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		LEXIS 534		as to the unconstitutionality of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 Pa. Cons. Stat. §§ 2600 -- 3591, and the Pennsylvania Voter Registration Act, 25 Pa. Cons. Stat. §§ 961.101--961.5109, regarding felon voting rights.	prison. Petitioner elector was currently registered to vote in respondent state. Petitioners filed a complaint against respondent state seeking declaratory relief challenging as unconstitutional, state election and voting laws that excluded confined felons from the definition of qualified absentee electors and that barred a felon who had been released from a penal institution for less than five years from registering to vote. Respondents filed objections to petitioners'			

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					<p>complaint. The court sustained respondents' objection that incarcerated felons were not unconstitutionally deprived of qualified absentee elector status because respondent state had broad power to determine the conditions under which suffrage could be exercised. However, petitioner elector had no standing and the court overruled objection as to deprivation of ex-felon voting rights. The court sustained respondents' objection since</p>			

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					incarcerated felons were not unconstitutionally deprived of qualified absentee elector status and petitioner elector had no standing, but objection that ex--incarcerated felons' voting rights were deprived was overruled since status penalized them.			
Rosello v. Calderon	United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico	2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 27216	November 30, 2004	Plaintiff voters filed a § 1983 action against defendant government officials alleging violations the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the U.S. Const. amend. XIV, resulting from the	The voters' § 1983 action against government officials alleged that absentee ballots for a gubernatorial election were untimely mailed and that split votes, which registered two votes for the	No	N/A	No

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				<p>invalidity of absentee and split ballots in a gubernatorial election.</p>	<p>same office, were null. The court asserted jurisdiction over the disparate treatment claims, which arose under the U.S. Constitution. The court declined to exercise discretionary abstention because the case was not merely a facial attack on the constitutionality of a statute, but was mainly an applied challenge, requiring a hearing in order to develop the record, and because equal protection and due process were secured under the state and federal constitutions. The</p>			

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					<p>court held that the voters had a fundamental due process right created by Puerto Rico Election Law and suffered an equal protection violation in further violation of the U.S. Const. amend. I right to vote, thereby creating their total disenfranchisement. The court held that the evidence created an inference that the split ballots were not uniformly treated and that it was required to examine a mixed question of fact and constitutional law pursuant to federal</p>			

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					guidelines to determine whether potential over votes were invalid. The court asserted jurisdiction over the voters' claims.			
Woodruff v. Wyoming	United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit	49 Fed. Appx. 199; 2002 U.S. App. LEXIS 21060	October 7, 2002	Plaintiffs, pro se inmates, appealed from an order of the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming, dismissing their complaint brought under § 1983, challenging Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6--10-106, which denied them, as convicted felons, the right to vote. The district court dismissed the action for failure to state a claim upon which relief could	The inmates argued that the statute violated their Eighth Amendment right and their State constitutional right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment, their equal protection rights under the Fourteenth Amendment and State Constitution, and their federal and state rights to due process. One inmate had not paid the appellate filing fee or filed a	No	N/A	No

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				be granted and as frivolous.	motion to proceed on appeal without prepayment of costs or fees, and his appeal was dismissed. The court found that U.S. Const. amend. XIV, § 2 had long been held to exclude felons from the right to vote. It could scarcely be unreasonable for a state to decide that perpetrators of serious crimes should not take part in electing the legislators who made the laws, the executives who enforced them, the prosecutors who tried the cases, or the judges who heard their cases.			

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					The court also found the dismissed suit constituted a "strike" under 28 U.S.C.S. § 1915(g), although the suit did not challenge prison conditions per se. One inmate's appeal was dismissed; the judgment dismissing the other's complaint was affirmed.			
N.J. State Conf.--NAACP v. Harvey	Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division	381 N.J. Super. 155; 885 A.2d 445; 2005 N.J. Super. LEXIS 316	November 2, 2005	The Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, dismissed a complaint filed by plaintiff interested parties to invalidate N.J. Stat. Ann. § 19:4-1(8) on the ground that it denied	The statute at issue prohibited all people on parole or probation for indictable offenses from voting. The interested parties alleged that the criminal justice system in New Jersey discriminated	No	N/A	No

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				<p>African-- Americans and Hispanics equal protection of the law. Defendant, the New Jersey Attorney General, moved to dismiss the complaint for failure to state a claim, and said motion was granted. The interested parties then appealed.</p>	<p>against African- Americans and Hispanics, thereby disproportionately increasing their population among parolees and probationers and diluting their political power. As a result, the alleged that enforcement of the statute resulted in a denial of equal protection under the state Constitution. The appeals court disagreed. N.J. Const. art. II authorized the New Jersey Legislature to disenfranchise persons convicted of certain crimes from voting. Moreover, those</p>			

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					convicts could not vote unless pardoned or unless otherwise restored by law to the right of suffrage. The statute also limited the period of disenfranchisement during a defendant's actual service on parole or probation. Thus, it clearly complied with this specific constitutional mandate. The judgment was affirmed.			
King v. City of Boston	United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts	2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 8421	May 13, 2004	Plaintiff inmate filed a motion for summary judgment in his action challenging the constitutionality of Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 51, § 1, which	The inmate was convicted of a felony and incarcerated. His application for an absentee ballot was denied on the ground that he was	No	N/A	No

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				<p>excluded incarcerated felons from voting while they were imprisoned.</p>	<p>not qualified to register and vote under Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 51, § 1. The inmate argued that the statute was unconstitutional as it applied to him because it amounted to additional punishment for crimes he committed before the statute's enactment and thus violated his due process rights and the prohibition against ex post facto laws and bills of attainder. The court held that the statute was regulatory and not punitive because rational choices</p>			

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					<p>were implicated in the statute's disenfranchisement of persons under guardianship, persons disqualified because of corrupt elections practices, persons under 18 years of age, as well as incarcerated felons. Specifically, incarcerated felons were disqualified during the period of their imprisonment when it would be difficult to identify their address and ensure the accuracy of their ballots. Therefore, the court concluded that Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 51, § 1 did not violate the inmate's constitutional</p>			

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					rights. The court found the statute at issue to be constitutional and denied the inmate's motion for summary judgment.			
Southwest Voter Registration Educ. Project v. Shelley	United States District Court for the Central District of California	278 F. Supp. 2d 1131; 2003 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14413	August 15, 2003	Plaintiffs, several groups, brought suit alleging that the proposed use of "punch-card" balloting machines in the California election would violate the United States Constitution and Voting Rights Act. Plaintiffs moved for an order delaying that election, scheduled for October 7, 2003, until such time as it could be conducted without use of punch--card	Plaintiffs claimed voters using punch-card machines would have a comparatively lesser chance of having their votes counted in violation of the Equal Protection Clause and the counties employing punch--card systems had greater minority populations thereby disproportionately disenfranchising and/or diluting the votes on the basis of race, in violation	No	N/A	No

