# **Arizona Attorney General's Office**

# <u>Criminal Division - Fraud & Special Prosecutions Section</u>

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

- 1. **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.
- 2. **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.
- 3. **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.
- 4. **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.
- 5. **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.
- 6. **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.
- 7. **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.

- 8. **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
- 9. **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.
- 10. **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.
- 11. **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 lowa in the 2012 General Election.
- 13. **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.
- 18. **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.
- 19. **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 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) Case ongoing. Defendant was charged with one count of False Registration and one count of Illegal Voting for allegedly illegally registering to vote and casting a vote in the 2020 General Election while defendant was an inmate at the Pima County Jail. Defendant allegedly falsely completed a voter registration form indicating he had not been convicted of a felony, however, defendant had previously been convicted of a felony in 2016 and had not had his rights restored.
- 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 to three years of supervised probation, fined \$890.00 in fines, and directed to complete 100 hours of community service on June 6, 2022. Additionally, defendant had her voter registration revoked and may 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) **Case ongoing** Defendant is alleged to have voted the early ballot of her deceased mother in the 2020 General Election.
- 35. *State v. Martha Frances Duncan* Yavapai County Superior Court (CR 2022-01566) *Case ongoing* Defendant is alleged to have 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) **Case ongoing** Defendant is alleged to have voted twice in the 2020 General Election; once in Maricopa County, and once in Coconino County.
- 37. **State v. Sargon Yatroum Zia** Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2022-002625) **Case ongoing** Defendant is alleged to have voted an early ballot issued to his son without his son's permission, while also casting his own vote in the 2020 General Election.
- 38. **State v. Ann Wasser Wicklund** Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2022-002708) **Case ongoing** Defendant is alleged to have voted the early ballot of her deceased husband in the 2020 General Election.

#### Additional notes:

- Four additional cases have been charged and are sealed pending the arrest of the Defendants.
- 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.

- There are approximately 174 allegations of illegal voting currently under investigation arising from the 2020 election cycle.
  - o Approximately 2 involve ballots cast by individuals who were not eligible to vote
  - o Approximately 27 involved ballots cast in the names of deceased individuals.
  - Approximately 145 involve individuals alleged to have cast ballots in more than one state.
- Approximately 48 of the pending investigations originated in complaints from the Maricopa County Recorder.
- Approximately 22 of the pending investigations originated in complaints from the Yavapai County Recorder.
- Approximately 51 of the pending investigations arose from ERIC review. (NOTE: These
  may be <u>also</u> counted as recorder complaints if the recorder reviewed the ERIC data and
  made the final referral to our office).
- Approximately 65 of the pending investigations were referred by the Public Interest Legal Foundation.
- Approximately 22 of the pending investigations were referred by former Rep. Mark
   Finchem
- 6 matters opened as a result of the Arizona State Senate/Cyber Ninjas Audit were closed without the filing of charges.
- There are 3 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.
- State v. Nina Mae Becker Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2020-002008) Case ongoing –
  Defendant is alleged to have 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.
- 7. **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) **Case ongoing** Defendant was indicted in September 2020 and charged with 50 misdemeanor counts in connection with alleged payments under illegal bonus programs purportedly paid to contracted petition circulators gathering signatures for the 2020 Invest in Ed ballot initiative.
- 8. **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.
- 9. **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.
- 10. **State v. Guillermina Fuentes** Yuma County Superior Court (CR 2021-01029) **Case ongoing** Defendant sentenced to 30-day term in the Yuma County Jail on October 13, 2022, for her role in an August 2020 Primary Election "ballot harvesting" (Ballot Abuse) scheme. Defendant entered a guilty plea to one felony count of Ballot Abuse ("ballot harvesting") on June 2, 2022. Defendant was indicted in December 2020 for her role in an August 2020 Primary Election "ballot harvesting" scheme.
- 11. **State v. Gloria Lopez Torres** Yuma County Superior Court (CR 2022-01163) **Case ongoing** Defendant was indicted on October 3, 2022 and charged with one count of Conspiracy and one count of Ballot Abuse arising from an alleged "ballot harvesting" scheme where early ballots from other voters were collected and deposited into a ballot box on primary Election Day, August 4,

- 2020. Torres is alleged to have collected seven ballots from Nadia Guadalupe Lizarraga-Mayorquin of San Luis (who was also indicted on October 3, 2022).
- 12. State v. Nadia Guadalupe Lizarraga-Mayorquin (also known as Nadia Buchanan) Yuma County Superior Court (CR 2022-01164) Defendant admitted collecting early ballots from other voters and turning them over to a candidate for office. Defendant entered a guilty plea to one count of Ballot Abuse ("ballot harvesting"), a Class 1 misdemeanor, and was sentenced on March 10, 2023, to two years of supervised probation.
- 13. **State v. Timothy Raynard Seay, Sr.** Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2022-002230) **Case ongoing** Defendant is alleged to have registered numerous convicted felons to vote without their permission in 2020 and 2021.

#### Additional notes:

- One additional case has been charged and is sealed pending the arrest of the Defendant.
- State v. Sandra Finch Russell Cochise County Superior Court (CR 2021-00804) This case was dismissed without prejudice.
- There are 12 allegations of other election-related offenses currently under investigation arising from the 2022 election cycle.

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