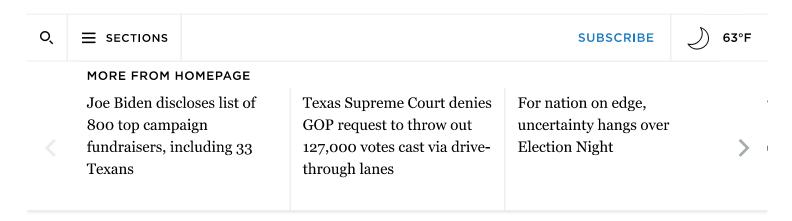
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Davis was also convicted of misidentifying himself as a peace officer before he was elected by pasting a photo of his head on a picture of a Tarrant County cop in uniform.



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An Ellis County jury on Friday convicted a constable of voter fraud.

The constable, Tyron Davis, must surrender his peace officer license and resign his office. In return, he will not face any additional jail time.

Ellis County prosecutors Nicole Crain and Nicole Dempsey said Davis helped Waxahachie nursing home residents fill out requests for mail-in ballots without indicating he assisted them, as the law requires. All had the ability to legally make their own decisions but one of the women he helped had Alzheimer's.

"It's still debatable whether the people at the nursing home knew what they were signing when Davis showed up," said Patrick Wilson, the Republican county and district attorney in Ellis County. AL DÍA - NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL >

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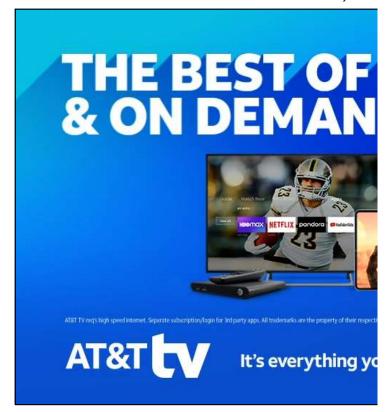


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Davis' attorney, Theresa A. Peel Gase, could not be reached for comment.



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Davis, a Democrat, was elected after he was indicted in May 2016.

He was convicted of six counts of voter fraud for failing to comply with properly signing a voter application and two counts of false ID as a peace officer.



Tyron Davis (Ellis County)

The false ID charge stems from an ad in which Davis pasted his head on the body of an elected constable in Tarrant County in uniform. Davis was

not an officer at the time. The ad appeared on Facebook and a flier given to the nursing home residents.

All the charges are misdemeanors.



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The county discovered 18 mail-in ballot applications and 15 voter registration applications that were similar, according to court records. All 18 mail ballot applications left blank the box in section 11a that asks for an assistant or witness to sign if they help the voter fill out the form.

Davis agreed to resign and give up his license to avoid additional jail time after the jury convicted him. The maximum punishment he faced was one year in the county jail.

The Ellis County DA's investigation into voter fraud began after officers from the agency that licenses police officers began looking into Davis about the Facebook ad, Wilson said.









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