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(WMC-TV) – Former Bolivar City Council member Brenda Woods was convicted of three counts of procuring illegal voters in the city's 2009 municipal elections, said Shelby County Dist. Atty. Gen. Amy Weirich Thursday.

Three witnesses, including two of Woods' family members, told attorneys they each had felony convictions on their records in May 2009 when Woods was running for mayor and city council. She lost the mayor's race, but won the council seat.

Witnesses said that during early elections Woods took them to the polls at separate times to vote for her. They said they told Woods they had felony convictions, but say she assured them they could still vote.

An investigation by Tennessee Bureau of Investigation revealed the three voters had cast their ballots illegally since their voting rights had not been restored.

Since the three witnesses testified against Woods they were granted immunity and won't be prosecuted.

Her sentencing is scheduled for April 11 and faces up to two years in prison on each count of voter fraud. She also could get probation.

Woods was convicted on those charges in 2011, but was awarded a new trial on appeal two years later.

In 2011 Woods pleaded guilty to three counts of shoplifting that happened in several stores in Shelby County. She had suspended sentences of 11 months and 29 days.

Woods also has a pending shoplifting case and a criminal simulation case pending in Madison County.

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