

List of 40 Indicted in Vote Fraud

How Civil Rights Act Is Involved

Every citizen of the United States has the constitutional right to vote. That right goes hand in hand with the right to have that vote counted at its full value.

But that vote is diluted if someone else votes illegally or accepts an illegal vote as valid while serving as an election judge. For each illegal vote cast, a legal vote is canceled out.

When an illegal vote cancels a good vote, the citizen who voted legally is being deprived of his constitutional right to vote and of the additional constitutional right to equal protection of the law.

That is the theory under which the 40 persons named in yesterday's federal indictments for vote fraud were charged under 1968 amendments to the Civil Rights Act.

One of these amendments prohibits two or more persons from conspiring to "injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States . . ."

This conspiracy statute carries a stiff penalty of up to a 10-year prison sentence and a \$10,000 fine.

The other section was written to apply specifically to persons who commit the same violation while acting "under color of law," in these cases while acting as election judges appointed by the Circuit Court to enforce the election laws.

This statute prohibits election judges from wilfully subjecting citizens to the "deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States . . ."

It carries a possible prison sentence of not more than one year and a fine of not more than \$1,000.

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The 40 persons indicted for vote fraud by the federal grand jury and the violations they allegedly committed during the March primary are:

Precinct 11, Ward 1

Oscar Schwartz, 6100 N. Caldwell Av., allegedly forged signatures on three ballot applications, including those of his two sons, Aaron and Sidney. Schwartz and three election judges who witnessed the allegedly forged ballot applications were indicted for conspiring to dilute the votes of legal voters. The election judges are Joyce Williams, 1517 S. Michigan Av., and H. Elaine Nesbitt, 1253 S. Michigan Av., both Republican judges; and Brenda Jarrell, 111 W. Waupunias St., Dwight, Livingston County, a Democratic judge.

Precinct 26, Ward 14

Peter Rogers, assistant Democratic precinct captain, and three election judges were indicted for conspiring to dilute the votes of legal voters. The election judges, who allegedly witnessed or signed a large number of forged ballot applications, are Mary Rose, 521 S. Emerald Av., a Republican judge; Rosemarie Gray, 933 W. 53d St., a Democratic judge; and Carmella B. Dedda, 929 W. 53d St., a Democratic judge. One election judge told reporters that Rogers ran the polling place on election day to the point where he alone read the votes off the election machine at the close of the day.

Precinct 13, Ward 21

Melvin Maxwell, 646 W. 86th St., was indicted for diluting the votes of legal voters while acting under color of law as a Democratic election judge. He allegedly entered a voting machine several times and cast multiple votes.

Precinct 13, Ward 22

Patricia Jenkins, 24, of 1855 S. Karlov Av., a secretary at the House of Correction, was indicted for diluting the votes of legal voters while acting under color of law as a Republican election judge. She allegedly forged signatures on three Democratic ballot applications.

Precinct 7, Ward 24

All five election judges were charged with conspiring to dilute the votes of legal voters in this precinct, which had both Republican and Democratic forged ballot applications. The judges are Lois D. Cockerham, 1953 S. Ayers Av.; Gracie Curry, 1907 S. Springfield Av., and Earnestine Price, 1907 S. Springfield Av., all Democratic judges, and Carrie M. Robinson, 1900 S. Avers, and Cecelia McKenzie, 1962 S. Hamlin Av., Republican judges.

Precinct 5, Ward 24

All five judges in this precinct were indicted for conspiring to dilute the votes of legal voters. They are Democratic judges Jane T. Berry, 3622 W. Grenshaw Av., and Delores Shavers, 3719 W. Grenshaw Av., and Republican judges Alice Bradford, 3625 W. Grenshaw, and Linda Alcorn and Mozell Shavers, both of 3719 W. Grenshaw Av.

Sixty-three blank ballot applications were used in this precinct, along with multiple forged applications. Miss Alcorn, who votes from the Grenshaw address but lives in another precinct, allegedly was the witnessing judge on many of them. She also voted twice, once as a Democrat and once as a Republican. A is charged.

