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## **NASSAU COUNTY: Winners of two family court seats certified**

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Republicans Danielle M. Peterson and Thomas Rademaker have been certified the winners of two Nassau County Family Court seats, after an absentee ballot count was completed earlier this month.

Peterson, 39, principal law clerk for Nassau County Supreme Court Judge Anthony Parga, received 162,262 votes, leading in a four-way race that included Democratic Nassau County District Judge Helen Voutsinas, 40, and Democrat Joseph H. Lorintz, 56, the principal law clerk for Supreme Court Justice Randy Sue Marber.

Rademaker, 43, who is principal law clerk for New York State Court of Claims Judge Philip Grella, received 148,330 votes, pulling ahead of Voutsinas, who collected 147,052 votes. Lorintz received 133,397 votes.

"It's nice to have the finality after so long," Rademaker said yesterday. "I look forward to serving the people of Nassau County."

Peterson did not return a call placed to her office yesterday.

Nassau Board of Elections officials submitted the certified results to the state on Dec. 11.

The Nassau County district attorney's office is investigating a possible case of voter fraud related to the race. Voutsinas filed a court petition on Election Day claiming that an impersonator cast a ballot in her name and forged her signature at a Freeport polling site.

Voutsinas was granted permission by state Supreme Court Justice F. Dana Winslow to cast her vote that day after reviewing a notarized letter from an election inspector describing the incident.

Paul Leonard, a spokesman for Nassau County District Attorney Kathleen Rice, said in an email yesterday the "investigation is continuing."

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