

MARYLAND

Linda Earlette Wells

CONVICTED: 2013

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

Linda Earlette Wells pleaded guilty to impersonating a voter after she attempted to vote as her deceased mother. While she was a registered voter in Florida, Wells called the town where her mother had been registered, claimed to be her mother (who had passed away) and asserted that she had not, in fact, died. She then obtained an absentee ballot and attempted to vote in the 2012 presidential election.

SOURCES

bit.ly/2tt1vLb

bit.ly/2ttehJl

MASSACHUSETTS

Mark Atlas

CONVICTED: 2015

Impersonation Fraud at the Polls

Mark Atlas, of Worcester, Massachusetts, was charged in 2013 with voter fraud for voting under someone else's name. Although Atlas' attorney claimed it was just a prank, he admitted to sufficient facts for a guilty finding. The charge was continued without a finding for one year, and Atlas was ordered to pay \$1000 in court costs, as well as serve 200 hours of community service.

SOURCES

bit.ly/2rCzJuo

bit.ly/2rCvUVV

bit.ly/2rCAp2U

MASSACHUSETTS

Courtney Llewellyn

CONVICTED: 2013

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

Courtney Llewellyn, an East Longmeadow town employee, conspired with her husband to cast absentee ballots in her husband's race for state office. She changed the party registration of 285 registered Democrats to unaffiliated, and then requested Republican primary ballots for all of them. She and her husband took the ballots on the pretense of mailing them to the voters, but never did so. Llewellyn pleaded guilty to five charges including larceny, forgery, conspiracy, and interfering with an election official. She was sentenced to one year of probation.

SOURCES

bit.ly/2spQwn2

bit.ly/2tNACKm

MASSACHUSETTS

Enrico “Jack” Villamaino

CONVICTED: 2013

False Registrations

Former Selectman Enrico Villamaino, a candidate for the Massachusetts House of Representatives, pleaded guilty to charges of larceny, interfering with an election official, forgery of a document, perjury, and conspiracy to commit an unlawful act for changing the party affiliations of 280 voters. He received a split sentence - one year imprisonment, but only 4 months behind bars. The remainder will be suspended.

SOURCES

bit.ly/2eVFMXx

MASSACHUSETTS

Stephen “Stat” Smith

CONVICTED: 2012

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

Former State Representative Stephen Smith pleaded guilty to two counts of voter fraud in a scheme in which he obtained absentee ballots for ineligible voters and, in some cases, cast their ballots without their knowledge. He was sentenced to four months in prison, a year of supervised release, and ordered to pay a \$20,000 fine.

SOURCES

bit.ly/2ffdkym

bit.ly/2eoDtLD

MICHIGAN

Brandon Hall

CONVICTED: 2016

Ballot Petition Fraud

Brandon Hall was convicted of ten counts of ballot petition fraud stemming from the 2012 election. Chris Houghtaling, who sought to become a candidate for the Ottawa County District Court, hired Hall to acquire the necessary signatures for his candidacy; Houghtaling reportedly did not care whether the signatures were collected legally or illegally, and even assisted in Hall’s crime by providing him old 2010 petitions to copy. Hall, realizing he did not collect enough signatures, used a phone book to complete the rest. Hall’s friend, Zachary Savage, assisted with the fraud, but prosecutors granted him immunity in exchange for his testimony. Hall appealed his conviction, which was affirmed. He is awaiting sentencing.

SOURCES

bit.ly/2hC6I5Z

bit.ly/2gFcoXh