

Arizona Attorney General's Office - Fraud & Special Prosecutions Section

Prosecutions Related to Voting or Elections Since 2010

*These are **only** cases prosecuted by the Arizona Attorney General's Office.
This is not a comprehensive list of all voter fraud cases in Arizona.*

1. **State v. Peter Canova** – Maricopa County (CR 2011-005543-001 DT) – Defendant fined \$9,200.00 (\$5,000.00 + 84% surcharge); ordered to complete 200 hours of community restitution; placed on unsupervised probation for 2 years.
2. **State v. Gina Canova** – Maricopa County (CR 2011-005543-002 DT) – Defendant fined \$13,800.00 (\$7,500.00 + 84% surcharge); ordered to complete 300 hours of community restitution; placed on unsupervised probation for 2 years.
3. **State v. John Patrick Marotta** – Maricopa County (CR 2011-006088-001 DT) – Defendant fined \$4,600.00 (\$2,500.00 + 84% surcharge) which was paid in full at the time of sentencing; completed 50 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing.
4. **State v. Rodney Paul Jones** – Maricopa County (CR 2011-005390-001 DT) – Defendant fined \$4,600.00 (\$2,500.00 + 84% surcharge) which was paid in full at the time of sentencing; ordered to complete 50 hours of community restitution (which were completed prior to sentencing); placed on unsupervised probation for 1 month.
5. **State v. Shanna Katz-Kattari** – Maricopa County (CR 2014-005242-001 DT) – Defendant fined \$4,575.00 (\$2,500.00 + 83% surcharge) which was paid in full at the time of sentencing; completed 67 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing; placed on 2 months unsupervised probation.
6. **State v. Milton Fender** – Pinal County (CR 2014-01434) – Defendant fined \$2,500.00 which was paid in full at the time of sentencing; completed 100 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing.
7. **State v. Debi Gangaware Fender** – Pinal County (CR 2014-01434) – Defendant fined \$2,500.00 which was paid in full at the time of sentencing; community service waived due to medical condition.
8. **State v. Curtis Vernon Pyeatt** – La Paz County (CR 2014-00069) – Defendant fined \$2,500.00; ordered to complete 100 hours of community restitution; placed on 364 days of supervised probation.

9. ***State v. Edward Thomas Nichols*** – Pinal County (CR 2014-01462) – Defendant fined \$4,575.00 (\$2,500.00 + 83% surcharge) which was paid at the time of sentencing; ordered to complete 100 hours of community service while on probation; placed on 18 months unsupervised probation.
10. ***State v. Regina Kay Beaupre*** – Maricopa County (CR 2015-001711-001 DT) – Defendant fined \$9,150.00 (\$5,000.00 + 83% surcharge) which was paid at the time of sentencing; placed on 12 months unsupervised probation; community service waived due to disability.
11. ***State v. Steven Jeffrey Streeter*** – Maricopa County (CR 2015-002203) – Defendant fined \$5,000.00 which was paid in full at the time of sentencing; completed 100 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing; placed on two 2 months unsupervised probation.
12. ***State v. Mary Patricia Gregerson*** – Pima County (CR 2015-2575) – Defendant fined \$4,575.00 (\$2,500.00 + 83% surcharge) which was paid at the time of sentencing; completed 100 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing.
13. ***State v. Jeffery Worth Hitchcock*** – Graham County (CR 2015-00229) – Defendant fined \$2,500.00 which was paid at the time of sentencing; completed 100 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing; placed on 1 year unsupervised probation.
14. ***State v. Tom Lee West*** – Maricopa County (CR 2015-002288) – Defendant fined \$4,575.00 (\$2,500.00 + 83% surcharge) which was paid in full at the time of sentencing; completed 100 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing.
15. ***State v. Franklin West Turner*** – Mohave County (CR 2015-00733) – Defendant fined \$9,150.00 (\$5,000.00 + 83% surcharge) which was paid in full at the time of sentencing; completed 200 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing.
16. ***State v. Jay Sherill Thompson*** – Santa Cruz County (CR 2016-0015) – Defendant fined \$2,500.00 which was paid in full at the time of sentencing; completed 100 hours of community restitution prior to sentencing.
17. **[State v. Richard John Greenfield](#)** – Pima County (CR 2019-2680) – Defendant fined \$4,575.00 (\$2,500.00 + 83% surcharge); ordered to complete 100 hours of community restitution; placed on 2 years of supervised probation; offense was left undesignated at the time of sentencing. Defendant pled guilty to one count of Attempted Illegal Voting for voting in both Pima County, Arizona and Washoe County, Nevada during the 2016 General Election.
18. **[State v. Randy Allen Jumper](#)** – Pima County (CR 2019-3452) – Defendant fined \$9,150.00 (\$5,000.00 + 83% surcharge); ordered to complete 300 hours of community restitution; placed on 3 years of supervised probation; offense was left undesignated at the time of sentencing. Defendant pled guilty to one count of Attempted Illegal Voting for voting in both Pima County, Arizona and Washoe County, Nevada during the 2016 General Election.

