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Rensselaer County Democratic Legislators File Police Report

Troy—Rensselaer County Democratic legislators filed a report with the Troy Police Department and the Sheriff's Department after discovering someone had entered their office to remove a printer before the office opened this morning. The incident was reported to building security and a full report was subsequently filed with authorities by Legislator Keith Hammond.

The incident report from the Rensselaer County Buildings Department states that Neil Kelleher, Chairman of the Legislature, requested that the security guard unlock the Minority Office to admit two staff members from the Republican Majority office who removed a printer.

"I'm astounded at the lack of respect for our office shown by this incident," said Minority Leader Ginny O'Brien. "It's reasonable to expect that a locked door securing both official documents and personal effects will not be violated. A phone call to notify us, or merely waiting until the office opened, would have been appropriate."

The Democratic legislators are calling for convening the Ethics Committee to investigate the incident and for instituting a written protocol for accessing department offices by individuals other than officials and employees working in that office.