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				machines.	of § 2 of the Voting Rights Act. While the court did not need to decide the res judicata issue at this juncture, there was ample reason to believe that plaintiffs would have had a difficult time overcoming it as they were seeking to establish the same constitutional violations alleged in prior litigation, but to secure an additional remedy. Plaintiffs failed to prove a likelihood of success on the merits with regard to both of their claims. Even if plaintiffs could show disparate			

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					<p>treatment, such would not have amounted to illegal or unconstitutional treatment. The balance of hardships weighed heavily in favor of allowing the election to proceed. The public interests in avoiding wholesale disenfranchisement, and/or not plunging the State into a constitutional crisis, weighed heavily against enjoining the election. Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction (consolidated with plaintiffs' ex parte application for</p>			

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					temporary restraining order) was denied.			
Igartua--de la Rosa v. United States	United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit	417 F.3d 145; 2005 U.S. App. LEXIS 15944	August 3, 2005	Plaintiff, a U.S. citizen residing in Puerto Rico, appealed from an order of the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, that rejected his claim that he was deprived of the constitutional right to vote for President and Vice President of the United States, and was also violative of three treaty obligations of the United States.	The putative voter had brought the same claims twice before. The court pointed out that U.S. law granted to the citizens of states the right to vote for the slate of electors to represent that state. Although modern ballots omitted the names of the electors and listed only the candidates, and in form it appeared that the citizens were voting for President and Vice President directly, they were not, but were voting for electors.	No	N/A	No

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					<p>Puerto Rico was not a state, and had not been enfranchised as the District of Columbia had by the 23rd Amendment. The franchise for choosing electors was confined to "states" by the Constitution. The court declined to turn to foreign or treaty law as a source to reverse the political will of the country. The judgment of the district court was affirmed.</p>			

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United States v. Rogelio Mejorada-Lopez	Alaska	05-CR-074	December 5, 2005	Mejorada-Lopez, a Mexican citizen, completed several voter registration applications to register to vote in Alaska and voted in the 2000, 2002, and 2004 general elections. He was charged with three counts of voting by a non-citizen in violation of 18 U.S.C. section 611 and pled guilty. Mejorada-Lopez was sentenced to probation for	No	N/A	No

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				one year.			
United States v. Shah	Colorado	1:04-CR-00458	March 1, 2005	Shah was indicted on two counts of providing false information concerning United States citizenship in order to register to vote in violation of 18 U.S.C. section 911 and 1015(f). Shah was convicted on both counts.	No	N/A	No
United States v. Mohsin Ali	Northern Florida	4:05-CR-47	January 17, 2006	A misdemeanor was filed against Ali charging him with voting by a non-citizen of 18 U.S.C. section 611. Trial was set for January 17, 2006	No	N/A	Yes-need information on the outcome of the trial.

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United States v. Chaudhary	Northern Florida	4:04-CR-00059	May 18, 2005	Chaudhary was indicted for misuse of a social security number in violation of 42 U.S.C. section 408 and for making a false claim of United States citizenship on a 2002 driver's license application in violation of 18 U.S.C. section 911. A superceding indictment was returned, charging Chaudhary with falsely claiming United States citizenship on a driver's license	No	N/A	No

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				application and on the accompanying voter registration application. He was convicted of the false citizenship claim on his voter registration application.			
United States v. Velasquez	Southern Florida	1:03-CR-20233	September 9, 2003	Velasquez, a former 1996 and 1998 candidate for the Florida legislature, was indicted on charges of misrepresenting United States citizenship in connection with voting and for making false statements	No	N/A	No

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				to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, in violation of 18 U.S.C. section 911, 1015(f) and 1001. Velasquez was convicted on two counts of making false statements on his naturalization application to the INS concerning his voting history.			
United States v. McKenzie; United States v. Francois; United States v. Exavier; United States v. Lloyd Palmer; United	Southern Florida	0:04-CR-60160; 1:04-CR-20488; 0:04-CR-60161; 0:04-CR-60159;	July 15, 2004	Fifteen non-citizens were charged with voting in various elections beginning in 1998 in	No	N/A	No

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States v. Velrine Palmer; United states v. Shivdayal; United States v. Rickman; United States v. Knight; United States v. Sweeting; United States v. Lubin; United States v. Bennett; United States v. O'Neil; United States v. Torres-Perez; United States v. Phillip; United States v. Bain Knight		0:04-CR-60162; 0:04-CR-60164; 1:04-CR-20491; 1:04-CR-20490; 1:04-CR-20489; 0:04-CR-60163; 1:04-CR-14048; 0:04-CR-60165; 2:04-CR-14046; 9:04-CR-80103; 2:04-CR-14047		violation of 18 U.S.C. section 611. Four of the defendants were also charged with making false citizenship claims in violation of 18 U.S.C. sections 911 or 1015(f). Ten defendants were convicted, one defendant was acquitted, and charges against four defendants were dismissed upon motion of the government.			
United States v. Brooks	Southern Illinois	3:03-CR-30201	February 12, 2004	East St. Louis election official Leander Brooks was indicted for	No	N/A	No

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				submitting fraudulent ballots in the 2002 general election in violation of 42 U.S.C. section 1973i(c), 1973i(e), 1973gg-10(2)(B), and 18 U.S.C. sections 241 and 371. Brooks pled guilty to all charges.			
United States v. Scott; United States v. Nichols; United States v. Terrance Stith; United States v. Sandra Stith; United States v. Powell, et al.	Southern Illinois	3:05-CR-30040; 3:05-CR-30041; 3:05-CR-30042; 3:05-CR-30043; 3:05-CR-30044	June 29, 2005	Four Democrat precinct committeemen in East St. Louis were charged with vote buying on the 2004 general election in violation of 42 U.S.C.	No	N/A	No

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				section 1973i(c). All four pled guilty. Also indicted were four additional Democrat committeemen, Charles Powell, Jr., Jesse Lewis, Sheila Thomas, Kelvin Ellis, and one precinct worker, Yvette Johnson, on conspiracy and vote buying charges in violation of 18 U.S.C. section 371 and 42 U.S.C. section 1973i(c). All five defendants were convicted. Kelvin Ellis			

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				<p>also pled guilty to one count of 18 U.S.C. section 1512(c)(2) relative to a scheme to kill one of the trial witnesses and two counts of 18 U.S.C. section 1503 relative to directing two other witnesses to refuse to testify before the grand jury.</p>			
United States v. McIntosh	Kansas	2:04-CR-20142	December 20, 2004	<p>A felony information was filed against lawyer Leslie McIntosh for voting in both Wyandotte County, Kansas and Jackson</p>	No	N/A	No

