

**08 NCAC 02 .0111 ELECTION PROTEST FORM**

All persons bringing an election protest under Article 15A shall complete and timely file the following form. For the purposes of this Rule, "timely" means within the time required by G.S. 163-182.9(b). Please note this form shall not be used to challenge the registration of an individual voter or to report an incident other than an irregularity affecting the outcome of an election.

**ELECTION PROTEST**

(Use of this form is required by G.S. 163-182.9(c))

This form must be filed with the county board of elections within the timeframes set out in G.S. 163-182.9(b)(4). Please print or type your answers. Use additional sheets if needed to answer the below questions fully. Number the pages of all additional sheets. Please note that filings will be a public record. Please redact all confidential information, such as date of birth, Social Security number, and driver's license number.

Respond to all prompts. Failure to complete this form as required may result in the dismissal of your protest. Attach additional sheets as necessary, including all exhibits and supplemental documents. All attachments are deemed incorporated and covered under the Protest Certification.

**PROTESTOR**

1. Provide your preferred contact information:

Name: STERLIN M. WALKER, JR. County of Residence: VANCE  
Email: STERLINWALKERFORSHERIFF@GMAIL.COM Phone: (252) 432-7528  
Mailing Address: 905 S. GARNETT ST. PO BOX 1124 HENDERSON, NC 27536

NOTE: You will be deemed to consent to service at all of the above addresses (including email), unless you attach an addendum indicating otherwise.

2. Are you represented by counsel?  Yes  No

NOTE: If you answered Yes, above, your counsel must complete and you must attach the Counsel Certification Addendum.

3. Mark all that describe you:

- Candidate for the office of VANCE COUNTY SHERIFF
- Registered voter eligible to participate in the protested election contest
- Neither of the above\*

*\*If you select this option, you are not eligible to file a protest.*

**PROTEST SCOPE**

4. List all election contests subject to your protest and calculate the margin of votes separating the apparent winner from the runner-up as of the date of filing. Your resp

Protested Contest(s)	Current Vote Margin (subtract runner-up totals from apparent winner's totals)
SHERIFF OF VANCE COUNTY	2,575



5. This protest alleges (*select at least one*):

- A defect in the manner by which votes were counted or results tabulated sufficient to cast doubt on the apparent results of the election.
- A violation of election law, irregularity, or misconduct sufficient to cast doubt on the apparent results of the election.

#### FACTUAL BASIS & LEGAL ARGUMENT

6. Provide all factual allegations in support of your protest. If any fact you allege is outside the scope of your personal knowledge, you may attach affidavits from those who have personal knowledge of that fact. All facts you allege in connection with this protest must be true and accurate to the best of your knowledge, and brought in the sincere belief that the facts alleged form a good faith basis to protest the conduct and results of the election.

Between the aforementioned dates and times numerous election law violations were observed and reported to the Vance County Board of Elections beginning January 2, 2026 Sheriff Curtis Brame placing signs throughout Vance County in violation of N.C.G.S.136-32. It was reported to the Vance County Board of Elections and the NC DOT with both agencies failing to take corrective actions. Police reports were filed with local law enforcement when my signs were stolen with no follow up contact. Vance County deputies were seen using county vehicles to put out signs for Sheriff Brame. February 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and March 3, 2026, during the polling hours. During the polling dates Sheriff Curtis Rodney Brame was recorded campaigning in unauthorized areas on multiple occasions, members of the Henderson Vance Black Leadership Caucus were campaigning in the hallways of the voting polling station under the guise of using the bathrooms after being told several times of the proper location for bathroom use. The Sheriff is recorded impeding voters as they were coming to vote, yelling across the parking lot area at voters, along with several members of the Henderson Vance Black Leadership Caucus engaging in the same disruptive behavior at the polling station. Voters complained of being bombarded by members of the Henderson Vance Black Leadership Caucus feeling harassed and intimidated by their presence. A written complaint was file by Sterlin M. Walker, Jr. of being threatened and harassed on 20/20/2026 with the Vance County Board of Elections, with no remedy given.

7. List all individuals, if any, you may call as witnesses to substantiate facts listed in Prompt 6. If there are multiple individuals, summarize the facts of which the individual has personal knowledge.

Greg L. Williams, Timothy Hayes, Amanda and Zach Burnette, Eric Burwell, Angela Lyons, Gloria White, Peter White, Kelley Perdue

8. Cite any statute or case, administrative rule or decisions, and election policy or procedure that supports your claim set out under Prompt 5.

