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Cahokia village trustees sentenced for election fraud

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BELLEVILLE - Two former Cahokia village trustees and two other residents were sentenced on Monday to jail time and probation on voter fraud charges involving the April 7, 2009 municipal election.

Circuit Judge John Baricevic sentenced Kyle R. Johnson, a former Cahokia trustee, to five years probation and 14 days in the St. Clair County Jail as part of a plea agreement.

Trevon L. Tompkin, also a former trustee, was sentenced to five years probation and ten days in the county jail. Two others-Kevin Wiggins and William Brown-were sentenced to two years probation and ten days in the county jail.

All of the men must complete 200 hours of community service. Both Johnson and Tompkin are barred from running for public office while on probation.

The men created a scheme where they filed falsified applications for absentee ballots, obtained the ballots and then illegally voted.

St. Clair County State's Attorney Brendan Kelly thanked the Cahokia village trustees sentenced for election fraud, the St. Clair County Department and other investigators for their efforts in the case.

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"Going forward, my office will work closely with law enforcement and the U.S. Attorney's Office to protect the integrity of the democratic process," he said.

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