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THE SUPREME COURT OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

ROBESON COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

CASE NO. 2013-0020

Johnny Chavis, Petitioner

Vs

ORDER DISMISSING PETITION

Carvicous Barfield, Elections Board Chairperson, Respondent

THIS MATTER came to the attention of the undersigned on Friday, December 6, 2013. The Court thereafter took the matter under advisement and now issues this opinion, as follows:

- 1. This Petition was filed on December 6, 2013, raising election irregularities in the Lumbee Tribal Elections held on November 5, 2013.
- 2. Petitioner brought this matter to the attention of the Elections Board in writing on November 14, 2013 according to the information attached to the Petition.
- 3. The Lumbee Tribal Elections Board notified the Petitioner in writing on November 20, 2013 that his complaint to that Board was dismissed.
- 4. Petitioner filed an appeal of the Elections Board decision on December 6, 2013, however the Petition was signed on November 19, 2013.
- 5. Petitioner was notified that the election that he called into question has been certified on or before November 20, 2013, prior to the date of the filing of this Petition.

From the foregoing facts the Court concludes as a matter of law, without addressing the merits, that this Petition was not filed in a timely manner.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED, that this Petition be dismissed without further hearing from this Court.

Entered this 9th day of December, 2013.

Gary L. Locklear, Chief Justice

Lumbee Tribal Supreme Court

(in Chambers for the entire Court)