# Arizona Attorney General's Office

# **Criminal Division - Fraud & Special Prosecutions Section**

These are <u>only</u> cases prosecuted by the Arizona Attorney General's Office. This is not a comprehensive list of all voter fraud or election cases in Arizona.

## A. Prosecutions Related to Illegal Voting by Individuals Since 2010

- State v. Peter Canova Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2011-005543) Plea agreement Fined \$9,200.00 (\$5,000.00 + 84% surcharge); Ordered to complete 200 hours of community restitution; Placed on unsupervised probation for 2 years. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Nevada in the 2008 and 2010 election cycles.
- State v. Gina Canova Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2011-005543) Plea agreement Fined \$13,800.00 (\$7,500.00 + 84% surcharge); Ordered to complete 300 hours of community restitution; Placed on unsupervised probation for 2 years. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Nevada in the 2008 and 2010 election cycles.
- State v. John Patrick Marotta Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2011-006088) Plea agreement – Fined \$4,600.00 (\$2,500.00 + 84% surcharge) which was paid in full at the time of sentencing; Completed 50 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Colorado in the 2008 General Election.
- State v. Rodney Paul Jones Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2011-005390) Plea agreement – Fined \$4,600.00 (\$2,500.00 + 84% surcharge) which was paid in full at the time of sentencing; Ordered to complete 50 hours of community restitution (which were completed prior to sentencing); Placed on unsupervised probation for 1 month. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Colorado in the 2008 General Election.
- State v. Shanna Katz-Kattari Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2014-005242) Plea agreement – Fined \$4,575.00 (\$2,500.00 + 83% surcharge) which was paid in full at the time of sentencing; Completed 67 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing; Placed on 2 months unsupervised probation. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Colorado in the 2010 General Election.
- State v. Milton Fender Pinal County Superior Court (CR 2014-01434) Plea agreement Fined \$2,500.00 which was paid in full at the time of sentencing); Completed 100 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Colorado in the 2010 General Election.
- State v. Debi Gangaware Fender Pinal County Superior Court (CR 2014-01434) Plea agreement – Fined \$2,500.00 which was paid in full at the time of sentencing; Community service waived due to medical condition. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Colorado in the 2010 General Election.

- State v. Curtis Vernon Pyeatt La Paz County Superior Court (CR 2014-00069) Plea agreement Fined \$2,500.00; Ordered to complete 100 hours of community restitution; Placed on 364 days of supervised probation. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Oregon in the 2012 election cycle
- State v. Edward Thomas Nichols Pinal County Superior Court (CR 2014-01462) Plea agreement – Fined \$4,575.00 (\$2,500.00 + 83% surcharge) which was paid at the time of sentencing; Ordered to complete 100 hours of community service while on probation; Placed on 18 months unsupervised probation. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Alaska in the 2012 General Election.
- State v. Regina Kay Beaupre Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2015-001711) Plea agreement – Fined \$9,150.00 (\$5,000.00 + 83% surcharge) which was paid at the time of sentencing; Placed on 12 months unsupervised probation; Community service waived due to disability. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Michigan in the 2012 General Election.
- State v. Steven Jeffrey Streeter Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2015-002203) Plea agreement –Defendant fined \$5,000.00 which was paid in full at the time of sentencing; completed 100 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing; placed on two 2 months unsupervised probation. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Colorado in the 2012 General Election.
- 12. State v. Mary Patricia Gregerson Pima County Superior Court (CR 2015-2575) Plea agreement Fined \$4,575.00 (\$2,500.00 + 83% surcharge) which was paid at the time of sentencing; Completed 100 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Iowa in the 2012 General Election.
- State v. Jeffery Worth Hitchcock Graham County (CR 2015-00229) Plea agreement Fined \$2,500.00 which was paid at the time of sentencing; Completed 100 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing; Placed on 1 year unsupervised probation. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Colorado in the 2012 General Election.
- 14. State v. Tom Lee West Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2015-002288) Plea agreement Fined \$4,575.00 (\$2,500.00 + 83% surcharge) which was paid in full at the time of sentencing; Completed 100 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Michigan in the 2012 General Election.
- 15. State v. Franklin West Turner Mohave County Superior Court (CR 2015-00733) Plea agreement – Fined \$9,150.00 (\$5,000.00 + 83% surcharge) which was paid in full at the time of sentencing; Completed 200 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Colorado in the 2010 and 2012 General Elections.
- 16. State v. Jay Sherill Thompson Santa Cruz County Superior Court (CR 2016-0015) Plea agreement –Defendant fined \$2,500.00 which was paid in full at the time of sentencing; completed 100 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Colorado in the 2012 General Election.
- 17. *State v. David Milton Culberson* Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2016-001173) Plea agreement Fined \$4,575.00 (\$2,500.00 + 83% surcharge which was paid at the time of

