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Greetings:

I am working with a national journalism project that is focused on voting participation issues in the United States. One of the issues we plan to address is the incidence of voting fraud across the country. To that end, this letter is a request for information about cases of vote fraud in Arizona.

Specifically, we are seeking the kind of information that was released in March by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's office. This list included the following detail on all voting fraud cases prosecuted in Texas since 2000:

- County/city
- Defendant's full name
- Allegation
- Election involved
- Case number
- Charges
- Resolution date
- Election code violated
- Disposition (plea, convicted, acquitted, sentence/fine, etc.)

Therefore, I am asking for a similar list of such cases in Arizona since 2000. If there have been no such prosecutions in Arizona since 2000, I would appreciate a letter to that effect. If your office is not the one that would have such information, I would appreciate the name and address of whichever state office in Arizona that would track this kind of case.

Please send your reply to my reporting colleague at this address:

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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Robert Mark Green February 2011

Felony forgery of CCEC documents
$9,479 fine and $11,060 in investigation costs, $12,000 CCEC fine (32.5)
Sentenced to four years supervised probation. Can't run during that time.

Gina & Peter Canova (Voted in Nevada, AZ and tried to vote in Co)

The Canovas were each sentenced on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 to two years of unsupervised probation for attempted illegal voting (Class 6). Their offenses were reduced to misdemeanors at the time of sentencing. Peter will have to complete 200 hours of community service, and pay a total fine of $9,200.00. Gina will have to complete 300 hours of community service, and pay a total fine of $13,800.00. ($23,000)

John Marotta (Voted in Arizona & Colorado)

On August 2, 2011, he entered a guilty plea to amended Count 2, Attempted Illegal Voting, a class 6 undesignated felony. He produced documentation showing that he completed 50 hours of community restitution (which he'd completed after charging). He was sentenced to a fine of $2,500.00 pursuant to ARS 13-603(E)(2), plus the 84% surcharge for a total obligation of $4,600.00. He produced a $4,600.00 certified check, which was deposited with the clerk after the hearing. His offense was reduced to a misdemeanor.

Rodney Paul Jones (voted in Maricopa and Co)

Rodney Jones was sentenced on 5/25/2011. At the time of sentencing he paid his fine in full (a total of $4,600 when you include the statutory surcharges) and produced proof that he had completed 50 hours of community service. Judge O'Connor reduced his offense to a misdemeanor, and terminated his probation.

James & Karen Marshall (voted in Kansas & Arizona)

July 23, 2009,A federal grand jury returned a 5-count indictment against James A. Marshall, 63, and Karen S. Marshall, 56, both of Green Valley, Ariz., for Conspiracy to Commit Fraudulent Voting and Fraudulent Voting. The indictment alleges that the Marshalls voted in more than one state during the November 2008 U.S. Presidential election. (I think this was eventually handled in Kansas and pled to misdemeanors)