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				County, Missouri, in the general elections of 2000 and 2002 in violation of 42 U.S.C. section 1973i(e). A superseding misdemeanor information was filed, charging McIntosh with causing the deprivation of constitutional rights in violation of 18 U.S.C. section 242, to which the defendant pled guilty.			
United States v. Conley; United States v. Slone; United States v.	Eastern Kentucky	7:03-CR-00013; 7:03-CR-00014;	March 28, 2003 and April 24, 2003	Ten people were indicted on vote buying charges in	No	N/A	No

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Madden; United States v. Slone et al.; United States v. Calhoun; United States v. Johnson; United States v. Newsome, et al.		7:03-CR-00015; 7:03-CR-00016; 7:03-CR-00017; 7:03-CR-00018; 7:03-CR-00019		connection with the 1998 primary election in Knott County, Kentucky, in violation of 42 U.S.C. section 1973i(c). Five of the defendants pled guilty, two were convicted, and three were acquitted.			
United States v. Hays, et al.	Eastern Kentucky	7:03-CR-00011	March 7, 2003	Ten defendants were indicted for conspiracy and vote buying for a local judge in Pike County, Kentucky, in the 2002 general election, in violation of 42 U.S.C. section	No	N/A	No

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				1973i(c) and 18 U.S.C. section 371. Five defendants were convicted, one defendant was acquitted, and charges against four defendants were dismissed upon motion of the government.			
United States v. Turner, et al.	Eastern Kentucky	3:05-CR-00002	May 5, 2005	Three defendants were indicted for vote buying and mail fraud in connection with the 2000 elections in Knott, Letcher, Floyd, and Breathitt Counties, Kentucky, in violation of 42	No	N/A	Yes-need update on case status.

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				U.S.C. section 1973i(c) and 18 U.S.C. section 341.			
United States v. Braud	Middle Louisiana	3:03-CR-00019	May 2, 2003	Tyrell Mathews Braud was indicted on three counts of making false declarations to a grand jury in connection with his 2002 fabrication of eleven voter registration applications, in violation of 18 U.S.C. section 1623. Braud pled guilty on all counts.	No	N/A	No
United States v. Thibodeaux	Western Louisiana	6:03-CR-60055	April 12, 2005	St. Martinsville City Councilwoman Pamela C. Thibodeaux was indicted on	No	N/A	No

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				two counts of conspiring to submit false voter registration information, in violation of 18 U.S.C. section 371 and 42 U.S.C. section 1973i(c). She pled guilty to both charges.			
United States v. Scherzer; United States v. Goodrich; United States v. Jones; United States v. Martin	Western Missouri	4:04-CR-00401; 4:04-CR-00402; 4:05-CR-00257; 4:05-CR-00258	January 7, 2005; March 28, 2005; September 8, 2005; October 13, 2005	Two misdemeanor informations were filed charging Lorraine Goodrich and James Scherzer, Kansas residents who voted in the 2000 and 2002 general elections on	No	N/A	No

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				<p>both Johnson County, Kansas and in Kansas City, Missouri. The informations charged deprivation of a constitutional right by causing spurious ballots, in violation of 18 U.S.C. sections 242 and 2. Both pled guilty. Additionally, similar misdemeanor informations were filed against Tammy J. Martin, who voted in both Independence and Kansas City, Missouri</p>			

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	North Carolina	24-Oct-04	2000 and 2002	The Observer found up to 180 people who were listed as having voted in both Carolinas in either the 2000 or 2002 elections. Reporters found no one who admitted to double voting and discovered plausible explanations for many of the duplications. In one case, an Army captain in North Carolina shared the same name as his father in South Carolina. The father was likely mistakenly recorded under his son's name when he cast his ballot.	AP				
Jones	North Carolina	30-Oct-04	primary	Four men were charged with voting by absentee and on election day. Three denied the allegations or said they misunderstood the process.	AP				
Gaston	North Carolina	16-Dec-04	presidential	There are differences in most precincts between the number of ballots cast and the number of people recorded as voting. State investigators have concluded there is no way to rule out double-voting or missing votes because poll workers cannot explain the discrepancies.	Charlotte Observer				
	Ohio	2-Nov-04	presidential	Republican attorney cites a Plain Dealer report saying more than 27,000 people are registered to vote in both Ohio and Florida and that 100 people cast votes in both places four years ago. A Dispatch investigation of the allegations found little proof of duplicate voting after comparing the Ohio and Florida state databases and conducting further research. After culling the list through those methods, the Dispatch interviewed the people left in question. This failed to turn up anyone who had ever voted twice. Many had never been to Florida; some had never lived in Ohio.	Columbus Dispatch				
Summit	Ohio	8-Dec-04	local	The Director of the Board of Elections says the number of people under investigation for voting twice has decreased from 19 to 10. The board already determined that there were legitimate explanations for about half of the votes. In one case it appeared a man voted absentee and at the polling place but it turned out the absentee ballot had been cast by his son who has the same name.	Akron Beacon Journal				
London	Ohio	9-Dec-04	presidential	A couple who admitted voting twice were not indicted -- they voted by absentee ballot and then voted in person because they thought their absentee ballots had been lost	AP				
Logan	Oklahoma	24-Feb-01	primary	A man is charged with voting twice, once by absentee and once on election day. Although election board officials said they haven't seen a case like this in twenty years, they won't dismiss the charge.	Daily Oklahoman				
	Oregon	11-Apr-02	2000 general	The Secretary of State has referred five cases of possible double voting to the Attorney General (Oregon votes entirely by mail)	AP				
	Oregon	16-May-04	2000	Republicans claimed 1,200 Oregonians had registered in two counties and voted twice. But a state Elections Division investigation found that just a handful of voters were registered to vote in two counties and one had cast more than one ballot.	AP				

