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Third suspect indicted for voter fraud in Nueces County arrested

Cynthia Kay Gonzalez was arrested Thursday. She's been indicted on four counts of election fraud stemming from the May 2016 Nueces County Democratic Primary runoff election.

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A third suspect out of Robstown who was indicted for voter fraud in Nueces County has been arrested.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton announced Wednesday that he is prosecuting three Robstown residents who were recently indicted by a San Patricio County Grand Jury for nine

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counts of voter fraud during the 2016 election cycle in Nueces County.



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Two of the three suspects, Rosita Torres Flores and Robert Gonzalez, had already been arrested when Paxton made the announcement. A third suspect, Cynthia Kay Gonzalez, was arrested Thursday.

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It was back in February when Paxton announced a voter fraud initiative and addressed key problems and policy areas related to election law. The Grand Jury indictments announced this week are for violations of the Texas election code and include charges against the defendants for ballot theft, mail-in ballot fraud, vote harvesting, unlawfully divulging a vote and illegal voting.

Cynthia Gonzalez was indicted on four counts of election fraud stemming from the May 2016 Nueces County Democratic Primary runoff election.

Flores was indicted on two counts of voter fraud. She's accused of obtaining an elderly victim's mail-in ballot and using it to vote without the voter's direction during the 2016 general election.

Robert Gonzalez was on the ballot as a candidate for the 2016 Robstown Municipal Utility Board runoff election, and he was charged with observing the secret ballot of another voter in a polling place and unlawfully divulging the person's vote.

"A super majority of people in Robstown want to take their town back. Robstown has so many nice people, and there's just a small group of people who are in charge of the town," Nueces County Clerk Kara Sands said.

Paxton said his office is grateful to Sands for uncovering the election fraud cases and hopes these prosecutions will send a message that deters voter fraud in the future.

Sands also said an investigation is underway over the 2017 City elections in Robstown involving the same group from the 2016 case.

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