Precinct 11, Ward 24

All five election judges in this precinct were indicted for conspiring to dilute the votes of legal voters. They are Republican judges Lovie Harvey, 1912 S. Sawyer Av.; Jackie Sims, 119 N. Mayfield Av., and Louise M. Patterson, 1842 S. Keebler Av.; and Democratic judges Persie Jones, 1528 S. Tripp Av., and Sylvia Beard, 7217 S. Phillips Av. The five allegedly allowed several forged ballot applications to be used to cast votes.

Miss Beard also was charged separately with forging four signatures.

Precinct 20, Ward 27

Three judges were indicted for conspiring to dilute the votes of legal voters. They include Dorothy Smith, a Democrat, and Bernice Baker, and Vickie Modica, both Republicans, all of whom listed their addresses as 30 S. Whipple St.

Dorothy Smith voted twice as a Democrat in the primary and the other two judges witnessed the ballot applications she signed without challenging her, it is charged.

Precinct 9, Ward 29

Darlene Stewart, 31, of 4154 W. Van Buren St., and Karole Jones, 22, of 4138 W. Jackson Blvd., both Republican judges, were indicted for conspiring to dilute legal votes by forging signatures on three ballot applications. It was charged Mrs. Jones' signature matched the forged signature used to cast a ballot in behalf of Laurena Jones, a patient who on March 21 was in County Hospital suffering from terminal cancer. She died the next day.

Precinct 24, Ward 31

All five election judges in this precinct were indicted for conspiring to dilute legal votes. They are Democratic judges Harry D. Pierson, 10548 S. Eggleston Av., Lettie B. Seymour, 10633 S. Emerald Av.; Parnesse Woods, 10510 S. Eggleston Av.; and Republican

judges Peter Liscich, 7349 W. Higgins Rd., and Linda C. Bradberry, 1081 W. 108th St.

Several blank ballot applications, some with Mrs. Bradberry's initials appearing on them, were used for voting in the primary, it is charged.

Liscich has charged that the other judges at first tried to keep him locked out of the polling place on election day. Later in the day, he said, Mrs. Bradberry pulled a gun and threatened a poll watcher during an argument. Mrs. Bradberry is employed by the sheriff's office as a bailiff in Municipal Court at 51st and State Streets.

Precinct 55, Ward 37

Alex Williams Jr., 28, of 47 N. Central Av., was charged with diluting illegal votes while acting under color of law as a Republican judge. Williams allegedly was the witnessing judge on a series of 14 blank ballots used to ring up votes on the machines in the precinct. He claimed to reporters that he was signing the applications in advance to speed things up when voting became heavy. Informed by a watcher that he was signing the forms improperly, Williams said, he put them aside. He said the watcher later picked them up and walked away with them. The he worked as a Republican judge, he voted as a Democrat.

Precinct 42, Ward 46

Jessie L. English, Democratic precinct captain, and his wife, Barbara, and Thomas T. Green, assistant precinct captain and his wife, Lois, were charged with conspiring to dilute legal votes. They illegally voted outside their own precinct from an apartment building at 4707-09 N. Beacon St. where they did not actually live at the time, it is charged.

English was fired as a garbage collection trainee for the city Department of Streets and Sanitation after The Tribune disclosed in March that he had voted illegally. Green is an operating engineer for the city Department of Water and Sewers.

4 Handled Probe for U.S. Jury

The evidence of massive vote fraud in Chicago gathered by the Tribune Task Force, was turned over to another task force several months ago, a unit of four federal prosecutors who further investigated the charges before presenting them to a federal grand jury.

U. S. Atty. James R. Thompson, who announced the subsequent 40 indictments, assigned the special unit, headed by John Simon, chief of the government's civil division.

Simon, 30, had led other vote fraud investigations which resulted in indictments of nine persons charged with paying people to register to vote or to vote.

Richard J. Ciocka, 31, a former Federal Bureau of Investigation agent, is head of the government's special investigation division which coordinates investigations which involve substantial grand jury work.

Conducting most of the grand jury hearings were Tyrone C. Pahner, 29, who recently obtained a master's degree in criminal law from Northwestern University, and George N. Kilkerson Jr., a certified public accountant and former law clerk in the Illinois Appellate Court.

The Englishes and Mrs. Green were indicted last week by the county grand jury for voting from a precinct where they did not live. The state charge is applicable for the same violation as the federal one. The Englishes now live at the Beacon Street address and the Greens at 4722 N. Malden St.