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	Oregon	1-Nov-04	presidential	The state Republican Chair claims in a news conference that he has uncovered six cases of people voting twice. The elections division immediately showed that five of the voters had only voted once, and the sixth case had immediately been caught by election workers.	The Oregonian			
Pawtucket	Rhode Island	14-Jan-03	General Assembly	The Pawtucket Board of Canvassers determined there was no truth to the allegation that Louis C. Yip, owner of the China Inn restaurant and a well-known developer, had shepherded the same couple to two different polling places, getting them to vote twice. City Registrar of Voters Dawn M. McCormick said that when voting records were checked, it turned out that the couple that Yip was accused of getting to vote at Towers East and Kennedy Housing was actually two different couples, both elderly and Chinese.	Providence Journal Bulletin			
Hamilton County	Tennessee	19-Dec-02	county commission	The county election commissioner said she believed people were using other names to vote and that addresses were changed fraudulently. Voters sign fail-safe affidavits when they change their addresses and their voting records have not yet been updated. Oaths of identity are signed when voters have no other form of identification. The commissioner said she questioned the validity of 11 oaths of identity and 68 fail-safe affidavits in the District 4 election.	Chattanooga Times Free Press			
	Tennessee	14-Dec-05	state senate	A second dead voter cast a ballot in the September special election held to fill the seat vacated by former state senator John Ford. Like a similar case documented earlier this week, this one involves an elderly voter who died weeks before the Sept. 15 election, an investigation by The Commercial Appeal found. Both of the suspect votes occurred in Precinct 27-1, in the heart of heavily Democratic North Memphis. By law, health officials report deaths once a month to the state Election Commission, which then purges the dead from voter registration rolls. In that window of time - a month or so before the election - there's a good chance dead voters will remain on the rolls on Election Day.	Commercial Appeal			
Houston	Texas	25-Nov-04	state legislature	State legislator who lost by 32 votes alleges 32 people voted twice and 101 residents from other districts cast ballots	Austin American Statesemen			
San Juan	Texas	12-May-05	city	The county is investigating three voters suspected of voting early and on election day	The Monitor			
King	Washington	22-Jun-05	gubernatorial	criminal charges filed against six voters for allegedly casting more than one ballot under a variety of circumstances: two for casting ballots in the names of recently deceased spouses; mother and daughter charged with casting a ballot in the name of recently deceased mother's dead husband; one for casting a ballot in the name of someone who had lived at the same address and died; one using someone else's name	Seattle Times			

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King	Washington	13-Oct-05	gubernatorial	Republican officials release the names of 16 people they say voted twice. One person is found to be two people with the same name but different birthdates. Two names were referred to the prosecutors office, files were charged against one.	Seattle Times				
King	Washington	14-Oct-05	gubernatorial and local primary	Woman on Republican list under investigation for double voting	Seattle Times				
Appleton	Wisconsin	12-Jan-05	nonpartisan election	student who voted by absentee ballot and in person at college sentenced to probation	Post Crescent				
Milwaukee	Wisconsin	22-Aug-05	presidential	GOP claims there were nine cases where people voted in Milwaukee and another city. US Attorney says he found no fraud, but rather clerical errors.	Journal Sentinel				
Milwaukee	Wisconsin	21-Sep-05	presidential	Man charged with voting twice said he filled out two on-site registration cards by mistake but voted only once	Journal Sentinel				
Milwaukee	Wisconsin	5-Dec-05	presidential	Four people charged with double voting; none convicted	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel				
Laramie	Wyoming	2-Nov-04		Laramie County Clerks says there has never been any intentional double registration or double voting					
national		23-Oct-02	presidential	RNC compiles a national database of 3,273 people who voted twice in 2000. In North Carolina, the first name on the list was the chair of the Assembly's election law committee, and the California Secretary of State says they will be able to refute the claims.	USA Today				







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Two people are charged	Kansas City Star (January 8, 2005)	

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The Board of Elections reviewed all of the allegations of double voting and found that of 18 cases, 11 did not vote twice and seven did but did not intend to. All of the double votes were caught by the board and not counted twice. The board forwarded only one case of alleged double voting to the sheriff for further investigation.	2/24/2005, Akron Beacon	

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Most of the allegations seem to be cases of innocent mistakes that may have been technically illegal but not fraud	Houston Chronicle (January 16, 2005)	
See Washington summary		











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Jefferson County	Alabama	10-Jan-06	sheriff	Former sheriff and an attorney said in a federal criminal trial that they did not conspire to illegally run criminal history checks on absentee voters for the sheriff's election. Prosecutors say he started doing the check after he lost the election, while the sheriff says he did it to ferret out voter fraud	Birmingham News			
San Francisco	California	28-Nov-01	municipal	The Coast Guard found the lids to eight absentee ballot boxes floating in the bay, raising suspicions of tampering.	San Francisco Chronicle			
Compton	California	November 15, 2001; /11/16/2001	mayoral	Mayor Bradley accuses opponent of stuffing boxes with counterfeit ballots and having noncitizens vote	LA Times			
Broward	Florida	27-Jan-03	ohi	The lawyer for a board of elections employee said she discovered more than 500 unopened absentee ballots in the office mailroom two days after the election. According to the story she laid out to prosecutors, she notified her supervisor and was told there had been a mix-up and that the votes needed to disappear.	Brandenton Herald			
Detroit	Michigan	12-Nov-05	mayoral	Nearly 3000 votes were lost for two days as some were taken home by poll workers, others misplaced. Vote totals failed to add up correctly when the votes were restored.	Detroit Free Press			
Detroit	Michigan	26-Nov-05	mayoral	Detroit officials lost track of ballots in nine precincts and did not count them until two days after the polls closed; a poll worker took home two computer data packs containing ballot information and did not return them until the next day, leading to tampering allegations. Judge overseeing the recount orders more security for the ballots	Detroit Free Press			
Middlesex County	New Jersey	19-Jun-03	assembly primary	Assemblywoman Friscia's suit alleges that election workers told voters who to vote for; allowed two or three people to enter voting booths at the same time; permitted people to vote even though their home addresses and signatures did not match the elections register; allowed registered Republicans to vote in a Democratic primary; provided faulty voting machines; paid people to vote for Vas; allowed non-citizens to vote; refused to accept absentee ballots, and closed Friscia's own polling station in Woodbridge.	Home News Tribune			
Atlantic City	New Jersey	11-Nov-05	mayoral and city council	city council member accused of filing absentee ballot applications for 10 people without their authorization. The Attorney General charges councilman with 10 counts of tampering with public records and one count of hindering or preventing voting	AP			
Cleveland	Ohio	20-Jun-05	presidential	A Cleveland elections board employee is charged with changing the votes on ballots completed by five nursing home residents in favor of Bush	Yahoo News			

