

5 Shocking Cases of

Election

FRAUD



Introduction

Leftists in the media constantly push the false narrative that voter fraud doesn't exist. But no matter how much they repeat this pervasive lie, American patriots know better. You know that voter fraud doesn't just exist but is one of the greatest threats to the future of our republic.

That's why The Heritage Foundation created our Election Fraud Database. Through this database, our team has documented 1,500 proven instances of election fraud. We continue to investigate and document new cases every day. This is not an exhaustive list of election fraud cases across the country, but they do prove that election fraud is a major issue.

To help you navigate difficult conversations surrounding election fraud, we've compiled five of the most shocking cases from our database.

Because of vulnerabilities in state election laws, election fraud is relatively easy to commit and difficult to detect after the fact. Moreover, some public officials appear to be unconcerned with election fraud and fail to pursue cases that are reported to them. It is a general truism that you don't find what you don't look for.

That's why The Heritage Foundation is creating and promoting public policy solutions that will secure our elections, making it easier to vote and harder to cheat. And when future election fraud occurs, our team stands ready to investigate these cases and hold perpetrators accountable.

Please use these stories to educate yourself on the destructive impact election fraud has on our country and help spread the word on the dangers of this pernicious fraud.

CASE

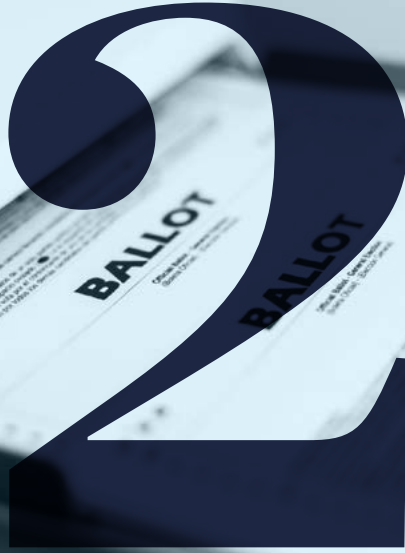


Location: Pennsylvania

CHARGE: ALTERING THE VOTE COUNT

Domenick Demuro, a Judge of Elections in Philadelphia and a Democratic ward leader accepted bribes to add fraudulent ballots to voting machines and falsely certify election results for certain Democrat candidates in the 2014, 2015, and 2016 primary elections.

According to the DOJ press release, Demuro “admitted that a local political consultant gave him directions and paid him money to add votes for candidates supported by the consultant, including candidates for judicial office whose campaigns actually hired the consultant, and other candidates for various federal, state, and local elective offices preferred by that consultant for a variety of reasons.” Demuro pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to deprive Philadelphia voters of their civil rights and one violation of the Hatch act.



Location: Connecticut

CHARGE: FRAUDULENT USE OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The results of the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut Democratic mayoral primary election, which was held on September 12, 2023, were overturned due to absentee ballot fraud in an election where only 251 votes separated the winner (Joseph Ganim) and the loser (John Gomes).

Superior Court Judge William Clark ordered that a new primary election between Ganim (the party-endorsed candidate) and Gomes (the challenger) should be held because an unusually large number of absentee ballots that were counted had been illegally placed in drop boxes by two unauthorized ballot distributors who were Ganim supporters: Wanda Geter-Pataky (a Democratic Town Committee member and the Leader of Voting District 136) and Eneida Martinez (a candidate for City Council).

The court determined that videos of Geter-Pataky and Martinez illegally dropping off stacks of votes into various drop boxes “provided evidence of ballot harvesting, in violation of state law.” Geter-Pataky made 10 drops either

directly or indirectly, and Martinez made 5 separate drops of multiple ballots. The court also found “the volume of ballots mishandled is such [that] it calls the result of the primary election in serious doubt and unable to determine the legitimate result of the primary.”

