
Sen. Pryor reacts to fake phone calls

Democratic senator says his office did not contact Arkansans about guns

WASHINGTON D.C. -

If you received a call from Sen. Mark Pryor's office asking about your guns, he says it is fake.

The democratic senator tweeted Friday, "Imposters r calling homes, saying they're w my office asking ab # of guns fams own." He went on to call the fake phone calls a "dirty political trick."

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He tweeted later that day those responsible for the calls are committing criminal fraud. Law experts at the University of Arkansas are not sure the case would hold up in federal court.

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"To wire fraud as a federal offense, that's going to be really difficult to prove because typically the scheme to defraud requires exactly that -- a scheme," professor Brian Gallini said.

However a criminal case in Arkansas might merit judicial action. Harassing someone over the phone is a misdemeanor in Arkansas.

"Specifically, using a phone anonymously or otherwise to harass another person - that to me sounds like the best home for this particular set of facts," professor Gallini said.

Sen. Pryor faces a difficult reelection bid in 2014. He has already started begun fundraising efforts 18 months out from the election.

He is also the target of many conservative political action advertisements.

"When you vote for Pryor, you vote for Obama," an ad Club for Growth, a conservative political action committee runs in Arkansas.

Sen. Pryor's office received about a dozen complaints last week. Sen. Pryor tweeted to any of his followers who received one of the fake calls to contact the Federal Trade Commission to file a complaint.

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