Hamilton County	Tennessee	18-Jan-03	district primary	The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation searched the home of former Hamilton County Election Commission employee Rita Jones on Friday and seized an undisclosed number of documents. Ms. Jones, a 14-year employee of the Election Commission, was fired two days after the Nov. 5 general election when officials discovered a box of 189 ballots had not been counted on Election Day.	Chattanooga Times Free Press			
San Antonio	Texas	10-Dec-02	unclear	The county election administrator found that ballot counters switched ballots from Republican to Democrat.	San Antonio Express News			
Alamo	Texas	15-Dec-03	county commission	A supporter of one of the candidates alleges that he saw the mayor in the city secretary's office going over a list of residents that showed who had voted and who had not and that there were open mail-in ballots in front of them.	The Monitor			
Ector County	Texas	15-Dec-04	county commission	On Election Day, Republican David Dunn had one more vote than his opponent for an Ector County commission seat. After a recount, he lost by a vote. He filed a lawsuit Tuesday accusing opponent Barbara Graff and elections administrator Sharon Wilson of election fraud. He accused Graff of ballot tampering during the recount, claiming she or her supporters doctored tally sheets. Wilson mishandled the recount, tossing out two duplicate ballots for Dunn, according to the suit.	AP			
Forney	Texas	13-Dec-05	mayoral	A judge found that votes cast by several people, including City Council member Andy Parker, could not be found in the ballot box. Mr. Parker testified during the seven-day trial that he had used ballot No. 331, but the No. 331 in the box did not match the way he voted. In all, 165 people testified that they had voted early for Mr. Wilson, while just 152 early votes were counted for him - something Judge Kupper called an "irreconcilable discrepancy." The Sheriff's Department is investigating.	Dallas Morning News			
Salt Lake	Utah	20-Nov-02	County Council	County clerk candidate writes a letter to the Attorney General alleging altering of vote counts.	Salt Lake Tribune			
King	Washington	26-May-05	gubernatorial	An election administrator admitted she falsified a report to make it appear that all absentee ballots were accounted for. It later proved inaccurate when workers discovered 95 unopened, uncounted absentee ballots in a warehouse. Republicans say of the 96 ballots, 47 came from Rossi districts and 28 Gregoire. Gregoire won four of the five King County precincts that recorded more votes than voters. Rossi won four of the six King County precincts that recorded more voters than votes. Republicans claim this proves ballot boxes were stuffed in precincts that favored Gregoire and ballots vanished in precincts favoring Rossi.	News Tribune			

	Washington	30-May-05	gubernatorial	Republican attorneys allege King County election officials committed fraud by allowing illegal ballots in Democratic districts, ballot box stuffing and thefts of votes from the Republican candidate	The Olympian			
King	Washington		gubernatorial	GOP lawyer contends claim that the Democrats rigged the election by stuffing ballot boxes in the Democrat's two strongest precincts and by "losing" votes in two of the Republican's strongest precincts.	AP			

Los Angeles	California	7-Feb-03	neighborhood council	In the 2002 election two candidates had to be physically removed from the polling place, one for allegedly attempting to steal ballots. Charges of fraud and improprieties included photocopying ballots and stuffing ballot boxes. 135 more ballots than stakeholders were cast. After investigating, the city found no cause to dismiss the election and the League of Women Voters did not find any stuffing of the ballot boxes.	LA Weekly			
Durham	North Carolina	29-Mar-04	city council	poll worker adds ballots -- state board investigates but does not recommend criminal charges, instead recommending that the poll judges in that precinct step down	Herald Sun			
Gaston	North Carolina	16-Dec-04	presidential	There are differences in most precincts between the number of ballots cast and the number of people recorded as voting. State investigators have concluded there is no way to rule out double voting or missing votes because poll workers cannot explain the discrepancies. More than 13,000 votes were omitted from the county's unofficial results, including 1,200 votes from a Dallas precinct and about 12,000 early votes.	Charlotte Observer			









Resolution of Incident/allegation	Source of Resolution 1	Source of Resolution 2

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See Washington summary -- judge eventually found no fraud		








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Phillips County	Arkansas	2-Nov-02		The state Republican Party alleges five convicted felons voted, four of them in early voting	Arkansas Democrat-Gazette			
Sacramento	California	12-Sep-04	gubernatorial	For the first time since 1994, a man was charged with three counts of registering to vote while on parole and a fourth count of voting in the recall election.	Sacramento Bee			
	Colorado	25-Mar-05		In a survey of counties, 13 counties had referred 69 cases of possible felon voting to county attorneys. Denver County referred 52 cases of felon voting.	Denver Post			
	Florida	29-Oct-04	presidential	Florida's Republican Party says it has a list of 925 felons who have voted illegally or are planning to. The information could be used to challenge voters. The GOP found the allegedly illegal voters by starting with the same flawed set of names the state compiled in order to purge the rolls -- that list was scrapped when its inaccuracies were exposed. Democrats and civil rights groups suggested that Republicans wanted to use the list to intimidate black Democrats from going to the polls. The party took the initial state list of voters and compared it to the Florida Parole Commission names of felons rights who had been restored	Miami Herald			
Okaloosa	Florida	19-Oct-05		Man is accused of registering to vote in Okaloosa County in 1999 and casting a ballot in November 2002, even though he had been convicted of a felony offense of selling illegal drugs in Colorado in 1980, said Michele Nicholson, spokeswoman for the Okaloosa County sheriff's department. It is illegal for felons to vote in Florida unless their rights have been restored	Miami Herald			
Port Deposit	Maryland	8-Jun-03	mayor	Losing candidate alleges people convicted of crimes were allowed to vote. The chief election official of the town dismissed the allegations.	Baltimore Sun			

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	Oklahoma	22-May-05	presidential	<p>A death row inmate and a child pornographer are among about 2,500 felons who remained on Oklahoma voting rolls after their convictions, The Oklahoman re-ported on Sunday.</p> <p>Records show some felons have voted, even though it's illegal while they're serving their sentences.</p> <p>"It's a huge problem," said state Rep. Mike Reynolds, who estimates as many as 16,000 felons are on voting rolls.</p> <p>About 1,100 may have voted in last year's general election. An exact count is difficult - in part because voters sometimes sign the wrong lines in poll books. Most significantly, the Oklahoma State Election Board has ignored the notices from U.S. prosecutors in Oklahoma and other states.</p> <p>Thousands are filed away in a back room. The law is unclear whether voting rights can be stripped after a guilty plea or only after sentencing. Some convicts are unsure about their voting status, and judges rarely explain it to them at sentencing.</p>	AP			
Davidson	Tennessee	12-Jan-05	presidential	<p>31 provisional voters were found to be felons whose voting rights had not been restored. The county election commission is debating action.</p>	Nashville City Paper			
Falfurrias	Texas	11-Sep-04	city	<p>Three indicted on illegal voting charges were ineligible to vote because they were convicted felons who lost voting privileges. One said she has been on probation for two years, and said she did not know that she was ineligible to vote because officials in the local voter registration office approved a replacement voter registration card before the city election.</p>	Corpus Christi Caller Times			
Norfolk	Virginia	14-Jan-04	unclear	<p>Man convicted in 1986 for larceny by check votes after being notified he had been taken off the voter rules. He entered a plea of illegal voting; State Attorney General says he has never prosecuted or seen such a case during his five years on the election board</p>	Hampton Roads News			
King	Washington	29-Apr-05	gubernatorial	<p>In its case to overturn the election, Republicans allege 736 King County felons illegally cast ballots, and another 220 illegal felon votes were cast elsewhere. Knowingly casting an illegal vote is a crime, but several felon votes said they were unaware they could not vote.</p>	Seattle Post-Intelligencer			
Milwaukee	Wisconsin	10-May-05	presidential	<p>investigators say they have evidence of 200 felons voting illegally</p>	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel			
Hanna	Wyoming	27-Apr-01	mayor	<p>State Division of Criminal Investigation says convicted felons allegedly voted</p>	AP			









