

# Trump-backed GOP candidate for Texas House charged with impersonating a public servant

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Update: Revised at 6 p.m. to include comment from Paul Chabot.

Frederick Frazier, the Republican candidate for Texas House District 61, has been charged with impersonating a public servant, a third-degree felony, after an investigation over accusations of sign-stealing during his campaign.

A Collin County grand jury handed up its indictment of Frazier, a Dallas police officer, on Thursday. Frazier turned himself in to the Richardson police department Friday, according to his lawyer, Robert Rogers.



Dallas Police Association vice president Frederick Frazier speaking to media during a news conference in Dallas in February. (Rebecca Slezak / Staff Photographer)

“This accusation that a public servant impersonated another public servant with less power and responsibilities defies logic and will not hold up in court,” Rogers said.

The indictment comes as the result of an investigation by the state Department of Public Safety. The agency could not immediately be reached for comment.

WFAA-TV (Channel 8) reported that Frazier's opponent in the GOP runoff, Paul Chabot, reported to McKinney police a December incident in which some of his campaign signs were removed from outside a Walmart.

Chabot told the station that the store notified him that someone who said they were a McKinney code compliance officer asked the store to tell Chabot that his signs were not in compliance. A city manager later told him that no code compliance officer had been to the store, however.

One of his signs was taken from the area near the store days later, WFAA reported.



Frederick Frazier (Richardson Police Department)

Dallas police said the department was notified of the indictment Friday and placed Frazier on administrative leave.

Frazier has been a law enforcement officer 27 years, Rogers said. He received an endorsement from former President Donald Trump in February and emerged from the primary victorious over two other candidates.

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Frazier's campaign said in a written statement that Chabot was trying to overturn the results of the runoff election, which Frazier won decisively.

"Frederick Frazier is looking forward to having the opportunity to defend himself in court, where we are confident that jurors will see through Chabot's lies in the same way that voters have five times before," the campaign said.

Chabot wrote in a Facebook post that Frazier had run "one of the most dishonest campaigns I have ever seen."

“Those who wear the badge must be held to a higher standard, and, regardless of the outcome of the future criminal trial, a lot has already been learned,” he wrote. “Character counts — and it’s critical in our law enforcement profession, let alone that of an elected official.”

Frazier served on the McKinney City Council before stepping down to run for state representative. He is set to face businesswoman Sheena King in November’s election.

The newly formed House District 61 includes some of Collin County’s fastest-growing cities.



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