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Voter fraud charge reduced to misdemeanor

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MANKATO — A Mapleton woman who forged a primary election ballot on behalf of a family member was sentenced to probation.

Michelle Marie Landsteiner, 55, pleaded guilty and was convicted of unlawful voting on Monday. The charge, filed in November, initially was a felony but was reduced to a misdemeanor.

Landsteiner admitted she forged a ballot mailed to a former resident of her household, according to the criminal complaint. Landsteiner told an investigator the intended recipient of the ballot provided her instructions on how she wished to vote and Landsteiner filled it out on her behalf.

Landsteiner received a stayed 90-day jail sentence that will be waived if she successfully completes one year of probation.



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