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## Former city councilman Richard Garrett pleads guilty to voter fraud, receives probation

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Garrett



Former Clarksville City Councilman Richard Garrett and his wife Laquvia Garrett, in center, settle their voter fraud case in front of Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge William Goodman.

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Former Clarksville City Councilman Richard Garrett pled guilty to voter registration fraud in Montgomery County Circuit Court on Thursday, Sept. 15.

Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge William Goodman sentenced Garrett to two years-probation and ordered him to pay a \$1,000 fine.

The former councilman and Mayor Pro Tem and his wife were arrested on Friday, Aug. 6, 2021 and charged with voter fraud and perjury just two weeks after the former city leader resigned his position on the council.

The arrests followed indictments returned by grand jurors for the State of Tennessee's 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District that claimed the Garretts "unlawfully and with intent to deceive" made false statements on their 2020 General Election voter applications.

Garrett pled guilty to Count 2, which is voter fraud, a D-felony.

Count 2 said the Garretts “executed” their voter applications in the Nov. 3, 2020 election by registering or voting after declaring their address to be different than what was provided on the application.

Count 3 against Richard Garrett dealt his execution of a change of address form, declaring an incorrect home address and registering or voting in a manner where he was not entitled.

Prosecutors in the case claimed that in November of 2020, Garrett committed perjury by declaring his address to be on Damion Drive in Clarksville, when he actually resided on Collins View Way, which is outside the district where he cast his vote.

In entering the guilty plea to the charge of voter fraud, Garrett was able to avoid a trial. The other two counts in the indictment, that included perjury, were dismissed, according to the settlement.

Garrett’s wife, Laquvia Garrett, was given a one-year retirement of her charges of perjury and voter registration fraud.

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