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Dracut man sentenced for wrongful voting in 2016 election

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CONCORD, N.H. — A 21-year-old Dracut man pleaded guilty and was sentenced in Strafford County Superior Court on Thursday on charges relating to false voter information he provided for the 2016 presidential election.

According to Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald, Spencer McKinnon was charged with providing a false statement on a voter-registration form in the state of New Hampshire, a class A misdemeanor.

McKinnon completed and submitted an absentee ballot to the town of Dracut, his hometown, on Oct. 24, 2016. Two days later, he signed and submitted a voter-registration form in Durham, N.H., that contained an affidavit he signed stating that he was “not domiciled or voting in any other state or any other city/town.”

His Dracut form also contained a signed affidavit stating that he was eligible to vote in Massachusetts and that his hometown was Dracut.

McKinnon was originally indicted on Sept. 20 and is now sentenced to six months in the House of Corrections. He also lost the right to vote in New Hampshire. His prison sentence would be suspended for a year if he completes 200 hours of community service and pays a \$2,000 fine.

This is the first conviction to come from the Interstate Voter Crosscheck Program investigations after the 2016 election.

McKinnon was not the first to deal with voter-fraud charges from the most recent presidential race. Michael L. Lewis, a resident of Miami, was indicted last December for voting in Hooksett, N.H., despite not residing in the state. Grace and John S. Fleming were also charged for voting in Hampton, N.H., and Belchertown, Mass., according to officials.



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