

## Mother of sheriff candidate indicted on vote fraud charges

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The mother of a Reeves County sheriff candidate and another woman have been indicted on charges of illegally possessing and transporting primary election ballots, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott announced Friday.

Anita Baeza, 68, whose son Jeffrey Baeza ran for sheriff in 2004, and Trinidad Villalobos, 60, were accused of helping elderly residents in the Pecos area request and later fill out mail-in ballots.

Neither Baeza, who faces five counts of voter fraud, nor Villalobos, who has been charged with four counts, could be reached for comment Friday.

Prosecutors said the pair could face up to 180 days in jail and a \$2,000 fine for each count of fraud, a misdemeanor.

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Abbott's office has sought indictments in three other vote fraud cases since mid-2005.

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