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Enrico Villamaino sentenced to serve 4 months in Ludlow jail in East Longmeadow voter fraud case

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[Former East Longmeadow Selectman Enrico Villamaino III sentenced for voter fraud](#)

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SPRINGFIELD — Former East Longmeadow Selectman [Enrico J. Villamaino III](#) was sentenced Wednesday to one year in the Hampden County Correctional Center in Ludlow for his role in a voter fraud scheme last year.

Hampden Superior Court Judge Mary Lou Rup ruled Villamaino must serve only four months, with the remainder of the sentence suspended to be followed by a year probation.

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Villamaino pleaded guilty Monday to 11 charges related to the [voter fraud](#) scheme before last year's statewide primary.

In handing down her sentence, Rup told Villamaino he caused harm to the voters and other citizens.

Villamaino had told Rup that he pleaded guilty because he is guilty and hopes for some leniency.

Her sentence means Villamaino will have felony convictions.

Hampden District Attorney Mark G. Mastroianni said the felony convictions will have significant ramifications for Villamaino's life as he goes on with his future job prospects.

Villamaino was a Republican candidate for state representative when an unusually large number of absentee ballots was requested in [East Longmeadow](#).

An investigation revealed that the party enrollment of nearly 300 voters in town had been changed from Democratic to unenrolled.

Mastroianni said earlier that Villamaino and Courtney Llewellyn, now his wife, plotted to guarantee Villamaino extra votes in the Republican primary for the 2nd Hampden state representative's seat by changing the party affiliation Democrats to unenrolled, then submitting false absentee ballot requests in their name.

The number was significant because the September primary was a rematch of the closely-fought 2010 contest, in which Longmeadow Select Board member Marie Angelides defeated Villamaino by 284 votes.

While Villamaino masterminded the scheme, the ballot changes were made after hours at Town Hall by Llewellyn, a former reporter for The Reminder newspaper who parlayed favorable stories about Villamaino into a job at Town Hall with his help, Mastroianni said.

At Villamaino's request, Llewellyn received specialized computer training that helped her switch party affiliations, the district attorney said.

In court this week, Mastroianni asked Rup to sentence Villamaino to one year in the Hampden County Correctional Center in Ludlow.

Mastroianni said Villamaino's crimes were an "extraordinarily serious offense."

Villamaino's defense attorney, L. Jeffrey Meehan, asked for four months in the Ludlow facility.

Meehan said Villamaino's judgment became impaired by political ambition prior to 2012 primary.

Villamaino's bail was revoked Monday, and he was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Llewellyn also appeared in court Monday on charges related to the scheme. Her case was continued to Aug. 28 for a final pre-trial conference.

Villamaino pleaded guilty to larceny under \$250, interfering with an election official, four counts of forgery of a document, four counts of perjury and a count of conspiracy to violate absentee ballot laws.

The first two are misdemeanors and the forgery, perjury and conspiracy counts are felonies.

Rup ruled Wednesday not to continue the felony charges without a finding and told Villamaino that he will have felony convictions.

Meehan wanted Rup to sentence Villamaino on the two misdemeanors and continue the felony counts without a finding. He said that way Villamaino's future will not be affected adversely by a felony on his record.

Speaking with the press after the sentencing, Mastroianni said Rup did not impose the length of incarceration he requested but her sentence means Villamaino will have felony convictions.

"The defense had wanted those matters to be continued without a finding and have no record ...So the judge did I think take the case - consider the serious aspects of the case - and impose a sentence she thought was appropriate," Mastroianni said.

"It's not exactly the sentence that I had asked for, not exactly the sentence the defense had asked for. So I respect the judge's decision," he said.

Mastroianni said he agrees with what the judge said - this affected a lot of people because this affected the integrity of the voting system.

It affects voting rights and a person's expectation "their voting will be free from corruption," Mastroianni said.

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