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Obama supporters found guilty of voter fraud in Ohio

I investigated and [followed this story](#) along with [Palestra](#) through the Fall. You can get caught up quickly [at this post](#). Months later, the three leaders of Vote Today Ohio were found guilty of voter fraud.

Here is the story from the [Columbus Dispatch](#):

3 voting advocates guilty of fraud

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By Barbara Carmen

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Three staff members for Vote Today Ohio, an independent get-out-the-vote organization supporting Barack Obama, pleaded guilty in Franklin County this afternoon to voter fraud.

The three came to Ohio from states where Obama was likely to win in an effort to swing Ohio's electoral college vote toward their candidate, Judge Charles A. Schneider said.

Given a year's probation and a \$1,000 fine were Daniel Hausman, 32, and Amy Little, 50, both of New York, and Yolanda Hippensteele, 30, of California. They told the court they had good intentions when they registered to vote and cast ballots the same day in early voting at Veterans Memorial.

"I was paying rent and living full-time in Ohio," Hippensteele told the judge, "I didn't attempt to vote in another state. ... I think it's all a misunderstanding. I have a profound respect for the voting process."

Assistant Prosecutor Brian Simms said the three later tried to rescind

their registration and cancel their votes; two were successful. Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien had warned visiting campaign staff members that they shouldn't vote here if they didn't plan to stay after the election.

Schneider told the three that "rescinding your request is like giving back the money once you've been caught."

Amy Little [was fired as a campaign adviser](#) to Rep. John Hall (D-NY) after it was revealed that [she had voted in Ohio](#), despite a residence in NY and intentions to return to NY.

Michael Stinziano, Director of the Franklin County Board of Elections, said he expects there may be more such outcomes since his office referred more allegations to the prosecutor.

Lots more on [this story here](#).



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