

# SOUTH DAKOTA

## Rudolph Vargas

**CONVICTED: 2005**  
Duplicate Voting

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Rudolph Vargas pleaded guilty to voting more than once during the 2004 fall election.

### SOURCES

[bit.ly/2fL6HX4](https://bit.ly/2fL6HX4)

# TENNESSEE

## Brenda Woods

**CONVICTED: 2014**  
Ineligible Voting

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Originally convicted in 2010, Brenda Woods, former Bolivar City Council member, was granted - and lost - a new trial in 2014. Woods drove three ineligible voters (convicted felons) to the polls to vote for her in an election in which she was running for City Council and mayor. Woods received suspended, concurrent two-year terms on each of three counts.

### SOURCES

[bit.ly/2fmi98Z](https://bit.ly/2fmi98Z)

# TENNESSEE

## Linda Brewer

**CONVICTED: 2012**  
Ineligible Voting

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Linda Brewer pleaded guilty to one count of illegal voting, a class E felony, and was sentenced to one year of supervised probation.

### SOURCES

[bit.ly/2elp0wZ](https://bit.ly/2elp0wZ)

[bit.ly/2eGPBW8](https://bit.ly/2eGPBW8)

# TENNESSEE

## Gayle Copeland

**CONVICTED: 2011**  
False Registrations

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Gayle Lee Copeland, Jr., 54, pleaded guilty to charges including two counts of illegal voting as well as criminal impersonation and food stamp fraud. Copeland was detected because of new voter ID laws recently passed in Tennessee.

### SOURCES

[bit.ly/2f8Bnhp](https://bit.ly/2f8Bnhp)

[bit.ly/2f1u4dP](https://bit.ly/2f1u4dP)

# TENNESSEE

## James Gary Norman

**CONVICTED: 2009**

Ineligible Voting and False Registrations

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The Loudon County resident was found guilty of a Class E Felony for illegal voting and registration.

### SOURCES

[bit.ly/2e8wU1p](https://bit.ly/2e8wU1p)

# TENNESSEE

## Verline Mayo, Gertrude Otteridge, and Mary McClatcher

**CONVICTED: 2007**

Misc. Voter Fraud

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Verline Mayo, Gertrude Otteridge, and Mary McClatcher pleaded guilty to felony charges, after admitting that, while acting as poll workers, they conspired to cast at least three falsified votes - two of them in the name of deceased voters - as part of a scheme to favor State Senate candidate Ophelia Ford. Ford won the 2005 election by only 13 votes, but the result was thrown out by the Senate citing the fraudulent votes. Mayo received two years' probation, \$1,000 in fines and 200 hours of community service. Otteridge and McClatcher were sentenced to one year probation plus fines and community service.

### SOURCES

[memne.ws/2fCh93S](https://memne.ws/2fCh93S)

# TENNESSEE

## Mary Lou Simpson

**CONVICTED: 2005**

Impersonation Fraud at the Polls

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Mary Lou Simpson, of Manchester was arrested after the 2004 election for attempting to vote in the name of her deceased sister. Ms. Simpson was spotted by a poll worker who recognized that she had already voted earlier in the day. The facts have been confirmed by the district attorney's office which prosecuted the case. The then 63-year-old woman was convicted of a class E felony which is punishable by up to two years in prison.

### SOURCES

[bit.ly/2evh0N2](https://bit.ly/2evh0N2)

[bit.ly/1H6wudY](https://bit.ly/1H6wudY)

# TEXAS

## Rosa Maria Ortega

**CONVICTED: 2017**

Ineligible Voting

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Rosa Maria Ortega, a non-citizen, was found guilty on two counts of voting in the November 2012 general election and the 2014 Republican primary runoff. Ortega claimed she thought she was a citizen, and blamed her lack of education for the mixup, but prosecutors pointed out that Ortega had previously indicated on a drivers license application that she was a non-citizen. A judge sentenced her to eight years' imprisonment, after which she faces the possibility of deportation.

### SOURCES

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[bit.ly/2kNcL4a](https://bit.ly/2kNcL4a)

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