

ILLINOIS

Steveland Kidd

CONVICTED: 2017

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

Steveland Kidd pleaded guilty to two counts of violating absentee ballots during a municipal election in April, 2013. Kidd took possession of, and delivered, an absentee ballot to election authorities despite not being legally allowed to do so. The crime is a Class 3 felony. Kidd was sentenced to 12 days in the St. Clair County Jail and is now barred from engaging in campaign-related activities or electioneering.

SOURCES

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Brian McDouglar

CONVICTED: 2017

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

Brian McDouglar, a resident of Cahokia, Illinois, was sentenced to two years in prison on charges of falsifying or tampering with an absentee ballot, a class 3 felony. McDouglar illegally took an absentee ballot from a voter he was not related to and then placed that ballot in the mail.

SOURCES

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Pamela Bryant

CONVICTED: 2013

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballot

Pamela Bryant, of Cahokia, pleaded guilty to three counts of incorrectly marking an absentee ballot. She received probation.

SOURCES

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Monica LaPlant

CONVICTED: 2013

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballot

Monica LaPlant, of Cahokia, was charged with incorrectly marking an absentee ballott in the 2013 election. She was given probation after pleading guilty.

SOURCES

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Michael Collins

CONVICTED: 2011

False Registrations/Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

Michael Collins was convicted of election fraud and tax evasion after giving a false address to establish eligibility to vote in East St. Louis, even though he lived in Swansea. He was also elected to be a precinct committeeman in East St. Louis after getting family members to sign petitions to get him on the ballot. He was sentenced to 50 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release.

SOURCES

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William Brown

CONVICTED: 2010

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

William Brown, of Cahokia, IL, pleaded guilty to 22 charges related to election fraud after he worked with candidates for the Cahokia village board to rig their 2009 municipal election. Brown helped to apply for fraudulent absentee ballots and submit votes using those ballots. He was sentenced to ten days in jail, two years probation, and 200 hours of community service.

SOURCES

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Kyle R. Johnson

CONVICTED: 2010

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

Kyle R. Johnson, a former Cahokia village trustee, falsified absentee ballot applications and illegally cast the ballots he obtained during a municipal election. He received five years' probation, 14 days in jail, and 200 hours of community service.

SOURCES

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Trevon L. Tompkin

CONVICTED: 2010

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

In the 2009 Cahokia municipal election, former village trustee Trevon L. Tompkin falsified absentee ballot applications and illegally voted the ballots he obtained. He received five years' probation, 14 days in jail, and 200 hours of community service.

SOURCES

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Kevin Wiggins

CONVICTED: 2010

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

Kevin Wiggins, of Cahokia, pleaded guilty to 43 charges against him in a voter fraud scheme in Cahokia's 2009 municipal election. Wiggins, along with candidates for the village board, filed fraudulent applications for absentee ballots and subsequently voted using those ballots. He was sentenced to ten days in jail, two years probation, and 200 hours of community service.

SOURCES

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Kenneth Davison and Jerry D. Knight

CONVICTED: 2009

Ballot Petition Fraud

Kenneth Davison and Jerry D. Knight, two campaign workers for state Senator Terry Link, were indicted on felony forgery and perjury charges for placing phony signatures on petitions to get state Senator Terry Link on the 2008 Democratic primary ballot. These phony signatures included the names of deceased voters. Davidson pleaded guilty to 9 counts of perjury and was sentenced to probation and 60 days in jail. Knight pleaded guilty to 11 counts of perjury and was sentenced to 24 months of probation and 100 hours of community service.

SOURCES

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Margarita Del Pilar Fitzpatrick

CONVICTED: 2009
Ineligible Voting

Margarita Del Pilar Fitzpatrick is a native and citizen of Peru who became a non-citizen permanent resident in 2004. When she applied for a driver's license, Fitzpatrick also filled out a "Motor Voter" registration form on which she falsely claimed to be a U.S. citizen. She subsequently voted in the 2006 federal election. In 2007, while applying for naturalization, Fitzpatrick acknowledged to immigration officials that she had registered and voted. Fitzpatrick's application was denied and she was ordered removed from the country because of this violation.

SOURCES

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Anthony Kimani

CONVICTED: 2009
Ineligible Voting

Anthony Kimani, a citizen of Kenya, illegally registered and voted in the 2004 general election. Kimani first entered the United States on a visitor's visa, which expired in 2000. He remained in the country illegally, later applying for permanent residency after marrying a U.S. citizen in 2003. Kimani was ordered deported after officials discovered his illegal vote. Kimani admitted to voting, but claimed "entrapment by estoppel," specifically indicating that the form he filled out for a driver's license included an option to register to vote. The three judge panel on the Seventh Circuit rejected the argument, pointing out that Kimani had falsely claimed U.S. citizenship on that form, and affirmed his deportation.

