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Circuit Judge gives Kennamore 5 years probation

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Circuit Court Judge Richard Howorth sentenced former Mayoral candidate Jerry Kennamore to five years unsupervised probation, following Kennamore's plea of guilt to one county of forgery in regard to city of New Albany's recent Democratic Primary.

During the five year's of probation, Howorth said, Kennamore's guilty plea will be held in abeyance. Should he violate the terms of his probation - payment of a \$1,000 fine, as well as the agreement to never seek public office again and to have nothing to do with absentee or affidavit voting in an election, other than his own - the guilty plea would be put into effect, and Kennamore would likely face jail time.



Kennamore's plea agreement with District Attorney Ben Creekmore came after a three-week investigation in which video evidence and eyewitness testimony pointed to his involvement in executing approximately 53 absentee ballots in the Primary.

Howorth said that he hoped the hearing would help end the matter in the public's mind.

“We need to remove the cloud that is over the election today,” the judge said. “The charge is forgery but what we’re really talking about is the election process. The local election is the foundation of democracy; any taint on the local level is a taint on democracy.”

Creekmore said that his office had no plans to pursue the case any further, as long as Kennamore upheld his part of the probation.

"It was very important that we bring this to a close as quickly as possible," Creekmore said. "As of right now, we're satisfied."