
Heider Garcia (who is now Tarrant County TX
elections head!) was cursed out at a Senate
committee hearing over VCM failures. Glenn
Chong's investigation led to 10 yrs of ongoing
congressional probes. #ExposeSmartmatic
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What do you think @LLinWood?

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- #EvidenceMatters
- This claim about election fraud is disputed



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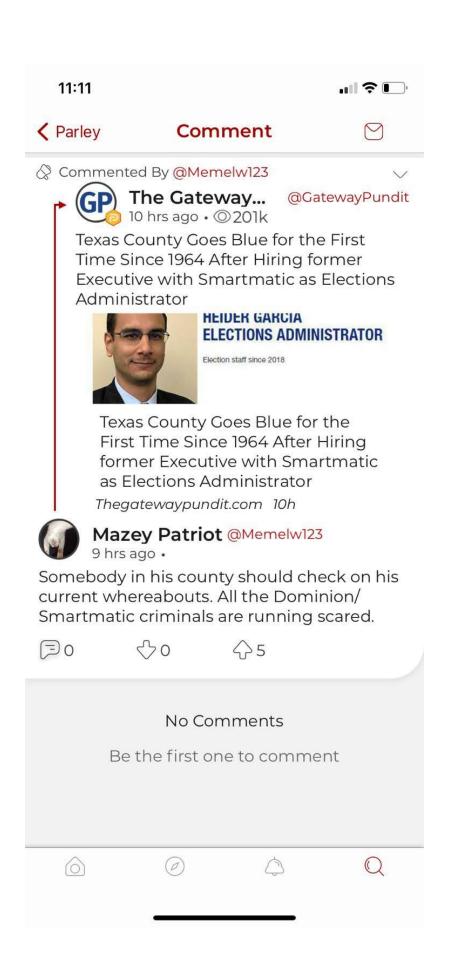
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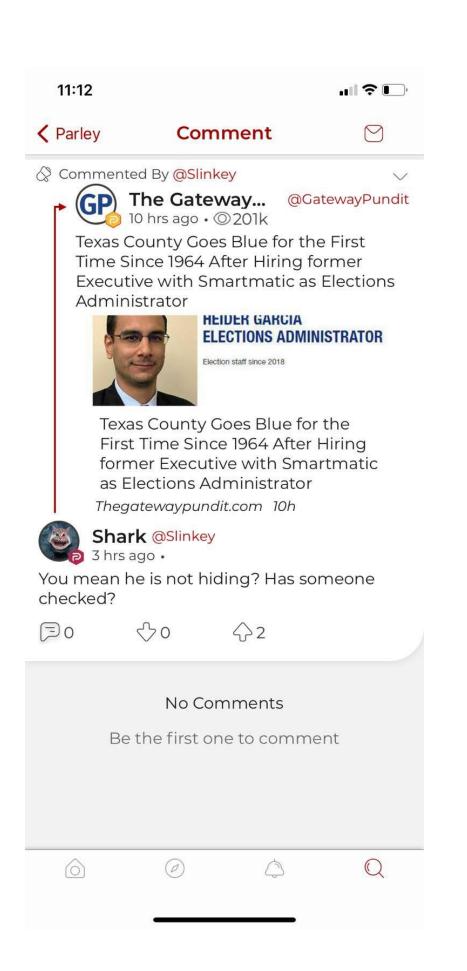
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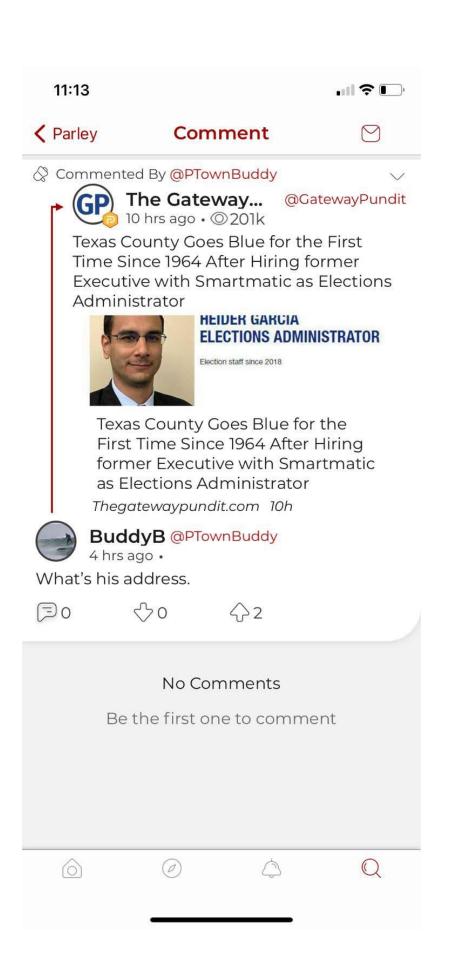


