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Bowers: 'I will not break my oath'

Election officials testify about harassment

By Sarah D. Wire
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Republican state legislators and elected officials detailed Tuesday the intense pressure they faced from President Trump and his lawyers to submit false slates of electors backing him to Congress.

Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers, Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and Georgia Secretary of State Chief Operating Officer Gabriel Sterling, all Republicans, testified at the fourth hearing of the House select committee investigat-

ing Jan. 6, 2021, about the actions of Trump and those in his inner circle.

Bowers gave testimony about the calls he received from Trump and conservative California lawyer John Eastman, and about a meeting with Trump attorney Rudolph W. Giuliani in which the former New York City mayor asked him to overturn the state election results after Joe Biden won and instead submit a slate of electors for Trump.

Bowers said Giuliani pointed out in multiple phone calls that they were both Republicans and said that Bowers had legal authority in Arizo-

na to remove Biden electors and replace them. Giuliani asked Bowers for a committee hearing to do that, and Bowers said he didn't have such authority. He said Giuliani never provided proof supporting his allegations of fraud in the state's elections, which included allegations that hundreds of thousands of immigrants in the country illegally had voted in the election.

Bowers said he was never given evidence of fraud in Arizona's election.

"We got lots of theories, we just don't have the evidence," Bowers said Giuliani told him.

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From left, Rusty Bowers, Arizona House speaker; Brad Raffensperger, Georgia secretary of state; and Gabriel Sterling, Georgia secretary of state chief operating officer, are sworn in Tuesday prior to testifying during the fourth hearing on the Jan. 6 investigation in the Cannon House Office Building in Washington.



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Following 26 years of service as the director of Food and Nutrition Services at Willmar Public Schools, Annette Derouin is retiring from her position.

FULL BELLIES, FULL HEARTS

Derouin retiring after 26 years with Willmar Public Schools

By Linda Vanderwerf
West Central Tribune

Willmar

Early in her career with Willmar Public Schools, Annette Derouin visited a cafeteria on a Monday morning when she heard a child request breakfast, saying he hadn't eaten since school on Friday.

"That about broke my heart," she said in a recent interview. "If there was a program eligible for the children in this district, we were going to offer it."

Derouin, 62, will retire at the end of the month after 26 years as director of food and nutrition. A registered dietitian, she's overseen the preparation and serving of millions of breakfasts, snacks and lunches.

The job has its challenges, "but in the end, it's about feeding kids," she said, as her eyes welled up, "and that's



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Lynn Guse, a Willmar Public Schools food services employee, left, and Annette Derouin, food and nutrition director for the Willmar, New London-Spicer and Montevideo school districts, pack meals for students in May 2020 at Willmar Senior High School.

what I did."

Derouin joined the district in early 1996 and served as the district's first full-time

director. Since 2011, she has overseen nutrition programs for the New London-Spicer and Montevideo school

districts plus Community Christian School of Willmar.

In 2020, the School Nutrition Association named her national director of the year, recognizing her for leadership, innovation and financial management. She was president of the state association in 2004-2005.

Derouin has seen many changes in school nutrition guidelines through the years, including expanded opportunities to feed students during a school day.

In her career in Willmar, Derouin has helped area schools comply with a variety of changes in federal nutrition guidelines and helped expand meal offerings.

The federal Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, adopted in 2010, brought many new requirements with the goal of improving nutrition and combating childhood obesity.

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Woman sentenced in revenge porn case

Willmar resident convicted of sharing sexual image without that person's consent

By Linda Vanderwerf
West Central Tribune

WILLMAR — A Willmar woman has been convicted and sentenced in a 2017 case in which she was accused of sharing sexual images of another person without consent, often called revenge porn.

Sahra Abdi-lahi Ahmed, 26, was sentenced June 6 in Kandiyohi County District Court to a stay of imposition of sentence on a felony conviction of nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images with the intent to harass.

Ahmed was convicted of three charges in a court trial in February, but she was not sentenced on two similar charges.

Ahmed was accused of posting the same image of a woman engaged in oral sex with a man. It was posted

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