

Email Subject: Allegation of Fraud in Malden
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Councillors and Registrars,

By now you may have heard of the arrest of Yupeng Sun on August 19 alleging a fraudulent voter registration and early voting ballot that was processed during the 2024 general election. I am writing today to give an update as to how this office is addressing the situation and to provide some further information (attached) that will explain in detail the events leading up to yesterday's arrest.

First and foremost, I would like to let you know that this office has fully cooperated with government officials throughout this investigation. No part of this case has alleged that the City Clerk's Office mishandled the registration form or ballot according to Massachusetts procedures. Nor does the filing allege this office fabricated, altered, or knowingly allowed this person to register and/or vote in violation of state and federal law.

I have also been in communication with the Council President, Mayor's Office, and Legal Department. It is alleged that Mr. Sun pulled off an identity fraud case on a person known to him for the purpose of revenge having to do with a domestic matter. Please read the attached affidavit for the specific case details.

In the meantime, my highest priority is to protect the integrity of our elections and the trust of the Malden voters. Everyday the staff of the City Clerk's Office works to the best of their ability to lead with integrity, run elections with transparency and accuracy, and to serve the voters in a way that encourages participation in their government.

The attached FAQ document has been uploaded to our city website and we will be sharing this information out to our constituents immediately. I'd like to express my gratitude to those of you who have reached out to the Clerk's Office to check on us and to inquire on the facts prior to making public statements. If you have any questions, please do let me know.

Thank you,

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