

# GEORGIA

## **Mohammad Shafiq**

**CONVICTED: 2015**  
False Registrations

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Mohammad Shafiq had a disagreement with Madison county sheriff candidate Clayton Lowe, and thought he would get back at the man by helping his opponent win the 2012 election. Shafiq fraudulently submitted voter registrations cards and - in the face of accusations - coerced a couple, Bennie and Margaret Pierce, to sign affidavits intended to exonerate him. Upon investigation, his ruse was discovered and he was charged with two counts of perjury, three counts of tampering with evidence, and two counts of voter identification fraud. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 10 years' probation with a fine of \$6,750.

### **SOURCES**

[bit.ly/2fETwHh](http://bit.ly/2fETwHh)

[bit.ly/2eAwQUb](http://bit.ly/2eAwQUb)

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## **Edwin Morris, Alexia Williams, and Kim Ross**

**CONVICTED: 2011**  
Ballot Petition Fraud

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The Georgia State Election Board imposed penalties against Edwin Morris and Alexia Williams in 2011 for their roles in forging signatures to get David Osborne on the 2008 Chatham County Commission ballot. Morris received a reprimand and a 10-year suspension from campaign involvement. Williams was fined \$300. In 2012, the Board ordered Kim Ross to pay a \$300 fine for her involvement in the forging scheme.

### **SOURCES**

[bit.ly/2finNY5](http://bit.ly/2finNY5)

[bit.ly/2f1vqTd](http://bit.ly/2f1vqTd)

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## **Doyle Stone, Greg Stone**

### **CONVICTED: 2011**

#### **Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots**

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Former Twiggs County Sheriff Doyle Stone and his son, Greg Stone, were investigated for mishandling absentee ballots in Greg Stone's 2008 primary campaign for sheriff. Absentee voters complained that Doyle Stone coerced them into voting for Greg Stone, and then took their ballots rather than allow them to be mailed in. Greg Stone lost the election by a wide margin. Both men agreed to pay \$300 in civil fines.

#### **SOURCES**

[bit.ly/2fdiytS](https://bit.ly/2fdiytS)

[bit.ly/2fw11AN](https://bit.ly/2fw11AN)

[bit.ly/2eAsEUA](https://bit.ly/2eAsEUA)

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## **Carleton Vines, Albert Palmour, Dorothy Gilreath, Steve Chappellear, Sidney Johnson, Lois Reed, and Anthony Sparks**

### **CONVICTED: 2010**

#### **Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots**

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Carleton Vines and his accomplices ran an absentee ballot fraud operation designed to rig the 2006 election in which Vines won election as a State Court Judge. Vines's co-conspirators acted as "runners," illegally "assisting" voters in filling out their absentee ballots. In many cases, ballots were transported by the conspirators to Vines's law office before being subsequently mailed. The group signed a consent decree with the state board of election, acknowledging their actions and accepting a public reprimand. Vines was fined \$15,000.

#### **SOURCES**

[bit.ly/2fim0IT](https://bit.ly/2fim0IT)

[bit.ly/2f1x5bK](https://bit.ly/2f1x5bK)

[bit.ly/2eVjKns](https://bit.ly/2eVjKns)

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## Michael Douglas, Jr. and Olin Gibson

**CONVICTED: 2010**

Buying Votes and Duplicate Voting

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Former Dodge County Sheriff Michael Douglas, Jr., and Deputy Sheriff Olin Gibson pleaded guilty to election fraud in connection with Douglas' first campaign for sheriff in 2004. Douglas pleaded guilty to conspiracy to buy votes and to vote more than once, and Gibson pleaded guilty to buying a vote for Douglas.

### SOURCES

[bit.ly/2f1yQFA](https://bit.ly/2f1yQFA)

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## Tommy Raney and Debra Brown

**CONVICTED: 2010**

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

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Tommy Raney, a 2007 candidate for the Jackson City Council, and his campaign worker, Debra Brown, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit absentee ballot fraud for mishandling more than 40 absentee ballots in the 2007 Jackson City Council race. Raney had won the election by 27 votes. Both were sentenced to two years' probation. Raney was fined \$158,000 and Brown was fined \$20,000.

### SOURCES

[bit.ly/2e2LqYm](https://bit.ly/2e2LqYm)

[bit.ly/2f1yAXk](https://bit.ly/2f1yAXk)

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## James Bryant, Jr.

### CONVICTED: 2007

#### Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

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James Bryant, Jr. admitted to improperly assisting voters in completing their absentee ballots in the 2005 Americus mayoral election. Bryant was a candidate in that election, and on at least six occasions, he helped voters fill out information on their ballot mailers without signing the requisite oath indicating he had provided the assistance. He was ordered by the State Election Board to pay a \$600 fine.

#### SOURCES

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## Jerry Metts

### CONVICTED: 2007

#### Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

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Jerry Metts was investigated for helping illegal immigrants cast absentee ballots in Atkinson County during a 2004 county commission election. He was fined \$80,000 by the State Election Board.

#### SOURCES

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## Jackson Jones, Don McCranie, and Doyce Mullis

**CONVICTED: 1997**

**Buying Votes**

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Jackson Jones, Don McCranie and Doyce Mullis, Dodge County sheriff, commissioner, and former commissioner, respectively, were convicted of conspiracy to buy votes. The harshest sentence went to McCranie, who received a 30-month prison term, three-years probation, 150 hours of community service and \$5,000 in fines. Sheriff Jones was sentenced to 27 months in prison and three years of supervised release. Doyce Mullis was sentenced to 1 year in prison, 3 years of supervised release, 100 of community service, and a \$5,000 fine. They were the last of 27 people to be sentenced in the election fraud case, which state investigators said also included cases of double voting, felon voting, and at least one ballot being cast in the name of a dead person.

### SOURCES

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[bit.ly/2eVls8j](https://bit.ly/2eVls8j)

# HAWAII

## Tiffany Edwards Hunt

**CONVICTED: 2016**

**False Registrations**

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Tiffany Edwards Hunt, a former candidate for the Hawaii County Council, pleaded no contest to a Class C felony voter registration charge. Prior to her 2014 campaign, Hunt had claimed her husband's surf shop as her primary residence, allowing her to vote in a district in which she did not reside. She switched her residency back to her home in District 5 so she could run for office. She ultimately lost by 274 votes. Her plea of no contest resulted in the dismissal of charges, but she was nevertheless assessed a \$500 fine for the violation.

### SOURCES

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[bit.ly/2mcwwiF](https://bit.ly/2mcwwiF)