

OKLAHOMA

Darryl Cates

CONVICTED: 2012

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

Darryl Cates, of Westville, entered a plea of nolo contendere to charges of false notarization of absentee ballots. The charges stemmed from the 2009 Cave Springs School District election, in which 33 ballots were disputed based on inconsistencies between the signatures on ballot request forms and voter affidavits. All of the contested ballots were notarized by Cates. He was essentially charged with signing the names of two voters on absentee ballots. Following his plea, Cates received a three year deferred sentence.

SOURCES

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Deanna Swenson

CONVICTED: 2013

Altering the Vote Count

Deanna Swenson, a Clackamas County elections official, pleaded guilty to official misconduct and unlawfully altering a ballot for tampering with ballots by filling in blank spots left by the actual voters. Swenson was ordered to serve 90 days in jail and pay \$13,000 in fines.

SOURCES

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OREGON

Lafayette Keaton

CONVICTED: 2012
Duplicate Voting

Lafayette Keaton pleaded guilty to making false statements to elections officials after using the identities of his deceased son and brother to cast multiple ballots. Keaton was sentenced to three months imprisonment, fined \$5,000, and was placed in a one-year post-prison supervision program.

SOURCES

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Diana Clagett

CONVICTED: 2006
Ballot Petition Fraud

During a 2006 ballot measure, Diana Clagett submitted three signature sheets that contained 27 “questionable signatures” that either belonged to unregistered voters or did not match the signatures on voter registration cards. A Multnomah County grand jury indicted Clagett on two counts of making false statements. She subsequently pleaded guilty to one felony count and was placed on probation.

SOURCES

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Paul Frankel and James Gurga

CONVICTED: 2001
Ballot Petition Fraud

Paul Frankel and his accomplice James Gurga used a “bait and switch” technique. They had a fake petition that called for lowering gas taxes which they kept on the top of their clipboards at Lloyd Center Mall in Portland. After people signed it, they would tell them that they had to “verify” their signature by signing all the pages underneath. What the signers didn’t know is that they had fooled them into unwittingly signing real petitions. Frankel and Gurga pleaded guilty to fraud charges and election law violations.

SOURCES

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Asa Steven Large

CONVICTED: 2001
Duplicate Voting

Asa Large registered and voted in Wasa and Hood River counties during three elections between 1997-99. He was charged and found guilty of double-voting, a class C felony. He received 36 months’ probation, 250 hours of community service and a \$1,328 fine. He was also ordered to take a civics class and send a letter of apology to the editor of The Dalles Chronicle.

SOURCES

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Terri Louise Kobialka

CONVICTED: 2000

Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

Terri Kobialka was a University of Oregon student during the 2000 election when she filled out a ballot mailed to her apartment in the name of a former tenant. Kobilaka pleaded guilty to falsely signing a ballot, a class C felony. She was sentenced to 18 months of probation, ordered to complete 120 hours of community service, and fined \$500.

SOURCES

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PENNSYLVANIA

Cheryl Ali (also known as Cheryl Jamison)

CONVICTED: 2016

Impersonation Fraud at the Polls

Cheryl Ali, 57, pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor charges - unlawful assistance in voting and falsely holding the position of an election officer. In the May 2014 primary, Ali voted on behalf of her mother whom she claimed was ill. In the May 2014 general election, Ali served as machine inspector at a polling place even though she did not live in that division. Ali was sentenced to one year of probation and stripped of her voting rights for the next four years. As part of her plea bargain, the felony charges against her were dismissed.

SOURCES

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