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See summary of Washington May 5, 2005: Officials say charges will be filed, although officials said these cases are hard to prosecute because it must be established that the felon knew he could not vote -- see complete summary of Milwaukee; December 5, 2005: federal prosecutors charge 10 felons with voting illegally -- four were convicted, one was acquitted and five cases are still pending; the County DA charged two with felon voting -- still pending. See Milwaukee summary.	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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Bayou La Batre	Alabama	29-Aug-04	city council	About 60 challenged ballots in a Bayou La Batre City Council contest have stirred discrimination concerns because they were all demanded from Asian-American voters. Fred Marceaux of Coden, an advocate for the Asian community, called the challenged ballots "scare tactics." By all accounts, the voters were challenged to their faces as they walked into the polling place at the Bayou La Batre Community Center. Being publicly confronted on their first trip to the voting booth visibly up-set many of those who were challenged. Until this year, Asians here have seemed reluctant to step into local politics, preferring to live as a self-contained community for the most part.	AP			
	Arizona	1-Oct-04	presidential	A pollworker says that during the primary two men came in and said they were checking the polls to see if illegal aliens were voting. They said the name of their organization was Truth in Action. A voting rights advocate says the group was visiting many poll sites. The editor of the organization's website says he visited the polls wearing a black t-shirt with "US Constitutional Enforcement" on the back and the image of a badge on the front. He carried tools, a camera and a video recorder to "film all the conversations I had." He said that for the general election, if he sees "a busload of Hispanic individuals who didn't speak English and who voted," he plans to follow that bus to make sure they aren't voting more than once.	The Progressive			
	Arizona	6-Nov-05		In Maricopa County, home to Phoenix, more than 10,000 people trying to register have been rejected for being unable to prove their citizenship. Yvonne Reed, a spokesman for the recorder's office, said Friday that most are probably U.S. citizens whose married names differ from the ones on their birth certificates or who have lost documentation. Reed said she hopes the number of rejected voters shrinks as election officials explain the new requirements. But, she said, "there will be an amount of people who we will not be able to get on the rolls because of not being able to find the right documents or just losing interest." In Pima County, home to Tucson, 60 percent of those who tried to register initially could not. Chris Roads, the elections chief there, said that all appeared to be U.S. citizens, but many had moved to Arizona recently and couldn't access their birth certificates or passports. Many of those prospective voters have since been able to register, but Roads said about 1,000 citizens are still unable to vote in this week's election because of Proposition 200 requirements.	Los Angeles Times			
	Arkansas	31-Oct-02		State Democratic Party Chair accuses a Republican poll worker of focusing only on black and elderly voters during his challenges.	Arkansas Democrat-Gazette			
	Arkansas	6-Nov-02		In Arkansas, where voters were allowed to cast their ballots up to two weeks early to lessen the pressure on election day, there were allegations of intimidation in the early voting. Democrats claimed that black voters were photographed as they arrived at polling booths and had their identities subjected to disproportionate scrutiny.	The Guardian			

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Pine Bluff	Arkansas	30-Dec-02		Democrats accused Republican poll watchers of driving away voters in predominantly black precincts by taking photos of them and demanding identification during early voting	The American Prospect			
	Arkansas	17-Nov-04	presidential	DNC Chair says black voters in Arkansas were harassed during early voting	Ethnic News Watch			
Compton	California	14-Nov-01	mayoral	The ousted mayor's attorney, in a legal challenge to the election, said he intends to show that Perrodin's supporters pulled guns on voters at precincts	AP			
South Gate	California	28-Jan-03	treasurer and city council recall	The anti-recall camp accuses police officers of harassment and of "staring down" residents.	Los Angeles Times			
North County	California	6-Nov-03	local	Latino community organizer tells city council panel that Latinos have experienced poll workers who intimidate Latinos by illegally asking them to show identification.	Union-Tribune			
San Francisco	California	2-Feb-04	mayoral	A group called the People of Color Caucus alleged that some Latinas wearing Gonzalez buttons were told they were not allowed to vote	Los Angeles Times			
	Colorado	28-Oct-04	presidential	Democrats fear what they believe to be a plan by Republicans to challenge new voters, especially students at the University of Colorado at Boulder who may seek to use student IDs as proof of identification at the polls. State GOP brass said they have no such plan.	Denver Post			
2nd district	Connecticut	11-Nov-02	congressional	U.S. Representative tells Republican registrars to request police supervision at the polls if they are concerned about fraud or disturbance	The Day Online			
Osceola County	Florida	23-May-02	2001 special election	Federal observers found pollworkers downright "hostile" to Hispanics, even insisting that voters must speak English to vote	St. Petersburg Times			
Miami	Florida	1-Nov-02		Citing fears of voter intimidation and a repeat by GOP operatives to "barrage polling places," local Democrats -- including former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and U.S. Rep. Carrie Meek -- are suing to block Miami-Dade County from allowing a Republican political action committee to put poll watchers inside the county's precincts Tuesday.	Miami Herald			
	Florida	22-Jun-04	presidential	Harkening back to the 1960s, when Southern states used poll taxes and in-timidation to shut blacks out of elections, the Rev. Jesse Jackson on Monday ac-cused Florida Gov. Jeb Bush of engaging in "disenfranchisement schemes" by asking counties to purge felons from voter rolls. "This is a typical South [tactic], denying the right to vote based on race and class," Jackson said. "You see classical voter disenfranchisement. These schemes to deny or suppress voters are not new schemes."	Miami Herald			
	Florida	19-Sep-04	presidential	The Justice Department is investigating accusations that Florida law enforcement officers intimidated elderly black voters during a probe of voting fraud in the Orlando mayoral election. Civil rights groups and Democrats contend that the agents presence and behavior, including allegedly displaying their guns, intimidated the minority voters they visited.	AP			
	Florida	1-Oct-04	presidential	Representatives from People for the American Way saw poll workers turn back registered voters who did not have ID, although that is not required. A spokeswoman from Election Protection says that several voters report being asked if they are citizens during early voting.	The Progressive			
	Florida	16-Oct-04	presidential	Democratic election lawyer says Republican plans to challenge voters at the polls may intimidate voters	St. Petersburg Times			

