UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

Texas Association of Elections Administrators

United States Postal Inspection Service: **SECURING AND ENSURING THE INTEGRITY OF ELECTION MAIL**

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What We Do

U.S. Postal Inspection Service

- Protecting the Postal Service and the U.S. Mail.
- Federal agents, uniformed police and mail security experts.
- Working across the country and around the globe.

POSTAL INSPECTORS & Election Mail

UNITED STATES WAR BALLOT COMMISSION

Instructions

FOR VOTING PROCEDURE
OFFICIAL FEDERAL WAR BALLOT

BEFORE MAKING OUT BALLOT

1. Follow carefully each instruction on ballot and on official inner (smaller) and outer (larger) envelope.
2. Be sure no names have been filled in on ballot when furnished to you.
3. Fill in ballot *in secret*.
4. Vote only for those offices for which there is an election in your State.
5. The law does not provide for your writing in the name of your choice for Vice President. (See instruction on ballot for voting for President.)
6. If there is more than one candidate of similar name for the same office, clearly identify your choice.
7. Include the name of your choice, for each office for which there is an election, *inside* the appropriate box on ballot.
8. Write or print *plainly* in CAPITAL LETTERS. Spell *correctly*.

AFTER MAKING OUT BALLOT, TEAR ALONG PERFORATED LINE BELOW. SEE OTHER SIDE FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

Official Federal War Ballot

Instruction.—To vote, write in the name of the candidate of your choice for each office

Electors of President and Vice President of the United States

(A vote for President includes a vote for Vice President of the same party, and shall be deemed to be a vote for the candidates by name for Presidential and Vice Presidential electors of his party in your state)

Write in the name of your choice for President.

ted States Senator (ONLY if a Senator is to be elected in your State)

in the name of your choice for Senator.

es Senator, Unexpired Term (ONLY if a Senator is to be elected in your State for an unexpired term)

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Election Mail Security

- Physical Security for the Postal Network
- Emergency Incident Response
- Customer Protection and Mail Security
- Cyber Security and Mitigation

Election Mail Security - OMC

- Observation of Mail Conditions – OMC
  - Process and operational security measure
  - Postal Inspectors physically observe election mail processing and delivery operations
  - Postal Inspectors report and investigate any intentional delay in election mail processing and delivery

Election Mail Security - OMC

- OMC Process
  - Conducted daily nationwide
  - Results are reported daily and analyzed daily in real time
  - Summary reports are generated daily for the Chief Postal Inspector and Postal Service's Election and Government Mail Services Executive Director

Election Mail Security

- During each of the 2020 & 2022 election cycles:
  - Reviews conducted in all 50 states
  - Over 2,000 security reviews conducted
  - More than 700 personnel and 13,000 hours

Election Security Partnerships

- Partnering with:
  - The United States Postal Service
  - The Election Community and Voters
  - Local and State Law Enforcement
  - Federal Government

- Collaborate on USPS National Initiatives
- Cooperate with USPS Local Managers
- Communicate with USPS Customers
- Coordinate with National Stakeholders Coordinate with National Stakeholders.

- Theft of Election Mail
- Election Fraud
- Threatening Communications (Election Officials)

Election Offense Investigations

Election Offense Partnerships

Election Crimes Coordinators (ECCs)

- Located throughout the United States
- Over 70 ECCs in Postal Inspection Service field divisions and 1 National Headquarters ECC
- Coordinate response to election offense allegations with DOJ, FBI and local, state and federal law enforcement partners
- Coordinates with Postal Inspection Service's Election Security Coordinators
- Coordinates with local and state election officials
- Conducts outreach to local and state election officials on election security matters

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR
Election Offense Investigations

- Non-Interference
- Compliance with DOJ Policies
  - DOJ Non-Interference Policy
- Transparency
- Documentation
- Accountability
- Clear Communication

Case Example 1

- Threatening communication mailed to election commissioner
- Grand Island, Nebraska
- Joint investigation with FBI and local law enforcement
- Suspicious package received at election commissioner's office

Case Example 1

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- Clinton Garno identified as suspect from voter registration card
- Garno charged with state charges (Nebraska) for 39 counts of terroristic threats
- Plead guilty and sentenced to time served (230 days) and two years of supervised release.

GI courthouse terror convict gets probation, time served

Arrested in September 2020 after suspicious package forced building evacuation

Grand Island terror convict Clinton Garno. (Hall County Jail)

By Mark Baumert

Case Example 2

- Ballot Fraud
- Lake Havasu City, AZ
- Joint investigation with FBI
- Election Assistance Commission OIG received complaint that an individual was receiving deceased parent's vote by mail ballot and voting with it

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Arizona woman sentenced for casting dead father's ballot in 2018 election

Feb 28, 2022, 8:00 PM

(AP Photo, File)

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PHOENIX — An Arizona woman was sentenced Monday for casting her dead father's ballot in the November 2018 federal election, authorities said.

Marcia Johnson, 70, of Lake Havasu City, was sentenced to one year of supervised probation and fined $1,000 after previously pleading guilty in December 2021 to one count of voting more than once, a felony offense.

Case Example 2

- FBI interviewed complainant and complainant identified that friend's mother, Marcia Johnson, was voting using deceased father's mail in ballot
- Records requested and information obtained
- Ballots for deceased relative are sent to a PO Box at Lake Havasu City Post Office
- Marcia Johnson is served with a target letter for violation of 52 USC 10307, Voting more than once
- Marcia Johnson pleads guilty in December 2021 to a violation of Title 52 USC 10307(e), Voting more than once
- Marcia Johnson is sentenced to one (1) year probation and a fine of $1,100

Supporting Election Officials

- SECURITY COORDINATION:
  - Election Security Coordinators
  - Mailroom Security
  - Address Protection
  - System Monitoring and Preparedness
- LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE:
  - Election Crimes Coordinators
  - Recovered Election Mail Notifications
  - 24 Hour Incident and Crime Reporting
  - Incident Response, Assessment, Mitigation
  - Fraud, Threats, and Criminal Investigations

USPIS 24-hour reporting: 877-876-2455
(Select Option 4 for Election Mail issues)

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Securing Election Mail: An Overview for the Election Community

Elections and U.S. Postal Inspection Service

The United States Postal Inspection Service® is the federal law enforcement organization assigned to protect the mail, including ballots mailed to and from voters domestically and abroad. This important work is overseen by Postal Inspectors, who are sworn federal agents, specially chosen and trained to ensure that laws are enforced, crimes are prevented, and the nation's Election Mail is securely delivered.

Security of Voters and Election Mail

Postal Inspectors respond to criminal and security incidents involving Election Mail, including:

- Mail theft
- Identity theft
- Fraud
- Natural and man-made disasters

Additionally, Postal Inspectors respond to mail-related incidents involving suspicious and threatening communications along with dangerous items or substances associated with mail.

Security of Election Officials

Postal Inspectors work with state and federal authorities to:

- Investigate threats to election officials sent by mail.
- Secure the Postal network as a component of our national critical infrastructure.
- Provide information to election officials to help them identify and mitigate suspicious mail and other security risks involving the mail.

Contact the U.S. Postal Inspection Service

To report suspicious mail and Election Mail-related security or criminal incidents:

- Call our 24-hour National Law Enforcement Communications Center at 877-876-2455. *(Select option 4 for Election Mail issues.)*
- Visit us at www.uspis.gov

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service also coordinate with the USPS Office of Inspector General when allegations of Postal Service employee misconduct arise. www.uspsoig.gov

OFFICIAL ELECTION MAIL

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE.

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