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Vafalay Massaquoi

CONVICTED: 2017
False Registrations

Vafalay Massaquoi pleaded guilty to one count of falsifying voter registration applications and two counts of forging a public record. While working for New Virginia Majority, a liberal advocacy group, Massaquoi filed voter applications for completely made-up Alexandria residents. An Alexandria official noticed the voter applications were all filled out in the same handwriting and turned the documents over to the authorities. Massaquoi was sentenced to five years' imprisonment for each count. His sentences were set to run concurrently and will be suspended pending his good behavior. He was also sentenced to 500 hours of community service.

SOURCES

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Mary P. Taylor

CONVICTED: 2016
Miscellaneous

Mary P. Taylor was found guilty of a misdemeanor charge of “communicating false information to registered voters.” Taylor, a critic of the Hampton school board, designed a fake website registered in the name of Ann Stephens Cherry, a candidate for the board, which endorsed incumbent Martha Mugler. On the website, Taylor posted a fake election date that fell one week after the real election. The Judge sentenced Taylor to 100 hours of community service and imposed a \$1,000 fine.

SOURCES

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William “Billy” Everett Mills, Jr.

CONVICTED: 2016
False Registrations

When Billy Mills ran for sheriff in Nelson County, he submitted a candidate qualification form with an address in that county. It was later uncovered that Mills did not live at the address he provided and was not a resident of Nelson County. This was a clear violation of state law that requires all members of government to be residents in the district over which they preside. Mills was originally charged with a Class 5 Felony, as part of a plea deal, it was reduced to a misdemeanor. He was sentenced to six month suspended sentence.

SOURCES

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Jennifer Derrebery

CONVICTED: 2013
Ballot Petition Fraud

Jennifer Derrebery of Bassett, VA pleaded guilty to felony counts of election fraud and perjury after she produced hundreds of fraudulent signatures on a petition to get Newt Gingrich on the ballot for the Republican presidential nomination. She received a ten year suspended sentence and five years' probation, and she was required to pay \$1,266 in court costs.

SOURCES

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Augusta County Circuit Court, Case Nos. CR13000083-00, CR13000084-00

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Bonnie Nicholson

CONVICTED: 2013
Ineligible Voting

Bonnie Nicholson pleaded guilty to forgery and election fraud. Despite being a felon and ineligible to vote, Nicholson registered and then voted in the 2012 election. She was sentenced to five years in prison on each charge, all of which were suspended, and one year of probation on each charge.

SOURCES

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Adam Ward

CONVICTED: 2013
Ballot Petition Fraud

Adam Ward, an employee of the Gingrich presidential campaign, pleaded guilty to 36 counts of voter fraud, as well as perjury after admitting that he forged signatures during the drive to get Gingrich on the Virginia primary ballot. Out of 11,000 signatures collected by Ward, 4,000 could not be confirmed.

SOURCES

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Feda Morton

CONVICTED: 2012
Ballot Petition Fraud

Feda Morton, a former congressional candidate, pleaded guilty to falsifying a campaign document after admitting that she convinced friends to sign a petition to get a favored political candidate on the ballot for a 2011 election. Submitting the signatures for notarization, Morton attested to having personally witnessed the signatures even though she hadn't. Morton was sentenced to probation.

SOURCES

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James Halfaday

CONVICTED: 2011
False Registrations

James Halfaday pleaded guilty to a felony election fraud after admitting that he lied about his residency while running for Charlottesville City Council. Halfaday received a five year prison sentence, with all but 60 days suspended. He was ordered to complete 40 hours of community service.

SOURCES

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Bernard Pace

CONVICTED: 2010
Ineligible Voting

Bernard Pace pleaded guilty to charges of election fraud and forgery. Pace voted in the 2008 election despite being a felon and therefore ineligible. He was sentenced to a five year suspended prison term.

SOURCES

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Ben Cooper and 14 co-conspirators

CONVICTED: 2007
Buying Votes/Fraudulent Use of Absentee Ballots

Former Appalachia mayor Ben Cooper and 14 others were convicted of voter fraud after conspiring to manipulate the 2004 elections in his town by buying the votes of residents, offering them cigarettes, beer, and pork rinds. He and his supporters also stole absentee ballots from the mail. This was the largest voter fraud conspiracy to date in Virginia. Cooper was sentenced to 10 years in prison, but the term was suspended after he served two years in jail and another two years in electronic home monitoring detention. Most of the other 14 defendants received suspended sentences or house arrest for following Cooper's lead.

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