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Location: Indiana

CHARGE: FRAUDULENT USE OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Allan “Twig” Simmons, an operative for the East Chicago mayor’s campaign, was charged with three counts of attempted obstruction of justice and six counts of ballot fraud after persuading individuals to let him fill out their absentee ballots in exchange for jobs. He pleaded guilty to three counts of fraudulent application, showing, examination, receipt, or delivery of ballots. He was sentenced to 3 years’ probation and 100 hours of community service. Fraud in the 2003 East Chicago mayoral primary was widespread, and the Indiana Supreme Court ultimately overturned the election results and ordered a special election for the mayoral race that resulted in a different winner.

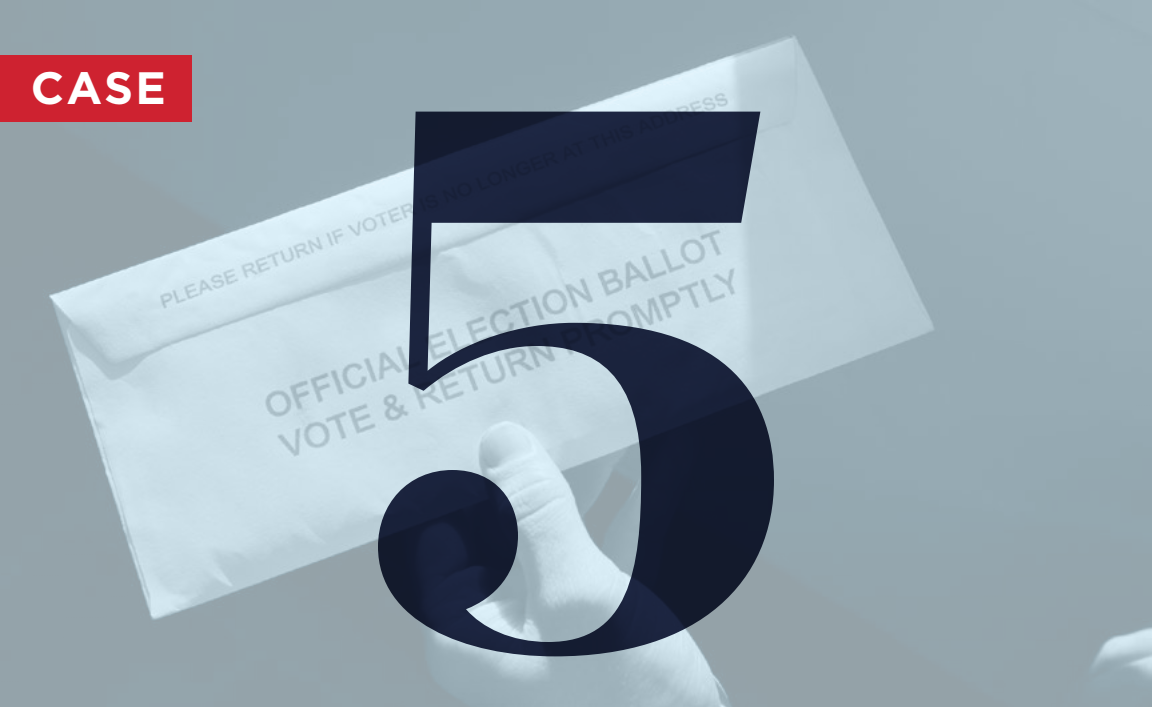
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Location: California

CHARGE: BUYING VOTES, BALLOT PETITION FRAUD

Christopher Williams was involved in a scheme that offered cigarettes and money to homeless people on Skid Row in exchange for fake signatures on ballot initiatives and voter registration forms. This resulted in hundreds of fraudulent signatures. He pleaded no contest to one felony count of circulating an initiative or petition containing false, forged, or fictitious names. Williams was sentenced to 3 years' probation.

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Location: California

CHARGE: TAMPERING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The Fresno Chapter of the Black American Political Association of California orchestrated a ballot harvesting scheme in order to win 13 seats on various Fresno County school boards. Through a scheme organized by Frank Revis, BAPAC received over 1,300 absentee ballots delivered to addresses provided by BAPAC, not those of the individual voters. Over 250 of those ballots were lost, while the rest were disqualified as containing invalid signatures or otherwise having been illegally cast. The California State Supreme Court overturned the results of the election due to fraud and tampering with absentee ballots.



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