

SARTELL

Sartell man pleads guilty to voter fraud charge

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A Sartell man pleaded guilty to a voting fraud charge on Friday, according to Stearns County Court records.

Jeffrey Spanier, 53, pleaded guilty to a felony count of registering to vote as an ineligible voter in November 2016.

Spanier was sentenced to four years on probation. The sentence was a stay of imposition, which means the charge could be reduced to misdemeanor if he successfully completes probation.

Spanier was charged after he registered to vote in Sartell in November 2016 and cast his ballot. As a convicted felon on probation, Spanier is ineligible to vote.

He was convicted of felony gambling in 2014, on sports bookmaking charges. He acknowledged at the time in a probation agreement that he was no longer eligible to vote until his civil rights were restored.

Spanier later admitted to investigators that he completed a Minnesota voter registration form, certifying he was not a felon.

Spanier must also pay \$137 in fees.