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Perth Amboy City Council

CONVICTED: 2015 Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

Fernando Gonzalez won a seat on the Perth Amboy City Council by 10 votes in an election where at least 13 illegal absentee ballots were cast. A Superior Court judge subsequently overturned the election results and ordered a new election be held in May 2015 for the seat.

SOURCES

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Spencer Robbins

CONVICTED: 2014 False Registrations

Spencer Robbins, a municipal judge in Middlesex County, NJ, was forced to resign after it was discovered he registered to vote (and actually voted in 22 elections and democratic primaries) using the address of his Woodbridge law office. Although charged with two counts of third-degree voter fraud, Robbins was allowed to enter into a pre-trial intervention program, which means the charges will be dismissed if he successfully completes the program.

SOURCES

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**Belkis M. Cespedes, Ana Vely-Gomez,
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Wilson A. Torres, Octavio A. Dominguez, Juana A. Gill,
Jose E. Gonzalez, Lourdes Inoa, and Dalila Rodriguez**

CONVICTED: 2014

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

Eleven individuals were arrested in a state investigation of possible manipulation of absentee ballots in the election of Paterson Councilman, Rigo Rodriguez. They entered into pre-trial intervention (PTI), a probationary program, to avoid trial and possible prison time.

SOURCES

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John Fernandez

CONVICTED: 2012

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John Fernandez, who worked for the Essex County Department of Economic Development, was convicted of election fraud, absentee ballot fraud, and forgery. Fernandez submitted phony absentee ballots while he was working on the 2007 election campaign of state Sen. Teresa Ruiz. Fernandez's scheme involved messenger ballots, which are used by voters home-bound by illness or a disability. Fernandez fraudulently obtained the ballots, then filled them out on behalf of the voters who had never received them. He received a five-year sentence.

SOURCES

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Ronald Harris

CONVICTED: 2011

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Ronald Harris pleaded guilty to charges in connection with an absentee ballot fraud conspiracy, in which he and 13 others shredded ballots which cast votes for the opposition during the 2009 Atlantic City Democratic primary. He was sentenced to 181 days in prison.

SOURCES

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Angel Colon

CONVICTED: 2011

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

Angel Colon pleaded guilty to a charge of second-degree election fraud for fraudulently submitting absentee messenger ballots on behalf of voters who never received the ballots or had an opportunity to cast their votes. He was sentenced to three years in prison.

SOURCES

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Ernest Storr

CONVICTED: 2010

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Ernest Storr pleaded guilty to committing absentee ballot fraud by tampering with ballots in the Atlantic City mayoral campaigns of Marty Small and former Mayor Scott Evans. Storr tampered with absentee ballots and instructed a Small campaign worker to do the same. Storr was one of fourteen individuals arrested on various voter fraud charges involving Councilman Small's failed 2009 mayoral bid. He was sentenced to probation in May 2013.

SOURCES

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Gianine Narvaez

CONVICTED: 2010

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

Gianine Narvaez, a former data processing technician for the Essex County Commissioner of Registration and Superintendent of Elections, pleaded guilty to third-degree charges of absentee ballot fraud and tampering with public records or information. Narvaez was sentenced to a 3-year prison term.

SOURCES

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Samuel Gonzalez, John Fernandez, Edwin Cruz, and Rocio Rivera

CONVICTED: 2009

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Rocio Rivera, Samuel Gonzalez, and Edwin Cruz were indicted for tampering with ballots and fraudulently submitting ballots in favor of New Jersey Senator Teresa Ruiz. They obtained messenger ballots from the county clerk and submitted them to the board of elections as votes on behalf of voters who, in fact, never received or filled out their ballots. John Fernandez was convicted of conspiracy (2nd degree), election fraud (2nd degree), absentee ballot fraud (3rd degree), tampering with public records or information (3rd degree), and forgery (4th degree). Cruz pleaded guilty to third-degree tampering with public records or information, and Rivera pleaded guilty to third-degree absentee ballot fraud. Gonzalez agreed to forfeit his seat on the freeholder board and his job as an aide to a Newark city councilman, and he was admitted into the Pre-Trial Intervention Program (PTI).

SOURCES

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Jamel Holley

CONVICTED: 2009

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

Former Roselle Borough Council President Jamel Holley was charged with absentee ballot fraud for filling out and submitting more than 20 ballots in the 2006 election. The judge permitted Holley to enter into a pretrial intervention program for one year (if successfully completed, the charges would be dismissed) and to pay a \$125 fine. Holley has since been elected mayor of Roselle and appointed to the New Jersey General Assembly.

SOURCES

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