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Hello Corbin,

I have spoken with Carl (Karl?) with your office about information you were seeking related to cases our office has prosecuted alleging voting/ election fraud.

Attached please find the results of my computer search of cases involving election fraud charges. Please contact me should you need additional information.

Regards,
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[Voter Fraud....doc \(29 KB\)](#)

Our current computer system went on-line in 2000. Since the request I received was for instances involving election-related voter fraud that our office has prosecuted since that year, I entered the TN Criminal Codes for election and voting fraud-related charges: Illegal Registration or Voting, False Entries, Abuse of Voter Assistance, Examine/ Destroy Ballot, Intimidation/ Prevention of Voting, Loss of Ballot, Possession of Supplies, and Violation by Official.

Of those possible charges, there have been no instances within that time period that there were charges filed for Examine/ Destroy Ballot, Intimidation/ Prevention of Voting, Possession of Supplies, or Loss of Ballots.

There has been one case in which an individual was charged with Abuse of Voter Assistance. That is currently a pending case. The defendant's name is Richard Wilder, and he was issued State Citation 962516.

There have been cases in which individuals have been charged with the remaining offenses. Those cases are below.

Gayle Copeland – 2011-B-1636

Ct 1 – Illegal Registration or Voting

Ct 2 – False Entries

Ct 3 – Illegal Registration or Voting

Ct 4 – Illegal Registration or Voting

Ct 5 – Criminal Impersonation

Ct 6 – Food Stamp Fraud

Ct 7 – Food Stamp Fraud

Ct 8 – Food Stamp Fraud

Ct 9 – Food Stamp Fraud

Ct 10 – Food Stamp Fraud

Ct 11 – Criminal Impersonation

Disposition: Cts 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 dismissed

Ct 3 – Pled guilty. 2 yr suspended sentence, supervised probation

Ct 4 – Pled guilty. 2 yr suspended sentence, concurrent w/Ct 3

Ct 5 – Pled guilty. 6 mo suspended sentence, concurrent w/Ct 4

Ct 6 – Pled guilty. 2 yr suspended sentence, concurrent w/Ct 4. Pay restitution in amt of \$4,694.00 to Department of Human Services.

Sharon Otey – 2011-B-1637

Ct 1 – Illegal Registration or Voting

Ct 2 – False Entries

Ct 3 – Illegal Registration or Voting

Disposition: Abated by death

Kermit Bowling – 2011-B-1638

Ct 1 – Illegal Registration or Voting

Ct 2 – False Entries

Ct 3 – False Entries

Ct 4 – Illegal Registration or Voting

Disposition: No True Bill by the Grand Jury

Vancey Voorhies – 2007-D-2971

Ct 1 – Illegal Registration/ Voting

Ct 2 – False Entries

Ct 3 – Violation by an Official

Ct 4 – Official Misconduct

Disposition: Pre-trial diversion (Def was volunteer poll worker. Her elderly cousin came to vote but was feeling poorly due to heat and asked Def to assist her. The Def signed her cousin's name in book, along with her own initials "VV" to indicate she signed with voter's permission. Def asked voter who she wished to vote for, and cast the vote for her. Since her actions appeared to be more a misguided effort to insure a vote was cast than a criminal attempt to subvert a lawful election, and since Def had no criminal background she was eligible for pre-trial diversion).

Howard Allen – 2005-I-158

Ct. 1 – False Entries

Disposition: Pled guilty. 2 yr suspended sentence, supervised probation. During period of probation, Def is not to be employed in any election-related activities without specific court approval.