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The Gateway Pundit article references the report titled “Forensic Analysis of Data and Processes” prepared by Jeffrey O’Donnell. The article states alleged findings in a slightly different way. Below I have categorized the findings in the report, what appears in the Gateway Pundit article and what we know here in Mesa County.

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As we have found evidence that a large number of ballots have had their source placed in serious question, none of the election results from Mesa County can be considered trustworthy, and the 2020 General Election in that county should be decertified.		Mesa County maintains a properly created electronic back up of the General 2020 election and finds that the project was successfully saved. Paper ballots and records are properly stored in a secured area. Our records are preserved and available for any appropriately filed challenge. Tina Peters oversaw the General 2020 Mesa County Election. The election passed the forensic risk limiting audit and was canvassed, then certified. The voter credit and votes cast exactly balance.
A hand audit of all physical ballots in Mesa County, and their corresponding envelopes, should be performed. This audit should focus first on the ballots reportedly contained in the 58 missing batches.		The 58 batches mentioned in this report are present and accounted for in electronic and paper form. The envelopes are an election record and are also properly preserved in a secure area.
The hard-drive data from any county using DVS to manage their elections should forensically preserved and examined to determine if evidence of data alteration exists.		Mesa County cannot speak to other county’s election record preservation. Our records are present and preserved.
Because of the serious security concerns outlined, DVS should not be used to manage future		This is an opinion which lacks evidentiary support.

elections until the issues outlined above are explained and remedied.		
	The accurate final vote for Mesa County cannot be determined based on the review.	The accurate final vote for Mesa County was forensically audited through the statewide risk limiting audit and was verified to be accurate.
	Persons unknown altered data from the election and at least 5,500 ballots were processed differently than the other ballots in the county making them ineligible.	Tina Peters and her employee conducting tabulation would be the ones to know for certain if this occurred. Not knowing what the author is looking at and if they are looking at actual election records it is difficult to understand what makes them believe some ballots were processed differently. One possible explanation could be that the adjudication process became non-responsive during tabulation. When this happens there is a remedy outlined in the Colorado Ballot Handling and Post-Election Guide. If there were batches unaffected by the condition, an operator would not have to reset (re-submit) all batches.
	For some unknown reason, new adjudication and tabulation databases were created for most of the ballots processed in the county. The 5,500 ballots were not included in this activity.	Tina Peters and her employee conducting tabulation would be the ones to know for certain if this occurred. One possible explanation could be that the adjudication process became non-responsive during tabulation. When this happens there is a remedy outlined in the Colorado Ballot Handling and Post-Election Guide. If there were batches unaffected by the condition, an operator would not have to reset (re-submit) all batches.

	In the new databases, adjudicated cases decreased in half, from nearly 10% to near 5%. There was no explanation from the county for this significant decrease.	Tina Peters and her employee conducting tabulation would be the ones to know for certain if this occurred.
	There is no way of confirming that the new database included the exact same results from the original database.	It is unknown if Joe Hoft is talking about election records when he says "database." Mesa County is in possession of an electronic copy of the 2020 General Election project and its data. Reports from that data have been preserved. The paper ballots and records are being preserved. The forensic risk limiting audit was conducted. The Election result has been verified.
	Log files were purged almost daily which is illegal since election files must be maintained for 22 months after the election.	N/A -- log files are not an election record.
	There is evidence the election machines can connect to the server and evidence SQL was accessible to make material changes to the data in the files.	The tabulation equipment is in a secured room only connected to the server on a closed network as is required under Colorado law.
	There is evidence the systems have not been backed up for years, which puts all the voting machines at risk.	Mesa County is in possession of properly backed up election projects and paper records.