

Possible political payback by indicted supervisor

By George Warren, Channel 10

As El Dorado County Supervisor Ray Nutting prepares to stand trial next month on multiple felony charges stemming from his alleged misuse of state grant money, he's apparently found time to target the two elected officials who put him in the predicament.

Two candidates filed papers this week to run against El Dorado County Auditor-Controller Joe Harn, who first called attention to the irregularities, and District Attorney Vern Pierson, who obtained the indictment. Friday was the deadline to file.

Neither county official has ever been challenged in an election before and they say the two campaigns have Nutting's fingerprints on them.

"This is political payback because the district attorney and I have done our jobs. That's all it is," Harn said. "Ray Nutting is looking for county officials who won't call him out when he improperly obtains the public's money."

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