19. [State v. Brad Luebke](#) – (JC 2018-43520) – Defendant pled guilty to violation of “seventy-five foot limit” statute (a Class 2 misdemeanor); fined \$400 + mandatory surcharge; placed on 6 months of probation. Defendant entered a polling place in Goodyear on November 6, 2018 with a holstered BB gun and a camera. Defendant was asked to remove items from the polling place in order to vote, refused, and when officers arrived defendant was outside the polling location with a holstered BB gun and a camera.
20. [State v. Victor Varela](#) - Coconino County (CR 2020-00609) – Defendant fined \$5,000.00, placed on two years’ supervised probation, ordered to write an apology letter and publish the letter at his own expense in the Arizona Daily Sun newspaper three separate times for the “harm” he caused to “public confidence in elections.” Legally precluded from seeking or holding office for five years from date of sentencing. Defendant was a candidate for Flagstaff mayor knowingly made and submitted forged petition signatures.
21. [State v. Lorenzo U. Herrera](#) – Maricopa County (CR 2020-001907) – Defendant fined \$1,000.00, placed on three years’ supervised probation, ordered to complete 300 hours of community service. Legally precluded from seeking or holding office for five years from date of sentencing. Defendant was indicted in September 2020 for Attempted Fraudulent Scheme and Practices, Forgery, and Perjury. The charges stemmed from Herrera’s attempt to qualify for Clean Elections Funding in 2018, where he presented forged \$5 contribution forms to the Secretary of State’s Office. The defendant took the identities of 16 individuals with the goal of attempting to obtain money from the Citizens Clean Elections Fund.
22. **State v. Nina Mae Becker** – Maricopa County (CR 2020-002008) – **Case ongoing.**
23. [State v. Alma Yadira Juarez](#) – Yuma County (CR 2020-01214) – **Case Ongoing.** Defendant entered a guilty plea to Ballot Abuse (“ballot harvesting”) in March 2022. Defendant is scheduled to be sentenced on September 1, 2022. Defendant knowingly collected four voted ballots from another person and deposited them into a ballot box on Election Day during the August 2020 primary.
24. [State v. AZ Petition Partners LLC](#) – Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2020-000467) / AZ Court of Appeals 1 (CA-SA 21-0170) – **Case ongoing.** Defendant was indicted in September 2020 and charged with 50 misdemeanor counts in connection with alleged payments under illegal bonus programs purportedly paid to contracted petition circulators gathering signatures for the Invest in Ed ballot initiative.
25. [State v. Tracey Kay McKee](#) – Maricopa County Superior Court (CR 2021-001430) – Defendant pled guilty to a felony count of Attempted Illegal Voting for casting a vote in the name of a deceased person through an early ballot in the 2020 General Election. Defendant sentenced to two years’ probation and \$1,000 fine on April 29, 2022. Defendant signed the name of her deceased mother’s early ballot envelope after she passed away and mailed it to Maricopa County for the November 2020 General Election.