sentencing); Completed 117 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Colorado in the 2012 General Election.

- State v. Adam Bruce Hallin Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2016-001174) Plea agreement – Fined \$4,575.00 (\$2,500.00 + 83% surcharge which was paid at the time of sentencing); Completed 180 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Colorado in the 2012 General Election.
- State v. John David Hamrick Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2016-001175) Plea agreement Fined \$4,575.00 (\$2,500.00 + 83% surcharge which was paid at the time of sentencing); Completed 100 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing; Placed on six (6) months unsupervised probation. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Colorado in the 2012 General Election.
- 20. State v. Gerald Bernard Sack Mohave County Superior Court (CR 2016-00194) Plea agreement Fined \$4,575.00 (\$2,500.00 + 83% surcharge which was paid at the time of sentencing); Completed 100 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing; Placed on 12 months supervised probation; offense was left undesignated at the time of sentencing. Defendant illegally voted in Arizona and Colorado in the 2012 General Election.
- 21. State v. Linda Jane Minyard Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2016-002415) Plea Agreement – Fined \$950.00 (\$500.00 + 83% surcharge which was paid at the time of sentencing); Completed 100 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing. Defendant entered plea to reduced charge of False Endorsement with regard to her votes in Arizona and Colorado in the 2012 General Election.
- 22. State v. Michael Edwin Minyard Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2016-002416) Plea Agreement – Fined \$950.00 (\$500.00 + 83% surcharge which was paid at the time of sentencing); Completed 100 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing. Defendant entered plea to reduced charge of False Endorsement with regard to his votes in Arizona and Colorado in the 2012 General Election.
- 23. State v. Richard John Greenfield Pima County Superior Court (CR 2019-2680) Defendant fined \$4,575.00 (\$2,500.00 + 83% surcharge); ordered to complete 100 hours of community restitution; placed on 2 years of supervised probation; offense was left undesignated at the time of sentencing. Defendant pled guilty to one count of Attempted Illegal Voting for voting in both Pima County, Arizona and Washoe County, Nevada during the 2016 General Election.
- 24. State v. Randy Allen Jumper Pima County Superior Court (CR 2019-3452) Defendant fined \$9,150.00 (\$5,000.00 + 83% surcharge); ordered to complete 300 hours of community restitution; placed on 3 years of supervised probation; offense was left undesignated at the time of sentencing. Defendant pled guilty to one count of Attempted Illegal Voting for voting in both Pima County, Arizona and Washoe County, Nevada during the 2016 General Election.
- 25. **State v. Tracey Kay McKee** Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2021-001430) Defendant pled guilty to a felony count of Attempted Illegal Voting for casting a vote in the name of a deceased person through an early ballot in the 2020 General Election. Defendant sentenced to two years' probation, 100 hours of community restitution, and \$1,000 fine on April 29, 2022. Defendant

signed the name of her deceased mother's early ballot envelope after she passed away and mailed it to Maricopa County for the November 2020 General Election.

