

# Forensic Examination Proves Vote Manipulation and Illegal Destruction of Records on Dominion Voting Machines

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We examined a copy of the hard drive from a Dominion Voting System computer used in Mesa County, Colorado, for two elections (November 2020 and April 2021).<sup>1</sup> As independent experts we determined that *the machine secretly manipulated ballot data and destroyed critical records*. Here are our key findings:

1. In both elections, after vote counting was underway, **thousands of ballots that had already been counted were secretly re-processed** inside the voting machine, undetected by election officials.
2. Alarming, the voting system had internal Wi-Fi/Bluetooth wireless adapters allowing unauthorized external connectivity, including to the Internet.<sup>2</sup> This **opened the door for almost any computer with internet access, anywhere in the world, to connect to the software and server**.
3. The hard drive image shows that, in both elections, two **new unauthorized “shadow” databases were secretly created** on the machine after counting began, either through “hacking” or pre-set algorithms.
4. The hard drive image shows that copies of digital records of select batches of **already-counted ballots were moved over to these shadow databases and recounted without notice to election officials or judges** (including 20,346 of 25,913 ballots in 2020 and 2,974 of 4,458 ballots in 2021).
5. The machine **made only the re-processed ballot files visible to local election officials and hid the original (not re-processed) ballot files**, making the final vote counts exceed the number of ballots visible to officials.
6. The number of ballots the machine selected for human evaluation was **significantly different in the secret and unauthorized recount** than it had been in the *original count*. This means either (1) new, fraudulent ballot images had been substituted for the original ones or (2) the program’s settings were secretly changed after vote counting began.
7. The Dominion machine only recorded the vote tabulation in a single location, which assured that **there would be no record of the original vote count before the shadow databases were created**.
8. The machine was pre-set to **erase critical records within just a few days**, including activity logs and user logins, which basically “covered the tracks” of anyone **committing unauthorized access**, software installation, manipulation, or network connections.
9. Dominion and Colorado’s Secretary of State **destroyed all data on the hard drive of the Mesa County machine one month after the April 2021 election** (as part of Dominion’s nationwide so-called “Trusted Build”), **even though federal and state laws require election records to be preserved for at least 22 months**.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The county clerk for Mesa County, Colorado, Tina Peters, copied the hard drive from the Dominion voting machine both before and after Dominion’s required software update (referred to as the “Trusted Build”), unbeknownst to Dominion or the Colorado Secretary of State. Peters submitted the copies to forensic experts for examination.

<sup>2</sup> Thirty-five machines in the system were found to have these adapters installed.

<sup>3</sup> It is believed that the same thing happened on Dominion machines in Maricopa County, Arizona, where auditors found that 284,412 ballot images were corrupted or missing and “all the data in the database related to the 2020 general election had been fully cleared” contrary to federal law.