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Justice Department announces charges involving 16 individuals for election crimes including an illegal alien in connection to voter fraud, registration, false claim of citizenship, and more

October 12, 2026 - The Justice Department announced charges involving 16 individuals, including an illegal alien, in connection with illegal voting, fraudulent voter registration, and related election crimes across the country. The cases include voting by aliens in federal elections, false claims of U.S. citizenship in order to register to vote or to vote, voting on behalf of the deceased, voting multiple times in the same election, false statements on citizenship applications, and unlawful procurement of citizenship.

Case details are as follows:
District of New Mexico

Patrick Perea, 62, has been indicted by a federal grand jury on one count of fraudulent voting. Perea attempted to cast his deceased wife's absentee ballot in the November 2024 general election by submitting it to the Bureau of Elections of the Bernalillo County Clerk's Office in Albuquerque.



Jamaican national Staciann Pollion Davis, 42, a lawful permanent resident, has been charged with voting as an alien.
(Photo/Courtesy: DOJ)

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

An illegal alien and three aliens have been charged with voting by an alien.

- **Hacina Saadi, 48**, an illegal alien from France, has been charged by information with voting by an alien during the 2024 election.
- **Pakistani national Jamil Ahmad, 50**, a lawful permanent resident, has been charged by information with voting by an alien during the 2024 election.
- **Pakistani national Nighat Jamil, 47**, a lawful permanent resident, has been charged by information with voting by an alien during the 2024 election.
- **Portuguese national Paulo Silva, 54**, a lawful permanent resident, has been charged by information with voting by an alien during the 2024 election.

- **Portuguese national Paulo Silva, 54**, a lawful permanent resident
- Southern District of Alabama**
Two aliens have been charged with voting as an alien.
- **Peruvian national Silvia Delgado Phelps, 78**, a lawful permanent resident, has been charged by criminal complaint with voting as an alien. Phelps allegedly voted in multiple elections in Baldwin County, Ala-

bama, despite not being a U.S. citizen.
• **Jamaican national Staciann Pollion Davis, 42**, a lawful permanent resident, has been charged by criminal complaint with voting as an alien. Davis allegedly voted in the November 2024 general election in Clarke County, Alabama, despite not being a U.S. citizen.

Northern District of Alabama
Forrest Scott Woody, 68, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, has been charged with illegally voting more than once. According to the indictment, Woody voted twice in the 2024 general election. In particular, he voted in Calhoun County, Alabama, after having already voted in the same election in Henderson County, North Carolina.

Western District of Missouri
Cuban national Andre's Garcia, 64, a lawful permanent resident, has been charged with two counts of illegally voting in federal elections in November 2022 and November 2024. Garcia knew he was not a U.S. citizen but nevertheless claimed to be one when registering to vote in

2004 and again in 2013. Garcia has allegedly voted regularly for the last 20 years in at least 15 elections, including at least 13 federal elections.

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Canadian national Stanley Walton, 82, a lawful permanent resident, has been charged with unlawfully voting in the 2022 general election. Walton allegedly voted even though he was not a U.S. citizen.

District of New Jersey
Lizabeth Almonte Rosa, 24, a naturalized U.S. citizen from the Dominican Republic, has been charged by criminal complaint with voting by an alien in a federal election and unlawfully procuring citizenship. According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court, Rosa was not a citizen when she was registered to vote.

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Dominican Republic

Southern District of Ohio
British national Cary Ann Patterson, 59, a lawful permanent resident, has been charged with illegally voting in a federal election as an alien. The complaint alleges that Patterson voted in November 2024. According to court documents, in 2005, the Gallia County Board of Elections received a voter registration card for Patterson in which "Yes" was marked in response to the question, "Are you a U.S. citizen?" Based on Gallia County Board of Elections records, Patterson allegedly voted in at least 10 elections as an alien.

Northern District of Ohio
Two aliens have been charged with unlawfully voting in a federal election.

- **Pakistani national Arshed Zuberi, 69**, a lawful permanent resident, has been charged by criminal complaint with illegally voting in a federal election as an alien. He allegedly registered to vote in September 2015 and August 2016. On voter

registration forms, Zuberi's signature appears next to the declaration "I declare under penalty of election falsification I am a citizen of the United States." Voting records from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections show that he voted in at least six elections.

• **Filipino national Eliza M. Moss, 63**, a lawful permanent resident, has been charged by criminal complaint with unlawfully voting in a federal election as an alien. According to voting records, Moss registered to vote in September 2004 and in February 2023. On voter registration forms, her signature appears next to the declaration "I declare under penalty of election falsification I am a citizen of the United States." Moss allegedly voted in several primary and general elections. According to the criminal complaint, Moss told investigators that the person who helped fill out her registration told her that she could vote despite not being a citizen.

District of Hawaii
Polish national Dawid Nalepa, 45, has been charged by infor-

mation with unlawfully voting as an alien. Nepela came to the United States in or around 2020 through the Visa Waiver Program, which he overstayed before applying for permanent resident status. Nalepa was not a U.S. citizen when he allegedly cast a vote in the November 2024, general election. Nalepa understood he was not a citizen at the time he cast his ballot.

Western District of Kentucky
Canadian national Sandra Madeline Watson, 59, a lawful permanent resident, has been charged with illegal voting by an alien in a federal election. Watson allegedly voted in an election held for the purpose of electing a candidate for the office of the President, Vice President, member of the Senate, or member of the House of Representatives, knowing she was not a U.S. citizen.
A complaint, indictment, and information merely contain accusations. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

West Tennessee Violent Crime and Drug Task Force (DTF) targets distribution of illegal kratom from sports page 1

schedule.

These products are often sold in gas stations, convenience stores and vape shops, sometimes in colorful packaging that makes them appear harmless. Consumers may not realize what

they're actually buying.

Tennessee recently passed a law outlawing kratom in all its forms. As a board member of the DTF I'm working with the DTF and our other law enforcement partners to disrupt the networks supplying these

dangerous synthetic products to local businesses. Owners of gas stations, convenience, stores, vape, shops, etc., are on notice not to sell them.

Meanwhile, consumers beware.

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CRIME COMMISSION COMMUNITY TOWN HALL MEETING

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

WHERE: NEW SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH,
2237 S. PARKWAY E., MEMPHIS, TN 38114

TIME: 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

Coffee and water served

PURPOSE: In a professional survey conducted for the Crime Commission, 78 percent feel student truancy is a "serious problem", with 49 percent feeling it is "very serious". What practices are being or can be used to tackle the challenge of truancy and unexcused chronic absenteeism? The same survey reveals that 64 percent believe the criminal justice system treats juveniles who commit crimes to leniently. And far too often, adults use minors to help them commit those crimes.

We want to know what key stakeholders think about addressing these and other challenges facing troubled youth and what the larger community thinks as we develop a new 5-year Safe Community Action Plan.

BRIEF COMMENTS FROM THE FOLLOWING KEY STAKEHOLDERS:

- District Attorney Steve Mulroy
- Stacey Davis, MSCS Director of Enrollment and Attendance
- Qur'an Folsom, Chief Administrative Officer – Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County
- State Senator London Lamar
- Susan Deason, Executive Director - Memphis Allies

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