- 26. State v. Kyle Anthony Clark Pima County Superior Court (CR 2021-2919) Defendant found guilty by a jury for Illegal Voting on April 27, 2023, and was sentenced to 3.5 years in the Arizona Department of Corrections. A nine-time convicted felon whose rights had not been restored, Defendant was found to have illegally voted in the 2020 General Election while he was an inmate at the Pima County Jail.
- 27. *State v. Shadae Alexis Smith* Pima County Superior Court (CR 2021-2920) Defendant pled guilty to felony Attempted Illegal Voting and was sentenced to 204 days in prison. Defendant falsely completed a voter registration form indicating she had not been convicted of a felony or that her rights had not been restored or that her rights had been restored. However, defendant had previously been convicted of two felony offenses and had not had her rights restored since her most recent conviction in 2010. Defendant cast a vote in the 2020 General Election while serving as an inmate at the Pima County Jail.
- 28. State v. Kenneth Russell Nelson Pima County Superior Court (CR 2021-3552) Defendant pled guilty to felony Attempted Illegal Voting and was sentenced to 210 days in prison. Defendant falsely completed a voter registration form and casting a vote while he was an inmate at the Pima County Jail. In 2018 defendant filled out a voter registration form indicating he had not bene convicted of a felony or that his rights had been restored. Defendant voted in the 2018 and in the 2020 General Election.
- 29. State v. Victor Manuel Aguirre Pima County Superior Court (CR 2021-2921) Defendant was convicted on one felony count of Attempted Illegal Voting, and sentenced to 6 months in the Arizona Department of Corrections on August 29, 2022. Defendant was indicted on one count of False Registration and one count of Illegal Voting in August of 2021, for illegally registering to vote and casting a vote in the 2020 General Election while he was an inmate at the Pima County Jail. Defendant falsely completed a voter registration form indicating that he had not been convicted of a felony or that his rights had been restored, however, defendant had previously been convicted of five felony offenses and had not had his rights restored since his most recent conviction in 2018. Defendant's vote was counted in the 2020 election.
- 30. State v. Michael Damien Herrera Pima County Superior Court (CR 2021-2922) Defendant pled guilty to Attempted Illegal Voting and was sentenced to one year in the Arizona Department of Corrections on June 9, 2022. Defendant falsely completed a voter registration form indicating he had not been convicted of a felony or that his rights had been restored. Defendant, however, had previously been convicted of three felony offenses and had not had his rights restored since his most recent conviction in 2018. Defendant cast a vote in the 2020 General Election while he was an inmate at the Pima County Jail.
- 31. State v. Krista Michelle Conner Cochise County Superior Court (CR 2021-00868) Defendant pled guilty to felony Attempted Illegal Voting on April 4, 2022. Defendant was sentenced on June 6, 2022, to three years of supervised probation, ordered to pay \$890.00 in fines, and directed to complete 100 hours of community restitution. Additionally, Defendant had her voter registration revoked and may only have it reinstated once probation is complete. Defendant illegally cast the early ballot of her deceased mother during the 2020 General Election.

