

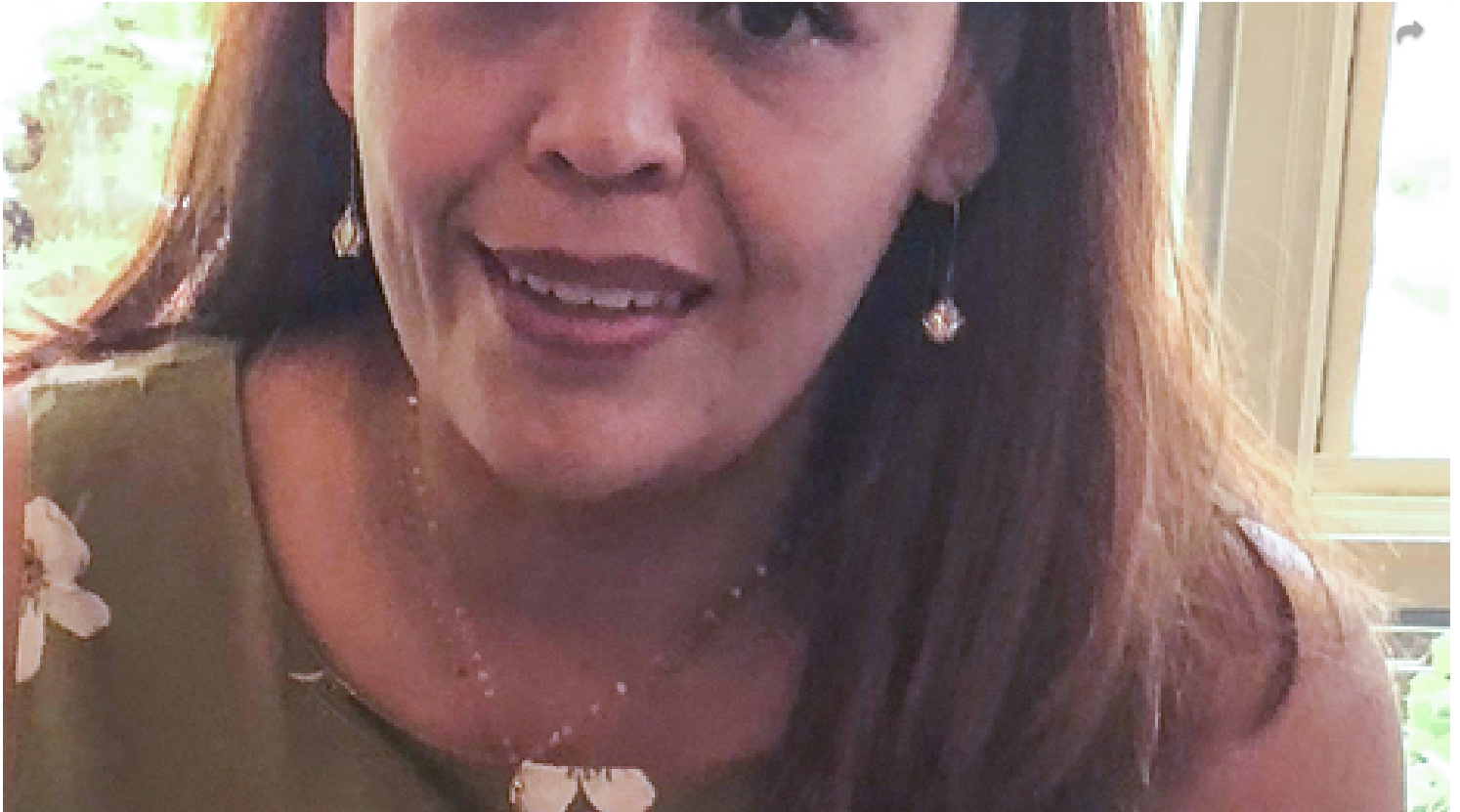


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## Homeless man sentenced to 10 days in jail in Tarrant County voter fraud case

BY DEANNA BOYD

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A 51-year-old homeless man accused of voter fraud was sentenced to 10 days in jail Tuesday in a plea deal reached with prosecutors.

Charles Nathan Jackson, who had been free on bond, pleaded guilty to providing false information on a voting application, a state-jail felony.

In exchange, prosecutors with the Texas Attorney General's office agreed to waive a felony enhancement that could have increased the punishment faced by Jackson, a habitual offender with previous state-jail convictions on drug and theft charges.

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They also gave him credit for time already served in jail, leaving him free to leave the courthouse after the hearing.

Attorneys involved in the case could not comment after the hearing due to a gag issue previously issued by State District Judge Scott Wisch.

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Jackson was one of five people [indicted in October on various voter fraud charges.](#)



Charles Nathan Jackson *COURTESY TARRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE*

Jackson was accused of providing false information, specifically the signature of a voter, on an application for an early voting ballot in January 2016.

The woman whose name he forged, Mardene Hickerson, previously told the Star-Telegram that she'd never heard of Jackson and didn't know why he may have targeted her.

Jackson's case is not believed to be related to the indictments of four women accused of participating in an [alleged voter fraud ring.](#)

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State officials allege that the women were paid to target older voters on Fort Worth's north side to "harvest those ballots for specific candidates in 2016." The charges address votes cast in the 2016 Democratic primary but also are tied to the 2015 city council election, officials have said.

Court documents also allege that Sanchez [engaged in organized criminal activity](#) in collaboration with her three co-defendants; Stuart Clegg, a former executive director for the Tarrant County Democratic Party; and others.

Attorneys representing one of the women have previously said they believe these charges, announced shortly before the Nov. 6 midterm election, [were politically motivated](#).

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