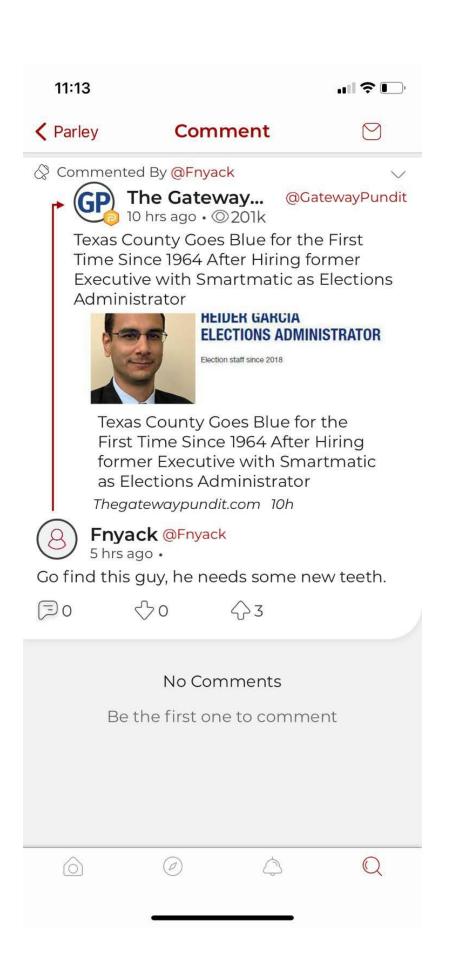
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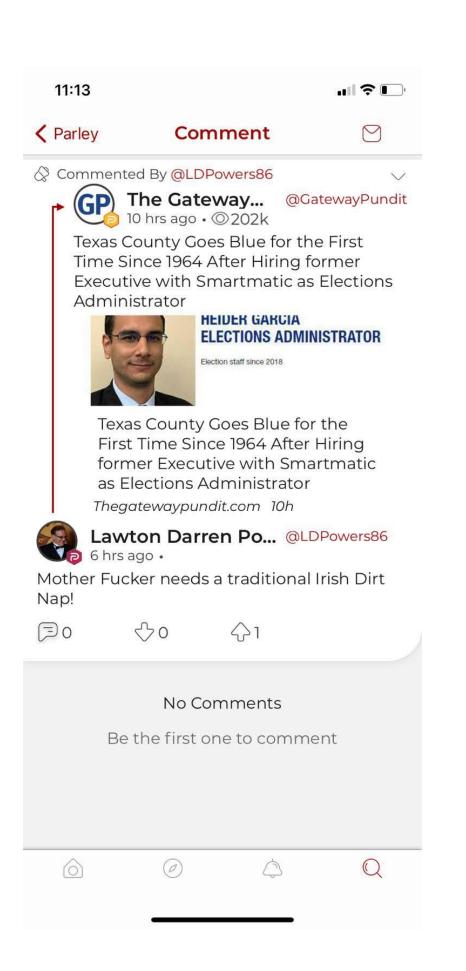
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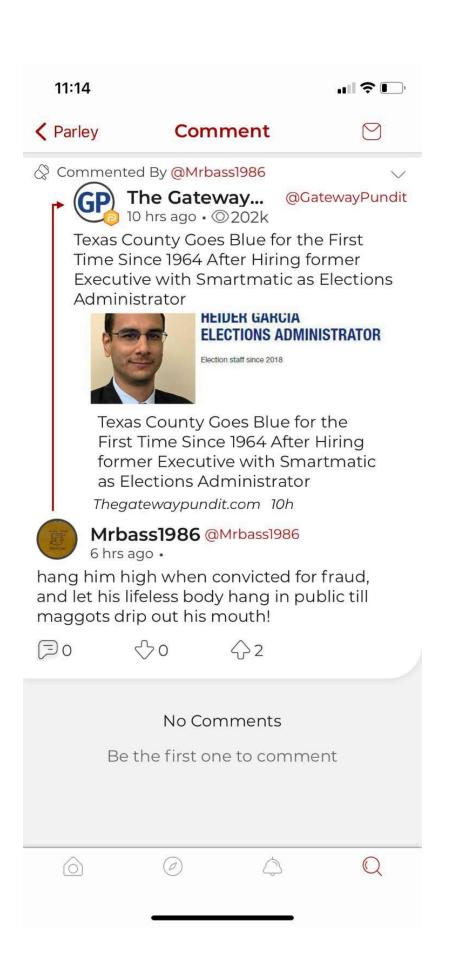






















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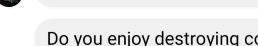
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I want to smash your face for the people of Venezuela and America. I train MMA 3 times a week, report me, I will rule my jail, not going to forget you though.

This is 2020 and you are going down, Communist piece of shit.

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