26. [State v. Kyle Anthony Clark](#) – Pima County Superior Court (CR 2021-2919) – **Case ongoing**. Defendant was charged with one count of False Registration and one count of Illegal Voting for allegedly illegally registering to vote and casting a vote in the 2020 General Election while defendant was an inmate at the Pima County Jail. Defendant allegedly falsely completed a voter registration form indicating he had not been convicted of a felony, however, defendant had previously been convicted of a felony in 2016 and had not had his rights restored.
27. [State v. Shadae Alexis Smith](#) – Pima County Superior Court (CR 2021-002920) – Defendant pled guilty to felony Attempted Illegal Voting and was sentenced to 204 days in prison. Defendant falsely completed a voter registration form indicating she had not been convicted of a felony or that her rights had not been restored or that her rights had been restored. However, defendant had previously been convicted of two felony offenses and had not had her rights restored since her most recent conviction in 2010. Defendant cast a vote in the 2020 General Election while serving as an inmate at the Pima County Jail.
28. [State v. Kenneth Russell Nelson](#) – Pima County Superior Court – (CR 2021-3552) – Defendant pled guilty to felony Attempted Illegal Voting and was sentenced to 210 days in prison. Defendant falsely completed a voter registration form and casting a vote while he was an inmate at the Pima County Jail. In 2018 defendant filled out a voter registration form indicating he had not been convicted of a felony or that his rights had been restored. Defendant voted in the 2018 and in the 2020 General Election.
29. [State v. Guillermina Fuentes](#) – Yuma County Superior Court – (CR 2021-01029) – **Case ongoing**. Defendant entered a guilty plea to one count of Ballot Abuse (“ballot harvesting”)(C6F) on June 2, 2022. Defendant is scheduled to be sentenced on September 1, 2022. Defendant was indicted in December 2020 for her alleged role in an August 2020 Primary Election “ballot harvesting” scheme.
30. [State v. Victor Manuel Aguirre](#) – Pima County Superior Court – (CR 2021-2921) – Defendant was convicted on one felony count of Attempted Illegal Voting, and sentenced to 6 months in the Arizona Department of Corrections on August 29, 2022. Defendant was indicted on one count of False Registration and one count of Illegal Voting in August of 2021, for illegally registering to vote and casting a vote in the 2020 General Election while he was an inmate at the Pima County Jail. Defendant falsely completed a voter registration form indicating that he had not been convicted of a felony or that his rights had been restored, however, defendant had previously been convicted of five felony offenses and had not had his rights restored since his most recent conviction in 2018. Defendant’s vote was counted in the 2020 election.
31. [State v. William Laurance Lenhart & Justin Andrew Chambers](#) – Mohave County Superior Court – (CR 2021-01112) – **Lenhart** – pled guilty to violation of prohibition on giving corporate money to candidate campaign; fined \$2,000.00 + surcharges; placed on one year of probation and ordered to complete 50 hours of community service. **Chambers** - pled guilty to violation of

prohibition on giving corporate money to candidate campaigns; fined \$2,500.00 + surcharges; placed on one year of probation and ordered to complete 50 hours of community service.

32. [**State v. Sandra Finch Russell**](#) – Cochise County Superior Court – (CR 2021-0084) – Superior Court dismissed matter without prejudice on May 11, 2022.
33. [**State v. Michael Damien Herrera**](#) – Pima County Superior Court – (CR 2021-2922) – Defendant pled guilty to Attempted Illegal Voting and was sentenced to one year in the Arizona Department of Corrections on June 9, 2022. Defendant falsely completed a voter registration form indicating he had not been convicted of a felony or that his rights had been restored. Defendant, however, had previously been convicted of three felony offenses and had not had his rights restored since his most recent conviction in 2018. Defendant cast a vote in the 2020 General Election while he was an inmate at the Pima County Jail.
34. [**State v. Krista Michelle Conner**](#) – Cochise County Superior Court – (CR 2021-00868) – Defendant pled guilty to felony Attempted Illegal Voting on April 4, 2022. Defendant was sentenced to three years of supervised probation, fined \$890.00 in fines, and directed to complete 100 hours of community service on June 6, 2022. Additionally, defendant had her voter registration revoked and may have it reinstated once probation is complete. Defendant illegally cast the early ballot of her deceased mother during the 2020 General Election.
35. [**State v. Melinda Sue Baird**](#) – Maricopa County Downtown Justice Court – (JC 2021-138832) – Defendant pled guilty to Presenting a False Instrument for Filing for signing and mailing her deceased mother’s early ballot in the 2020 General Election. Sentenced to a term of probation, 100 hours of community service, and a \$1,000.00 fine + surcharges. Defendant completed community restitution in lieu of the monetary obligation, thereby terminating her probation.
36. [**State v. Roberto Garcia**](#) – Pinal County Superior Court – (CR 2022-00575) – **Case ongoing.** Defendant pled guilty to one count of Illegal Voting on July 25, 2022. Defendant illegally cast a vote in the 2020 General Election while he was not eligible to do so due to prior felony convictions and had not had his rights restored since his second conviction in 2006. Defendant faces a sentence between 6 months and 2.5 years in the Arizona Department of Corrections and is due back in court of sentencing on September 12, 2022.

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