

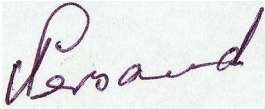
IMPOSTERS POSING AS GECOM EMPLOYEES

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The Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) is in receipt of a report that unauthorized persons claiming to be employees of GECOM, have been visiting homes and requesting that the National ID cards of the residents be handed over to them as a means of establishing whether their (residents') names are on the voters' list.

GECOM takes this opportunity to make it abundantly clear that it has not authorized anyone – employee or otherwise – to collect the ID card of any person for any reason whatsoever. GECOM wishes to further emphasize that it is not currently engaged in any exercise to determine whether persons' names are on any voter's list. Anyone who is approached in this regard must not hand over his/her National ID card. Instead, he/she should immediately report the matter to the nearest Police Station or GECOM Registration Office.

It has also been brought to the attention of GECOM that unauthorized persons have been visiting its Registration Offices without good reason. GECOM takes this opportunity to state categorically that, apart from the Registration Staff assigned to the Registration Offices, only accredited Scrutineers of Political Parties and persons visiting to conduct transactions pertinent to the registration process are permitted to access the Registration Offices. Any other category of persons entering the premises of the Registration Offices without just cause will be promptly evicted.



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