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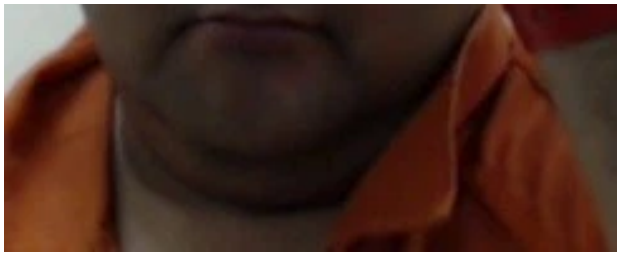
Two indicted amid Cameron County voter fraud investigation



Jose Angel Garza // Mug shot via Cameron County DA's Office

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Two men were indicted on felony charges during an ongoing voter fraud investigation in Cameron County.

Jose Angel Garza, 37, was arrested on five counts of tampering with a marked ballot, the Cameron County District Attorney TMs Office said in a news release.

Rafael Angel Elizondo, 64, was indicted on one count. Elizondo was not arrested as he is believed to be in New York at the time the indictment was unsealed Wednesday.

The pair is accused of voter fraud committed during the Democratic Primary Runoff Election back on July 31, 2012, the Texas Attorney General TMs Office said citing the recently unsealed indictment.

In 2014, six women were arrested in connection to voter fraud during the same primary.

Garza is accused of having fewer than 10 official ballots or official carrier envelopes without the voter TMs consent.

Elizondo TMs charge involves possessing more than 10 but less than 20 official ballots or official carrier envelope TMs without the voter TMs consent making it a

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Elizondo faces anywhere from two to ten years behind bars and/or a $10,000 if convicted of the voter fraud charge.

Meanwhile, Garza could spend 180 days to two years behind bars and/or a $10,000 fine for each count.

The election code voting violations involve mail-in ballots.

The FBI, Texas Attorney General TMs Office and the Cameron County District Attorney TMs Office are all involved in the investigation.

Other indictments could emerge as the multi-agency investigation continues.

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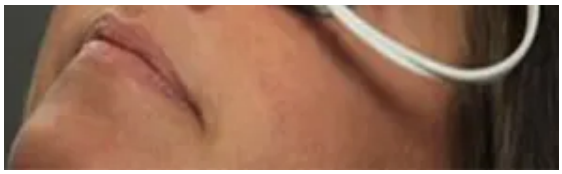

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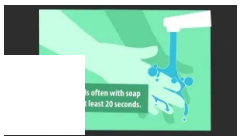

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