If at any time a voter feels harassed or intimidated at a polling place, the voter should **notify an election official immediately**. Under Maintenance of order at place of registration and voting (N.C.G.S. § 163-48), chief judges of polling places shall work to maintain order at the polling place. This was not enforced.

9. What effect do you believe the facts alleged in response to Prompt 6, if proven, will have on the electoral outcome in the protested contest(s)? Your response should account for the current vote margin calculated in response to Prompt 4.

- The electoral outcome of the protested contest(s) will change.
- The electoral outcome of the protested contest(s) will not change.
- I am uncertain whether the outcome of the contest(s) will change.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

10. What relief do you seek?

- Correct the vote count
- A new election
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

ASSISTANCE

11. List all persons who assisted you in preparing the contents of this protest and indicate the nature of the assistance provided:

---

---

---

Note: For protestors represented by an attorney, this protest is the initial filing in a proceeding as defined by N.C. State Bar Rules. See 27 N.C.A.C. 02 Rule 1.00(n).

12. Has any candidate, political party, organization, or person acting on behalf of the same requested that you bring this protest?

- Yes
- No

13. Have you received any financial or other benefit or promise of future financial or other benefit in exchange for filing this protest?

- Yes
- No

AFFECTED PARTIES & SERVICE

You must serve copies of all filings on every person with a direct stake in the outcome of this protest ("Affected Parties"). Affected Parties include every candidate seeking nomination or election in the protested contest(s) listed under Prompt 4, not only the apparent winner and runner-up. If a protest concerns the eligibility or ineligibility of particular voters, all such voters are Affected Parties and must be served. Address information for registered voters is available from the county board of elections or using the Voter Lookup at [www.ncsbe.gov](http://www.ncsbe.gov).

Materials may be served by personal delivery, transmittal through U.S. Mail or commercial carrier service to the Affected Party's mailing address of record on file with the county board of elections or the State Board, or by any other means affirmatively authorized by the Affected Party. If you know the Affected Party is represented by an attorney, service must be made on his or her counsel. Service must occur within one (1) business day of filing materials with the county board of elections. If service is by transmittal through the U.S. Mail or commercial carrier service, service will be complete when the properly addressed, postage-paid parcel is deposited into the care and custody of the U.S. Mail or commercial carrier service. It is your responsibility to ensure service is made on all Affected Parties.

14. List all Affected Parties, including their service address:

<i>Affected Party</i>	<i>Service Address</i>
Curtis Rodney Brame	80 BRAME RD. HENDERSON, NC 27537
Sean A. Alston, Sn.	5791 VICKSBORO RD. HENDERSON, NC 27537
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>

PROTESTOR CERTIFICATION

15. By signing this protest application, you affirm the following:

I, Sterlin M. Walker, Jr. (full name), swear, under penalty of perjury, that the information provided in this protest filing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that I have read and understand the following:

(initial)

*(Handwritten initials: SW, SW, SW, SW, SW)*

I have reviewed the statutes and administrative rules governing election protests, including all deadlines.

My protest must originate with a filing at the county board of elections.

I must timely serve all Affected Parties.

I must prove by *substantial evidence* either the existence of a defect in the manner by which votes were counted or results tabulated or the occurrence of a violation of election law, irregularity, or misconduct, either of which were sufficient to cast doubt on the apparent results of the election.

It is a crime to interfere unlawfully with the conduct and certification of an election.

It is a crime to interfere unlawfully with the ability of a qualified individual to vote and to have that vote counted in the election.

The facts I allege in connection with this protest are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I have a good faith basis to protest the conduct and results of the election.

**Submitting fraudulently or falsely completed declarations is a Class I felony under Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. This notice is provided pursuant to S.L. 2013-381, s. 5.4.**

Signature of Protestor:

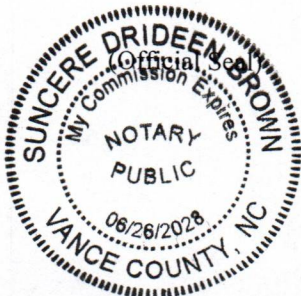
*(Handwritten signature: S. M. Walker, Jr.)*

Date: **MARCH 5, 2026**

*(This signature must be signed in the presence of a notary)*

State of North Carolina, County of Vance

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this the 5 day of March, 2024.



*(Handwritten signature: Suncere Drideen Brown)*  
Official Signature of Notary  
*(Handwritten name: Suncere Drideen Brown)*  
Printed Name

My commission expires: 6/24/28

*[Faint, illegible text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]*

*[Handwritten note or signature in the right margin]*

*[Handwritten notes or signatures at the bottom left of the page]*