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Duval	Florida	25-Oct-04	presidential	Two white men were filming voters as they entered the poll site in a presumed attempt at intimidation	Financial Times			
	Florida	26-Oct-04	presidential	The Republican Party distributed to the media affidavits from anonymous voters claiming to be harassed at polling sites in Miami, Pembroke Pines, Boca Raton, Plantation, St. Petersburg, Jacksonville Apopka and Tallahassee.	Miami Herald			
	Florida	27-Oct-04	presidential	Democratic National Committee (DNC) Chairman Terry McAuliffe has accused Re-publicans of engaging in "systematic efforts" to disenfranchise voters, imposing unlawful identification requirements on voters, throwing eligible voters off the rolls and depriving voters of their right to cast a provisional ballot.	Washington Times			
	Florida	29-Oct-04	presidential	Democrats have complained that GOP poll watchers will issue challenges in order to slow down the voting process and drive people away from the polls	Palm Beach Post			
	Florida	29-Oct-04	presidential		Miami Herald			
	Florida	30-Oct-04	presidential	Democrats fear Republicans will systematically challenge black and Hispanic voters and create long lines at the polls. The suspicions were fed by reports that Republicans had a list of 1,866 voters they were planning to challenge in predominantly black areas of Jacksonville.	Orlando Sentinel			
	Florida	30-Oct-04	presidential	Based on a 1982 consent decree, The Advancement Project filed a lawsuit asking a federal district court in New Jersey to ban GOP poll watcher activities in heavily minority precincts in Florida. The suit contends that in New Jersey, Louisiana, and North Carolina, the RNC sent mass mailers to thousands of voters registered predominantly in black precincts. When thousands were returned because of incorrect addresses, those names went on lists for challenges. The GOP says it has just done a mass mailer to new voters.	Tampa Tribune			
Broward	Florida	30-Oct-04	presidential	At one polling station, Republicans claimed that Democratic poll watchers were approaching Republican voters and shouting "There's a dirty Bush supporter!" as they waited on line.	Ottawa Citizen			
Miami	Florida	30-Oct-04	presidential	Democratic poll workers say Republican poll workers are intimidating Kerry supporters, staring at them and refusing to move away if they decline to accept a Bush-Kerry sticker.	The Boston Globe			
Broward	Florida	30-Oct-04	presidential	A Republican Party spokesman said elderly voters standing in line at early polling places who refuse to accept Kerry stickers have been harassed with shouts of "Hey, we've got a Bush voter here!" He says Republican poll watchers and volunteers have been "pretty much continually harassed and intimidated."	The Boston Globe			

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	Florida	31-Oct-04	presidential	Democrats say Republicans are disproportionately putting poll watchers in predominantly minority precincts and said it could signal plans to intimidate or slow down voters. In Miami-Dade County, Democrats said 59% of predominantly black precincts have at least one Republican poll watcher, while 24 % of predominantly white precincts have them. In Leon County, 64% of black precincts have at least one Republican poll watcher compared with 24% of majority white precincts. In Alachua, 71% of black precincts have a Republican poll watcher assigned, while 24% of white precincts do.	St. Petersburg Times			
Miami	Florida	1-Nov-04	presidential	Election Protection reports that Haitian Americans complained that "thugs" had walked along the waiting lines at an early polling site and demanded to see identification, while telling voters they could be deported.	Cox News Service			
Broward	Florida	3-Nov-04	presidential	Four GOP poll watchers were ejected from the polls by police and another was "threatened by poll workers for telling them to assign voters provisional ballots. These are people without ids or even listed on the voter roll," according to a party statement.	Boston Globe			
Miami	Florida	3-Nov-04	presidential	GOP challengers were monitoring the polls, armed with packets that included color mug shots of felons the party said were improperly included on the voting rolls. At the urging of the Bush campaign, some of the poll watchers were wearing buttons, hats or T-shirts that said "voting rights counselor."	Washington Post			
Sanford	Florida	3-Nov-04	presidential	At Midway Elementary School east of Sanford, a predominantly black voter pre-inct, Democratic officials complained a large law-enforcement presence intimi-dated voters. A deputy sheriff assigned to the precinct moved his patrol car, with his po-lice dog inside, after Democrats complained to the Seminole County Sheriff's Of-ice about it being parked at the entrance to the parking lot, where they said there were as many as four deputies at a time.	Orlando Sentinel			
	Florida	2-Mar-05	presidential	Shouting matches and rowdy behavior forced elections officials across the state to step in to keep the peace. Voters reported being harassed and intimidated at the polls.	Orlando Sentinel			
	Georgia	3-Nov-04	presidential	Many voters said they were denied provisional ballots or had to argue with poll workers to get them.	Atlanta Journal Constitution			

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Atkinson County	Georgia	28-Oct-04	presidential	<p>Ninety-five people who make up more than three-quarters of a rural Georgia county's registered Hispanic voters were summoned to a courthouse Thursday to defend their right to vote after a complaint alleged a county commissioner attempted to register non-U.S. citizens.</p> <p>The Atkinson County Board of Registrars, however, dismissed most of the complaint at the beginning of the hearing, saying the case could open the county to charges of violating the Voting Rights Act. Remaining complaints against two voters were dropped when the complainants declined to present any evidence against them.</p> <p>The three men who filed the complaint had said they have evidence a county commissioner attempted to help non-U.S. citizens register so they could vote for him in the July 20 Democratic primary.</p> <p>Lawyers from the American Civil Liberties Union and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund got involved because the men filed the challenges based on a list they had received from the Board of Registrars of all Hispanics registered in the south Georgia county.</p> <p>Linda Davis, chief registrar in Atkinson County, said</p>				
East Chicago	Indiana	21-Apr-04	mayoral	<p>The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund filed a federal lawsuit last October alleging that election officials conspired to persuade Hispanics to vote by absentee ballot and limit their access to the polls in the 2003 Democratic primary.</p> <p>The U.S. Attorney's Office is investigating similar allegations.</p> <p>The lawsuit seeks to overturn the election of Mayor Robert Pastrick, who defeated challenger George Pabey, who is of Puerto Rican descent.</p>	AP			
	Indiana	7-Oct-04	presidential	<p>Persistent warnings about terrorism also have drawn skepticism from some Democratic election officials and civil rights advocates who have accused the Republican White House of creating a climate of fear that, among other things, could suppress voter turnout. Heavy voter turnout historically has favored Democrats in U.S. elections.</p> <p>Some local officials in Indiana accused Secretary of State Todd Rokita, a Republican, of trying to intimidate voters after he asked election clerks to develop responses to "an immediate and present danger." Engy Abdelkader, civil rights director for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, says that Arab-Americans and other minorities could choose to stay away from the polls if they believe that federal agents will be questioning people there.</p>	USA Today			

