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Confessions of a voter fraud: I was a master at fixin

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A top Democratic operative says voter fraud, especially with mail-in ballots, is no myth. And he knows grand scale, for decades.

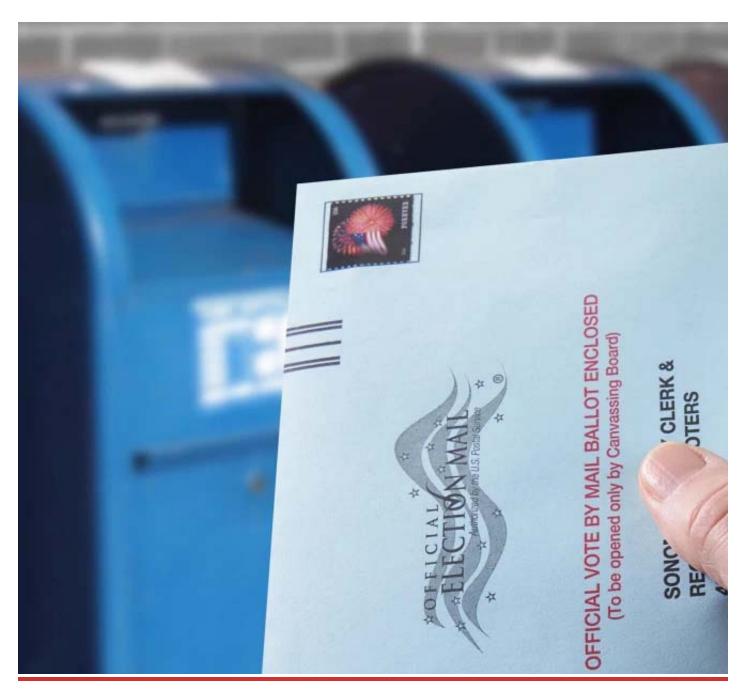
Mail-in ballots have become the latest flashpoint in the 2020 elections. While President Trump and the manipulation of the absentee vote that will swell with COVID polling restrictions, many Democrats and such concerns as unfounded.

But the political insider, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he fears prosecution, said fraud His dirty work has taken him through the weeds of municipal and federal elections in Paterson, Atlantic Hudson County and his fingerprints can be found in local legislative, mayoral and congressional races biggest names and highest office holders in New Jersey have benefited from his tricks, according to c

"An election that is swayed by 500 votes, 1,000 votes — it can make a difference," the tipster said. "It c

The whisteblower — whose identity, rap sheet and long history working as a consultant to various cam says he not only changed ballots himself over the years, but led teams of fraudsters and mentored at I New York and Pennsylvania — a critical 2020 swing state.

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"There is no race in New Jersey — from city council to United States Senate — that we haven't worker fire commissioner's race in Burlington County. The smaller the race, the easier it is to do."

A Bernie Sanders die-hard with no horse in the presidential race, he said he felt compelled to come fo act now to fix the glaring security problems present in mail-in ballots.

"This is a real thing," he said. "And there is going to be a f-king war coming November 3rd over this st was made, they could fix it."

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But for political pros, they're a piece of cake. In New Jersey, for example, it begins with a blank mail-in in a large envelope. Inside the packet is a return envelope, a "certificate of mail in voter" which the vot

That's when the election-rigger springs into action.

Phony ballots

The ballot has no specific security features — like a stamp or a watermark — so the insider said he wo

"I just put [the ballot] through the copy machine and it comes out the same way," the insider said.

But the return envelopes are "more secure than the ballot. You could never recreate the envelope," he from real voters.

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He would have his operatives fan out, going house to house, convincing voters to let them mail compl service. The fraudster and his minions would then take the sealed envelopes home and hold them over

"You have to steam it to loosen the glue," said the insider.

He then would remove the real ballot, place the counterfeit ballot inside the signed certificate, and res

"Five minutes per ballot tops," said the insider.

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in just three mailboxes.

"If they had spread them in all different mailboxes, nothing would have happened," the insider said.

Inside jobs

The tipster said sometimes postal employees are in on the scam.

"You have a postman who is a rabid anti-Trump guy and he's working in Bedminster or some Republical [filled-out] ballots, and knowing 95% are going to a Republican, he can just throw those in the garbage



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In some cases, mail carriers were members of his "work crew," and would sift ballots from the mail and

In 2017, more than 500 mail-in ballots in New York City never arrived to the Board of Elections for race disenfranchised. They eventually were discovered in April 2018. "For some undetermined reason, som the New York City Board of Elections were put off to the side at the Brooklyn processing facility," city e time of discovery.

