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Judge hands down sterner sentences in ballot fraud

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TROY — A judge ignored prosecution suggestions Tuesday and handed down heavier sentences to some defendants in the absentee ballot fraud case.

Acting state Supreme Court Justice George J. Pulver sentenced former city councilman John Brown to the agreed-upon six months in jail, but ignored pleas from Special Prosecutor Trey Smith, Brown and his attorney that Brown be allowed to serve the time on weekends so as not to interfere with his new job.



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