

KANSAS

Leslie McIntosh, James Scherzer, and Lorraine Goodrich

CONVICTED: 2005
Duplicate Voting

Leslie McIntosh, James Scherzer, and Lorraine Goodrich were convicted of voting in both Kansas and Missouri and providing false residency information to election officials. Scherzer was sentenced to two years' probation and 40 hours of community service; McIntosh was fined \$500; and Goodrich was sentenced to one year of probation.

SOURCES

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KENTUCKY

Gary Risner, Larry Shepherd, Tami Jo Risner, Scott McCarty

CONVICTED: 2016
Buying Votes

Magoffin County Magistrate Gary Risner, Deputy County Clerk Larry Shepherd, and Tami Jo Risner (his ex-wife) were convicted of felony voter fraud for a vote buying scheme for a host of candidates in the 2014 election. An accomplice, Scotty L. McCarty, was also charged but pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor, ultimately testifying against the others. His testimony revealed that the group had participated in vote buying conspiracies in several elections, dating back to 2010. He also testified that Larry Shepherd contributed \$10,000 and Risner contributed \$2,000 to the vote buying racket, paying individuals \$50 to vote for their slate of candidates. Shepherd also revealed that in a 2010 election, acting as a precinct officer, he added 60 votes to the total for a candidate and Risner signed the names of those who hadn't voted to cover the discrepancy. The U.S. District Judge scheduled sentencing for December 2016, with the charges carrying a maximum penalty of five years.

SOURCES

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KENTUCKY

Scott Lynn McCarty

CONVICTED: 2016
Buying Votes

Scott McCarty pleaded guilty to bribing a voter in the 2014 Kentucky primary elections. McCarty admitted to accompanying a woman into a voting booth to make sure she voted for the right candidates. Afterwards, McCarty directed the woman to another person who would pay her for her vote. McCarty is to be sentenced in May and faces up to a year in prison.

SOURCES

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KENTUCKY

James Steven Robinson, Ruth Thomasine Robinson, James Robinson

CONVICTED: 2014
Vote Buying, Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

Ruth Robinson, the former mayor of Martin, Kentucky, was sentenced to 90 months' imprisonment on a variety of charges that included vote buying, identity theft, and fraud. With specific regard to the election charges, Robinson and co-conspirators James "Red" Robinson (her husband) and James Steven Robinson (her son) threatened and intimidated residents of Martin in the run-up to the 2012 election, in which Robinson was seeking re-election. The cabal targeted residents living in public housing or in properties Robinson owned, threatening them with eviction if they did not sign absentee ballots the Robinsons had already filled out. Robinson also targeted disabled residents, and offered to buy the votes of others. "Red" Robinson was sentenced to 40 months in prison, and his son James Steven Robinson received a total of 31 months' imprisonment.

SOURCES

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KENTUCKY

Arch Turner

CONVICTED: 2012
Buying Votes

Arch Turner, the Breathitt County School Superintendent, pleaded guilty to conspiracy, admitting to handing out money to buy votes in a 2010 election. He was sentenced to two years in prison and fined \$250,000 for his role in directing a vote-buying scheme.

SOURCES

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KENTUCKY

Naomi Johnson, Jackie Jennings, and Earl Young

CONVICTED: 2012
Buying Votes

Three Jackson residents were convicted in a vote buying scheme in a 2010 magistrate's race where they tried to control the outcome of the primary election. Johnson and Young were sentenced to four months in prison for conspiring to buy votes and vote buying. Jennings was sentenced to two months in prison for vote buying and conspiracy.

SOURCES

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KENTUCKY

Jeffrey Newport, Martha Hughes, Tony Gumm, William Proffitt, Corey Page, and Michael Page

CONVICTED: 2011
Buying Votes

Six defendants pleaded guilty to charges of conspiring to buy votes in the 2006 Monroe County General Election in favor of certain candidates. Gumm was sentenced to 3 years' probation with eight months' home detention and a \$4,000 fine. Martha Hughes, Michael Page, and Corey Page were each sentenced to two years' probation and six months' home detention. Newport was sentenced to two years' probation, two months' home incarceration, and ordered to pay a \$500 fine. Proffitt was sentenced to two years' probation and ordered to pay \$1000 in fines.

SOURCES

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Randy Salyer

CONVICTED: 2011
Buying Votes

Randy Salyer, an operative in a vote-buying scheme connected to Magoffin County Judge-Executive Charles "Doc" Hardin, was convicted of two counts of vote-buying. A joint investigation by the Kentucky Attorney General's office and the FBI revealed that Salyer paid individuals \$100 each to bring him their absentee ballots. He was sentenced to 21 months in federal prison, but amazingly upon his release Judge-Executive Hardin hired Salyer as an assistant, likely as a reward for not testifying against him, according to documents filed by the prosecutor in the case.

SOURCES

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Wilbur Graves, Wanda Moore, Gary Bartley, and Ronald Muse

CONVICTED: 2010
Buying Votes

Wilbur Graves, a former judge-executive for Monroe County, was convicted along with Wanda Moore, Gary Bartley, and Ronald Muse in a vote buying scheme during the 2006 Monroe County general election. Moore and Muse both reached a plea agreement with prosecutors, testifying against Wilbur Graves. During the testimony, Moore stated that Graves provided her \$20,000 to \$30,000 which Moore used to buy votes for Graves. She paid about 140 voters \$40 to \$60 per vote. Graves was convicted and sentenced to 12 months and one day in prison, two years' supervised release, and a \$5,000 fine. Moore was sentenced to two years' probation and a \$400 fine. The judge sentenced Bartley to six months' probation/home confinement and ordered him to pay a \$2,000 fine. Muse was sentenced to time served.

