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St. Louis Man Sentenced after Voting for Deceased Mother

July 18, 2008 by [Jim Conroy](#) — [Leave a Comment](#)

According to the [St. Louis Post Dispatch](#):

A St. Louis man was sentenced to a month of home confinement and a \$2,000 fine Thursday for using his dead mother's absentee ballot to vote in Missouri's presidential primary election in February. Joel L. Neal, 55, was living with and caring for his ailing and elderly mother when she died on Oct. 29, 2007.

But Neal didn't really cast a fraudulent vote, as he simply cast the ballot the way his mother would have wanted it:

Neal's attorney, Paul D'Agrosa, said that Neal's mother, Helen Neal, was a "religious voter" and that Joel Neal had often gone to the polls and "shared that joy of voting" with his mother. He suggested that Neal knew how his mother planned to vote and was simply carrying out her wishes when he applied for an absentee ballot on Jan. 2, 2008, saying his mother was too ill or disabled to make it to the polls. Neal later filled out and mailed in her ballot.

Neal also voted himself in the Democrat Primary...no reports as to whether he and his mother were on the same side.

-J Chiles Esq

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