- 32. State v. Melinda Sue Baird Maricopa County Downtown Justice Court (JC 2021-138832) Defendant pled guilty to Presenting a False Instrument for Filing for signing and mailing her deceased mother's early ballot in the 2020 General Election. Sentenced to a term of probation, 100 hours of community service, and a \$1,000.00 fine + surcharges.
- 33. State v. Roberto Garcia Pinal County Superior Court (CR 2022-00575) Defendant sentenced to 1.5 years in the Arizona Department of Corrections on September 12, 2022 after having pled guilty to one count of Illegal Voting on July 25, 2022. Defendant illegally cast a vote in the 2020 General Election while he was not eligible to do so due to prior felony convictions and had not had his rights restored since his second conviction in 2006. Defendant's voter registration was canceled and defendant will be eligible to register to vote again only after applying for rights restoration after his sentence is complete.
- 34. **State v. Wilana Sue Hagerman** Yavapai County Superior Court (CR 2022-01460) Defendant pled guilty to felony Attempted Illegal Voting on April 24, 2024. Defendant was sentenced on the same day to three years of supervised probation, ordered to pay \$2,670.00 in fines and surcharges, and directed to complete 100 hours of community restitution. Additionally, Defendant had her voter registration revoked and may only have it reinstated once probation is complete. Defendant illegally cast the early ballot of her deceased mother during the 2020 General Election.
- 35. *State v. Martha Frances Duncan* Yavapai County Superior Court (CR 2022-01566) Defendant pled guilty to misdemeanor Attempted Illegal Voting and misdemeanor Presentment of a False Instrument for Filing on March 18, 2024. Defendant was sentenced on the same day to concurrent terms of two years of supervised probation, ordered to pay \$1,100.00 in fines and surcharges, and directed to complete 100 hours of community restitution. Defendant voted the early ballot of her deceased son in the 2020 General Election.
- 36. State v. Christopher Anthony Luttrell Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2022-002624) -Defendant pled guilty to felony Attempted Illegal Voting on May 4, 2023. Defendant was sentenced on June 5, 2023, to a term of 18 months of unsupervised probation, ordered to pay \$2,500.00 in fines, and directed to complete 100 hours of community restitution. Defendant voted twice in the 2020 General Election; once in Maricopa County, and once in Coconino County. Both of his registrations were canceled and defendant will be eligible to register to vote again only after his sentence is complete.
- 37. State v. Sargon Yatroum Zia Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2022-002625) Defendant pled guilty to felony Attempted Illegal Voting on May 22, 2023. Defendant was sentenced on June 21, 2023, to a term of 1 year of unsupervised probation, ordered to pay \$4,450.00 in fines and surcharges, and directed to complete 100 hours of community restitution. Defendant's voter registration was canceled and Defendant will be eligible to register to vote again only after his sentence is complete. Defendant voted an early ballot issued to his son without his son's permission, while also casting his own vote in the 2020 General Election.
- State v. Anne Wasser Wicklund Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2022-002708) Defendant pled guilty to felony Attempted Illegal Voting on June 5, 2023. Defendant was sentenced on July 12, 2023, to a term of 1 year of unsupervised probation, ordered to pay \$1,100.00 in fines and

surcharges, and directed to complete 100 hours of community restitution. Defendant is alleged to have voted the early ballot of her deceased husband in the 2020 General Election.

- 39. State v. Rhonda Marie Verdugo Pima County Superior Court (CR 2021-4001) Defendant pled guilty to felony Attempted Illegal Voting on December 12, 2023. On January 22, 2024, Defendant was sentenced to a term of 1 year of unsupervised probation, ordered to pay \$2,500.00 in fines, and directed to complete 120 hours of community restitution. Defendant was reported to the AGO after she had bragged to others that she had been able to vote in the 2020 General Election as a convicted felon.
- 40. State v. Charlotte Ann Deaton Yavapai County Superior Court (CR 2023-80249) Defendant pled guilty to felony Attempted Illegal Voting on February 21, 2024. Defendant was sentenced on the same day to a three year term of supervised probation, ordered to pay \$4,450.00 in fines and surcharges, and directed to complete 100 hours of community restitution. Defendant voted in both Yavapai County, Arizona and Colbert County, Alabama during the 2020 General Election.