SOURCES

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KENTUCKY

R. Cletus Maricle, Douglas Adams, Freddy Thompson, Stanley Bowling, Charles Jones, William Stivers, William Morris, and Debra Morris

CONVICTED: 2010
Buying Votes

Eight defendants (including a former circuit judge, a former school superintendent, a county clerk, a magistrate, and a former Democratic election commissioner) were convicted of vote-buying, mail fraud, extortion, and money laundering for checking lists of voters to identify those who would take bribes and for organizing people to drive them to the polls, where complicit precinct workers made sure they voted correctly and gave them a ticket to redeem for payment. After a lengthy appeals process, and after all 8 had served 40 months in prison, their sentences were reduced to: William Morris - 5 years, 6 months; Debra Morris - 3 years, 4 months; Stanley Bowling - 5 years, 6 months; Maricle, Stivers, Adams - 100 days' home incarceration, 2 years' supervised release; Freddy Thompson - 2 years' supervised release. Charles Jones has not yet been sentenced.

SOURCES

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Chester Jones and Sherman Neace

CONVICTED: 2010

Buying Votes

Chester Jones and Sherman Neace pleaded guilty to charges stemming from a vote-buying scheme masterminded by the two men during the 2008 election. Jones was running for the Perry County School Board and also served as chairman of the county Democratic Party executive committee. Neace, a former county judge-executive, was running for magistrate. The pair accepted \$7,500 from the Kentucky Democratic Party to fund get-out-the-vote efforts, but instead used the money to buy the votes of 75 Perry County voters for \$100 apiece. Both men pleaded guilty to mail-fraud charges for mailing false campaign spending documents to state agencies to cover up their illegal activity. Jones was sentenced to one year in prison, and Neace was sentenced to three years of probation, serving the first six months on home confinement.

SOURCES

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Robert Madon

CONVICTED: 2009

Buying Votes

Robert Madon, a former mayor of Pineville, Kentucky, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to buy votes in his November 2006 election. He used his son to pay voters \$10-\$20 to cast absentee ballots for him in the election, even paying one woman \$50 to leave town after her absentee ballot was refused when she told town officials she would not be out of town on Election Day. He was sentenced to 20 months in federal prison, two years of supervised release, and fined \$4,000.

SOURCES

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KENTUCKY

Brent Madon

CONVICTED: 2009
Buying Votes

Brent Madon, of Pineville, Kentucky, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to buy votes after he paid voters \$10-\$20 to vote for his father, a candidate for Pineville mayor in the November 2006 election, using absentee ballots. He was sentenced to twelve months in federal prison and three years of supervised release, the first six months of which were spent in home confinement.

SOURCES

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Stephen Ray Thomason

CONVICTED: 2009
Ineligible Voting

Stephen Ray Thomason pleaded guilty to a felony charge of registering to vote despite being a convicted felon. Thomason had been convicted of homicide in 1972, but only months later was able to register to vote. His status as a convicted felon was apparently “overlooked” by state officials. The son of Thomason’s victim brought the matter of his illegal voting to the attention of the state. The Kentucky Attorney General planned to recommend a one-year sentence for Thomason.

SOURCES

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Fred Clinton Johnson

CONVICTED: 2007
Buying Votes

An eastern Kentucky county magistrate, Johnson was convicted of buying votes in the 2002 primary. He was sentenced to 14 months in prison and forced to pay \$10,000 in fines.

SOURCES

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KENTUCKY

Randy Thompson, John Mac Combs, Phillip Champion, and Ronnie Adams

CONVICTED: 2006
Buying Votes

Knott County Judge-Executive Randy Thompson was sentenced to 40 months in prison for a vote buying scheme involving use of public funds to improve driveways and build bridges on private property. Judge-executive assistants Combs and Champion, as well as a former county magistrate, were also sentenced, receiving 36 months, 18 months, and 32 months, respectively.

SOURCES

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KENTUCKY

Johnny Ray Turner

CONVICTED: 2006
Buying Votes

State Senator Johnny Ray Turner pleaded guilty to “non-willfully” making campaign expenditures for the purpose of influencing voters and was sentenced to three months’ home detention and one year of probation.

SOURCES

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Newton Johnson

CONVICTED: 2005
Buying Votes

Newton Johnson pleaded guilty to buying votes in the 1998 Knott County primary election.

SOURCES

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Phillip Slone

CONVICTED: 2005
Buying Votes

Phillip Slone pleaded guilty to vote buying in a federal election for offering to pay seven voters \$50 dollars each for voting in the primary election. He was sentenced to 3 years' probation.

SOURCES

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Donnie Newsome

CONVICTED: 2003
Buying Votes

Knott County Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome was convicted of conspiracy to buy votes and vote buying in the May 1998 Knott County primary election. He was sentenced to 26 months in prison and fined \$20,000.

SOURCES

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Willard Smith

CONVICTED: 2003
Buying Votes

Willard Smith was convicted of conspiracy to buy votes and vote buying in the May 1998 Knott County primary election. He was accused of paying impoverished, handicapped, illiterate, or otherwise impaired persons to vote for Knott County Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome by absentee ballot. Smith was sentenced to two years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

SOURCES

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KENTUCKY

Edward F. Prichard, Jr.

CONVICTED: 1948
Altering the Vote Count

Edward F. Prichard, Jr., a former law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, was widely seen as a future governor. In 1948, Mr. Prichard was sentenced to two years for stuffing 254 ballot boxes.

SOURCES

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