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Plea deal signed in Vigo official's voter fraud case

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A plea agreement has been signed for a Vigo County official accused of living in Illinois but voting in Indiana.

A suspended one-year jail sentence and informal probation are the plea agreement terms for Jerome D. Kesler, 61, of Paris, Illinois.



Jerome Kesler

A trial was to begin Thursday in Vigo Superior Court 1 for Kesler. Instead, the plea agreement is expected to be considered by Judge John Roach on Thursday.

Kesler was arrested in June on two counts of voting outside his precinct of residence, both Class D felonies, following an investigation by the Indiana State Police.

Police say Kesler lived at a Paris address in neighboring Edgar County, Illinois, but continued to vote in the Vigo County, Indiana, primary and general elections from 2010 through 2014, the charges alleged.

Amended charges in the case were filed Wednesday morning to add the Class A misdemeanor charge of recklessly registering to vote. The information for that charge alleges Kesler recklessly registered to vote more than once between Nov. 2, 2010 and June 30, 2014.

The investigation was prompted by a complaint from an Illinois resident who said he noticed Kesler, who lived in Edgar County, Illinois, driving a vehicle belonging to the Vigo County Emergency Management Agency.

Kesler has worked several years as deputy director of the Vigo EMA. He was placed on suspended status from his job after his arrest, pending resolution of the court case.

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