SOURCES

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Rodney McCulloch

CONVICTED: 2008
Ballot Petition Fraud

McCulloch, a political consultant working on the reelection campaign of the Milton Township assessor James Gumm, was convicted of three counts of perjury and one count of disregard of election code. McCulloch oversaw a scheme that forged signatures to qualify Gumm for the ballot. He received 2 years' probation, 150 hours of community service, and was ordered to pay \$200 to a county anti-crime fund.

SOURCES

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Elizabeth Dag Um Keathley

CONVICTED: 2007
Ineligible Voting

Elizabeth Dag Um Keathley came to the United States after marrying John Keathley, a U.S. citizen, in a ceremony that took place in the Phillipines. She received a non-immigrant K-3 visa so that she could live with her husband while waiting for a grant of permanent residency as the spouse of a U.S. citizen. While considering her application, immigration officials determined that Keathley illegally voted and ordered her removal from the country. She contends that, when applying for a driver's license, she was asked if she wished to vote. After answering "yes," the official handling her driver's license application checkmarked the box indicating she was a U.S. citizen. Keathley indicated she was not. The Seventh Circuit remanded the case to the lower court for further review.

SOURCES

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Charles Powell, Sheila Thomas, Jesse Lewis, Kelvin Ellis, and Yvette Johnson

CONVICTED: 2007
Buying Votes

East Saint Louis City precinct committeemen Charles Powell, Sheila Thomas, Jesse Lewis, and Kelvin Ellis, as well as precinct worker Yvette Johnson, were convicted for conspiracy to commit election fraud after participating in vote buying activities in the 2004 election, including submitting budgets that would allow city funds to pay voters to vote for Democratic candidates. Powell was sentenced to 21 months in prison; Thomas was sentenced to 18 months in prison, \$400 in fines, and two years' supervised release; Johnson was sentenced to two years' probation with the first five months in monitored home confinement; Lewis was sentenced to 15 months in prison, 2 years' supervised release, and \$200 in fines; Ellis was sentenced to a 4.5 year prison sentence for election fraud and assorted criminal offenses, including running a prostitution ring out of city hall and threatening to kill a federal witness.

SOURCES

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Patricia Bailey

CONVICTED: 2005
False Registrations

Following a trial, Illinois State Representative Patricia Bailey was found guilty of filing false election forms claiming her residency in the 6th District, when she was actually living with her mother outside of the district. Bailey was charged with two counts of perjury and one count of falsifying election documents. She was sentenced 2 years' probation and 100 hours of community service. She will also not be able to hold a government job for 5 years upon completion of her sentence.

SOURCES

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Leander Brooks

CONVICTED: 2004

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

A former election judge, Leander Brooks, pleaded guilty to election fraud in the 2002 election. He forged signatures of three dead people on absentee ballot applications. He was sentenced to 18 months in prison and a \$400 fine.

SOURCES

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Leroy Scott Jr., Lillie Nichols, Terrance R. Stith, and Sandra Stith

CONVICTED: 2004

Buying Votes

Leroy Scott Jr., Lillie Nichols, Terrance R. Stith, and Sandra Stith pleaded guilty to one count each of vote buying. They were given funds from the St. Clair County Democratic Committee in order to buy votes for the upcoming election. Nichols and Mr. Stith were sentenced to four months in prison. Sandra Stith received one year of probation. Scott received ten months' imprisonment and paid \$3,100 in fines.

SOURCES

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Russel Withers

CONVICTED: 2002
Duplicate Voting

Russel Withers, who owned multiple radio and TV stations, pleaded guilty to voting multiple times in both 1998 and 2000 elections in both Colorado and Illinois. He was fined \$10,000.

SOURCES

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63 Individuals

CONVICTED: 1982
False Registrations

A DOJ investigation of the Illinois election in 1982 estimated that 100,000 fraudulent ballots were cast in the gubernatorial primary. The investigation was tipped off by a party worker from Chicago's 39th Ward who was upset by his precinct captain's broken promise to award him a city job for his participation in the vote fraud scheme. The conspirators cast ballots for people who were elderly and disabled. The investigation resulted in 63 individuals being convicted, the largest voter fraud case in DOJ history.

SOURCES

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