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# Duluth woman pleads guilty to ineligible voting

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A former Duluth woman pleaded guilty Monday, April 2, to voting in the 2008 general election while ineligible.

Alfreda Denise Bowman, 47, entered the plea before Judge Heather Sweetland in St. Louis County District Court in Duluth.

Bowman is a convicted felon. Under Minnesota law, a person is ineligible to vote if their civil rights had not been restored after being convicted of treason or any felony or while under a guardianship in which a court order revoked the ward's right to vote or if found by a court of law to be legally incompetent.

Bowman received a stay of adjudication, which means the conviction won't be entered on her record as long as she complies with court-ordered sanctions as part of her probation. She must perform 40 hours of community service in New York, where she now lives. Her probation can be shortened to a year if she completes the community service.

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