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Voter fraud allegation alleged in District 3 race



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Bruce Parrott, a District 3 school board candidate, is not happy about a call to his home today from the Dallas County Elections office. The election office rep. was looking for Lois Parrott, Bruce's wife and former DISD board president. Lois wasn't home, so Bruce said that he took the call.

Bruce said the representative proceeded to notify him that the election office had received Lois' call requesting that her ballot be mailed to her residence and that it would be mailed later today so she can cast her vote in the Nov. 3 election. Problem is, Bruce said, Lois never made such a request — and she's probably not the only one this has happened to, he said.

Basically, Bruce believes that the guilty person(s) could be working for another candidate in the District 3 race. This wouldn't be the first case of election fraud, when some unsuspecting person receives an absentee ballot in the mail and then a visit from someone willing and ready to help them fill it out.

"It's possible that somebody could show up on my doorstep and say, 'We're here to help you fill out your ballot,'" Bruce Parrott said.

Bruce Sherbet, Dallas County elections administrator, said the elections office did receive a voice message from a Lois Parrott asking for "two applications" for absentee ballots. Sherbet said if there is some shenanigans going on this early into the race, "it is a sign that [this race] can get pretty heated."

Sherbet noted that the call was made for "applications" for absentee ballots. He said that folks that typically commit voter fraud usually don't request the application by phone because they already have them in hand. He said anyone can print the application from the election's office website or request it by phone.

Bruce Parrott wondered if it's that easy to get an absentee ballot. I went on Dallas County's election website and found the mail-in ballot application. Basically, to vote by mail you must be either; 65 years of age or older; disabled; confined in jail; or expected to be absent from the county. The applicant does have to sign the application, but, if unable to do so, can be assisted by a witness or assistant.

Well, Bruce Parrott is very concerned about this incident. Anyone else out there in District 3 have this happen to them or know of anyone that has?



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