#### Additional notes:

- Four additional cases have been charged and are sealed pending the arrest of the Defendants.
  - Two cases involve illegal voting in elections prior to 2020.
  - The two other cases involve felons who illegally registered to vote in 2020, but did not cast ballots.
- State v. Carol Hannah Mohave County Superior Court (CR 2013-01355) Defendant was charged with illegally voting in the 2010 General Election in Arizona and Colorado, but her conviction was overturned on appeal. State v. Hannah, 238 Ariz. 5 (App. 2015). This led to the amendment of A.R.S. §16-1016 found in Laws 2017, Ch. 264, § 1.
- *State v. Stephen Proodian* Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2015-005369) This case was dismissed without prejudice.
- 6 matters opened as a result of the Arizona State Senate/Cyber Ninjas Audit were closed without the filing of charges.
- There is 1 allegation of illegal voting currently under investigation arising from the 2020 election cycle, involving a ballot allegedly cast by an individual who was not eligible to vote.
- There are 6 allegations of illegal voting currently under investigation arising from the 2022 election cycle.

## B. Prosecutions Related to Elections Since 2010

 State v. Robert Mark Green – Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2010-007636) – Defendant, a former candidate for state legislature, pled guilty to Forgery arising from false statements made to the Citizen's Clean Elections Commission (CCEC) in an attempt to obtain Clean Elections campaign funds for the 2010 election cycle. Defendant was sentenced to four years of probation, ordered to pay \$11,060.63 in restitution to the CCEC and the Secretary of State, and was fined \$17,441.36.

- 2. State v. Brad Luebke Maricopa County Country Meadows Justice Court (JC 2018-43520) Defendant pled guilty to violation of "seventy-five foot limit" statute (a Class 2 misdemeanor); fined \$400 + mandatory surcharge; placed on 6 months of probation. Defendant entered a polling place in Goodyear on November 6, 2018 with a holstered BB gun and a camera. Defendant was asked to remove items from the polling place in order to vote, refused, and when officers arrived defendant was outside the polling location with a holstered BB gun and a camera.
- 3. State v. Victor Varela Coconino County Superior Court (CR 2020-00609) Defendant fined \$5,000.00, placed on two years' supervised probation, ordered to write an apology letter and publish the letter at his own expense in the Arizona Daily Sun newspaper three separate times for the "harm" he caused to "public confidence in elections." Legally precluded from seeking or holding office for five years from date of sentencing. Defendant was a candidate for Flagstaff mayor in 2020, and knowingly made and submitted forged petition signatures.
- 4. State v. Lorenzo U. Herrera Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2020-001907) Defendant fined \$1,000.00, placed on three years' supervised probation, ordered to complete 300 hours of community service. Legally precluded from seeking or holding office for five years from date of sentencing. Defendant was indicted in September 2020 for Attempted Fraudulent Scheme and Practices, Forgery, and Perjury. The charges stemmed from Herrera's attempt to qualify for Clean Elections Funding in 2018, where he presented forged \$5 contribution forms to the Secretary of State's Office. The defendant took the identities of 16 individuals with the goal of attempting to obtain money from the Citizens Clean Elections Fund.
- 5. State v. Nina Mae Becker (#1) Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2020-002008) Defendant pled guilty to one felony count of Presentment of a False Instrument for Filing, and one misdemeanor Signing of Petition violation. Defendant was sentenced on July 18, 2023, to concurrent two year terms of supervised probation (concurrent with her other case, see below), and ordered to pay \$445.00 in fines and surcharges. Defendant was also prohibited from seeking office for five years. Defendant admitted she knowingly made and submitted forged petition signatures to run for Congress in the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District primary in 2020.
- 6. State v. Alma Yadira Juarez Yuma County Superior Court (CR 2020-01214) Defendant entered a guilty plea to Ballot Abuse ("ballot harvesting") in March 2022 and was sentenced on October 13, 2022 to a 12-month term of probation. Defendant admitted that she knowingly collected four voted ballots from another person and deposited them into a ballot box on Election Day during the August 2020 primary.
- State v. William Laurance Lenhart Mohave County Superior Court (CR 2021-01112) Defendant pled guilty to violation of prohibition on giving corporate money to a candidate campaign in 2016; fined \$2,000.00 + surcharges; placed on one year of probation and ordered to complete 50 hours of community service.
- State v. Justin Andrew Chambers Mohave County Superior Court (CR 2021-01113) Defendant pled guilty to violation of prohibition on giving corporate money to a candidate campaign in 2018; fined \$2,500.00 + surcharges; placed on one year of probation and ordered to complete 50 hours of community service.