Nursing homes

Hitting up assisted-living facilities and "helping" the elderly fill out their absentee ballots was a gold mi

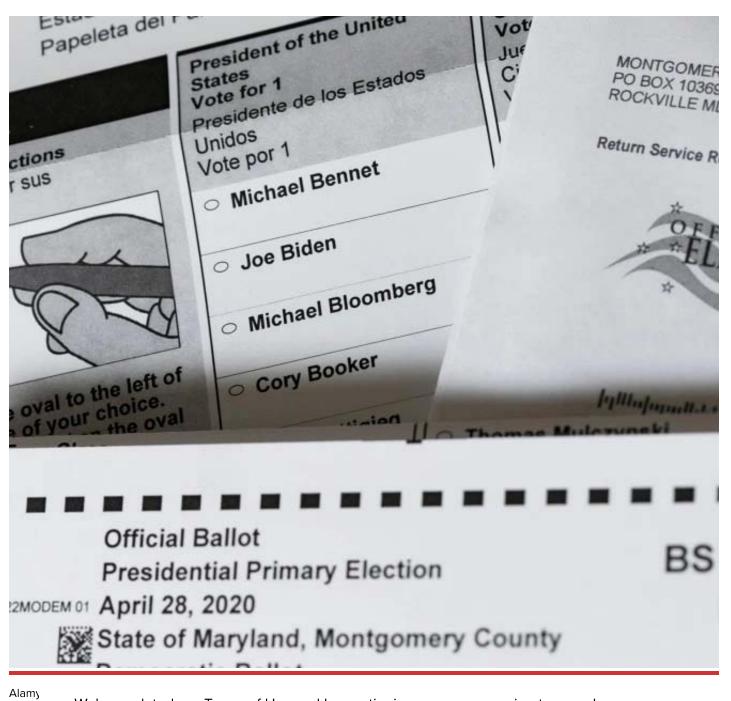
"There are nursing homes where the nurse is actually a paid operative. And they go room by room by want to feel like they're relevant," said the whistleblower. "[They] literally fill it out for them."

The insider pointed to former Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann, who was sued in 2007 after a razor-t seat for all and the seat for all a

Voter impersonation

When all else failed, the insider would send operatives to vote live in polling stations, particularly in state that do not require voter ID. Pennsylvania, also for the most part, does not.

The best targets were registered voters who routinely skip presidential or municipal elections — inform



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"You d say,

to be him," the insider said of how he dispatched his teams of dirty-tricksters.

At the polling place, the fake voter would sign in, "get on line and ... vote," the insider said. The impost signature that already appears in the voter roll as best they could. In the rare instance that a real voter ballot, the impersonator would just chalk it up to an innocent mistake and bolt.

Bribing voters

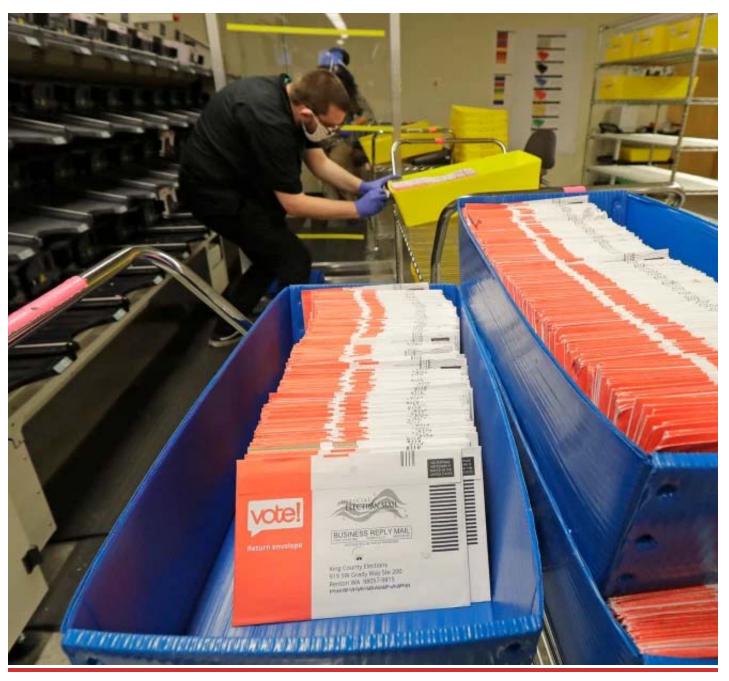
The tipster said New Jersey homeless shelters offered a nearly inexhaustible pool of reliable — buyab

"They get to register where they live in and they go to the polls and vote," he said, laughing at the roughpent to win his third mayoral term. He said he could have delivered the same result at a 70 percent delivered the same result at a 70 percent delivered last year on federal charges for paying pop to vote how he wanted during a 2013 municipal election.

Organizationally, the tipster said, his voter-fraud schemes in the Garden State and elsewhere resemble (usually the campaign manager) handing off the day-to-day managing of the mob soldiers to the under usually kept in the dark deliberately so they could maintain "plausible deniability."

With mail-in ballots, partisans from both parties hash out and count ballots at the local board of electio cut and which need to be thrown out because of irregularities.

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The insider said any ballots offered up by him or his operation would come with a bent corner along the voter signature — so Democratic Board of Election counters would know the fix was in and not to the content of t

"It doesn't stay bent, but you can tell it's been bent," the tipster said. "Until the [certificate] is approved get to see the ballot unless they approve the [certificate.]"

"I invented bending corners," the insider boasted, saying once the fixed ballots were mixed in with the "Once a ballot is opened, it's an anonymous ballot."

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woman was sentenced to five years, an Arizona man busted for voting twice in the mail was given just conservative Heritage Foundation found more than 1,000 instances of documented voter fraud in the occurred over the last 20 years.

"There is nothing new about these techniques," said Hans von Spakovsky, a senior legal fellow at Heri reform initiative. "Everything he's talking about is perfectly possible."

The city Board of Elections declined to answer Post questions on ballot security.

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