- 9. State v. Guillermina Fuentes Yuma County Superior Court (CR 2021-01029) Defendant, who was a sitting member of the Gadsden Elementary School District #32 governing board, was sentenced to 2 years of supervised probation and a 30-day term in the Yuma County Jail on October 13, 2022, for her role in an August 2020 Primary Election "ballot harvesting" scheme. Defendant had previously entered a guilty plea to one felony count of Ballot Abuse on June 2, 2022.
- 10. State v. Gloria Lopez Torres Yuma County Superior Court (CR 2022-01163) Defendant, who was a sitting member of the San Luis City Council, pled guilty to misdemeanor Ballot Abuse, and was sentenced on June 8, 2023, to two years of supervised probation and fined \$2,500.00 + surcharges. for her role in a "ballot harvesting" scheme where early ballots from other voters were collected by and deposited into a ballot box on Primary Election Day, August 4, 2020. The Defendant admitted accepting seven ballots belonging to others from Nadia Guadalupe Lizarraga-Mayorquin.
- 11. State v. Nadia Guadalupe Lizarraga-Mayorquin (also known as Nadia Buchanan) Yuma County Superior Court (CR 2022-01164) Defendant admitted collecting seven early ballots from other voters and turning them over to Gloria Lopez Torres. Defendant entered a guilty plea to one count of Ballot Abuse, a Class 1 misdemeanor, and was sentenced on March 10, 2023, to a two year term of supervised probation, and fined \$2,500.00.
- 12. State v. Timothy Raynard Seay, Sr. Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2022-002230) Defendant pled guilty to one felony count of Computer Tampering. Defendant was sentenced on April 22, 2024, to a three year term of supervised probation, and ordered to complete 200 hours of community restitution. Defendant repeatedly accessed the ServiceArizona website to register numerous convicted felons to vote without their permission in 2020 and 2021.
- 13. State v. Nina Mae Becker (#2) Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2023-006919) Defendant pled guilty to one felony count of Presentment of a False Instrument for Filing. Defendant was sentenced on July 18, 2023, to a two year term of supervised probation (concurrent with her other case, above), ordered to pay \$4,450.00 in fines and surcharges, and ordered to complete 570 hours of community restitution. Defendant was also prohibited from seeking office for five years. Defendant admitted she knowingly made and submitted forged petition signatures to run for Congress in the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District primary in 2022.
- 14. State v. Peggy Suzanne Judd & Terry Thomas Crosby Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2023-008495) Case ongoing Cochise County Supervisors are alleged to have conspired and interfered with the Secretary of State's efforts to complete the canvas of the 2022 General Election.
- **15.** *State v. Kelli Ward, et. al.* Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2024-006850) *Case ongoing* Scheme to overturn the 2020 presidential election in Arizona by submitting false paperwork claiming Trump won the election.

#### Additional notes:

- Two additional cases have been charged and are sealed pending the arrest of the Defendant. Both involve fraud in the gathering and submission of petitions.
- *State v. Sandra Finch Russell* Cochise County Superior Court (CR 2021-00804) This case was dismissed without prejudice.

- State v. AZ Petition Partners LLC Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2020-000467) / AZ Court of Appeals 1 (CA-SA 21-0170) / AZ Supreme Court (CR-22-0154-PR) - This case was dismissed without prejudice.
- There are 10 allegations of other election-related offenses currently under investigation arising from the 2024 election cycle.
  - Eight involve fraud in the gathering and submission of candidate petitions.
  - One involves the submission of false voter registration forms.
  - One involves alleged misconduct by employee involved in the conduct of elections.

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