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Clay County	Kentucky	29-May-02	county clerk primary	A poll worker, Jeff Farmer, was stationed at Horse Creek Elementary School as a "challenger," someone who observes the process and can ask voters to prove identities or addresses. The sheriff said Farmer was warned after interfering with voters. "I told him to sit his ass down," Jordan said. When Farmer went outside about 10:30 a.m. and began "pulling voters out of line," according to Jordan, a sheriff's deputy told him to leave or face arrest. Farmer had a different version of events, saying he went out to smoke and wasn't allowed back in.	Lexington Herald Leader			
Jefferson	Kentucky	31-Oct-03	gubernatorial	A flyer written and distributed by the Republican in charge of recruiting poll workers asserts that in three previous races the NAACP and the Philip Randolph Institute have targeted "poor, black voters" and encouraged them to "commit voter fraud." Civil rights leaders say this shows that the Republican plan to put challengers in predominantly African American poll sites is racially based. The Republican County chair had announced that Republicans would place challengers at 59 precincts that were either chosen at random or because there were too few election workers.	The Courier-Journal			
Louisville	Kentucky	2-Nov-03	gubernatorial	Black voters in Louisville sued Friday over a Republican plan to put vote "challengers" in dozens of black precincts	AP			
Louisville	Kentucky	4-Nov-03	gubernatorial	Republicans plan to deploy "a small army" of challengers in Jefferson County. Critics say the mobilization of mostly white challengers in poorer minority districts is intended to intimidate. Black leaders held a rally decrying the Republican initiative.	Christian Science Monitor			
Jefferson County	Kentucky	3-Aug-04	presidential	A group of Republicans called on the county party chair to resign because of plans to use voter challengers in the election. In 2003, the party used Republicans from across the county to watch voting in 18 predominantly Democratic districts -- most of them with large numbers of black voters.	Courier Journal			

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Baton Rouge	Louisiana	7-Oct-03	sheriff	Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff Ed Layrisson said Monday he has suspended two deputies while his office investigates allegations of public intimidation against them. The deputies were at a polling place Saturday and allegedly asked several people in a group how they planned to vote in the sheriff's race, authorities said. The deputies "have adamantly denied the allegation," Layrisson said. He said the deputies were not in uniform, but were carrying their badges and weapons.	The Advocate			
New Orleans	Louisiana	2-Nov-04	presidential	Louisiana Election Protection says it received many complaints of voters being denied the right to vote if they did not have a drivers license.	AP			
Baltimore	Maryland	6-Nov-02	gubernatorial	The Democratic National Committee filed a lawsuit seeking to prevent the Ehrlich campaign from using off-duty police officers as poll workers. The Democrats dropped the action when the campaign agreed the officers would not wear uniforms, badges or sidearms or identify themselves as police officers.	Washington Post			
	Maryland	6-Nov-02	statewide	In Maryland, David Paulson, the director of communications for the state Democratic Party, charged that signs saying voters needed photo identification to vote had been "illegally" or "extralegally" placed by the Board of Elections in Prince George's County, just outside of Washington. Photo identification has never been required for voters there, he said.	UPI			
Boston	Massachussetts	12-Mar-05		In 2002, there were allegations that Russian and Chinese voters were being told how to vote by translators in a Brighton precinct that is home to the Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly complex on Wallingford Road. After those allegations, the city changed the rules at the polling place located there: Now, no resident of the building is allowed to work as an elections official there.	Boston Globe			
Boston	Massachussetts	30-Jul-05		In a lawsuit filed yesterday, the Justice Department alleges that the city and its poll workers interfered with voters' rights by "improperly influencing, coercing, or ignoring the ballot choices of limited English proficient Hispanic and Asian-American voters" and of generally "abridging" their voting rights by treating Hispanic and Asian voters disrespectfully at the polls and by failing to provide adequate translation services for them.	Boston Globe			
	Massachussetts	18-Aug-05	presidential	A survey by the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund found 10 voters who had been turned away because their names were not on the rolls and who were not offered provisional ballots as required by law.	Boston Globe			

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Detroit	Michigan	6-Nov-02		<p>Trouble was reported at Bowen Recreation Center in Pontiac, where police were called after voters and election workers complained that a Republican Party volunteer was harassing people. Precinct chairwoman Linda Nichols said the woman, who identified herself as Teresa Sayer, came to the poll after leaving another location where voters had complained that she was questioning whether they were eligible to vote. "She would be behind the shoulder of the poll worker telling them what they could and could not do," Nichols said. "She even got behind the voter when they were going into the voting booth, asking them if they had identification."</p> <p>State election officials say challengers are not allowed to talk directly to voters but can question the veracity of a voter with poll chairpersons. State Republican officials denied that the woman was intimidating voters at the polling place. The precinct, on Bagley near Orchard Lake, is heavily Democratic and black.</p>	Detroit News			
	Michigan	18-Sep-04	presidential	<p>Democrats were outraged when Republican state representative John Pappageorge was quoted in July as warning that "if we do not suppress the Detroit vote, we're going to have a tough time in this election." Detroit is 83% black.</p>	San Francisco Chronicle			
Detroit	Michigan	4-Nov-04	presidential	<p>Reggie Turner, a Detroit lawyer with the Kerry campaign, complained of voter intimidation by GOP challengers at Detroit sites.</p> <p>"The documented incidents of intimidation and harassment that we have in our files are right out of the stories regarding harassment and intimidation in the South in the 1950s and 1960s," Turner said. GOP challengers harassed people in line to vote, requesting identification when they had no right to, and had lists of voters "they intended to challenge without any legal basis for such challenges."</p> <p>The GOP's Paolino said the lists were of newly registered Detroit voters to whom the GOP had sent mailings that came back from the post office as address unknown.</p>	Detroit Free Press			
Detroit	Michigan	8-Nov-05	mayoral	<p>The NAACP has received more than 100 complaints including ones involving intimidation at the polls. There were many fights between challengers and poll workers.</p>	Detroit Free Press			
Duluth	Minnesota	3-Nov-04	presidential	<p>Republicans systematically challenged a group of voters brought in by a nonprofit group and a group from a shelter. At another site, a minority group advocate accused a Republican challenger of intimidating American Indian and black voters.</p>	Duluth News-Tribune			

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	Minnesota	3-Nov-04	presidential	Secretary of State Kiffmeyer said her office received about 140 complaints about MoveOn. Minnesota Republican Party leaders tried and failed to get a restraining order against the MoveOn organization, which they accused of stationing activists too close to polling places Tuesday. But the judge disagreed. "The evidence has consisted almost entirely of hear-say," said Hennepin County District Judge Francis Connelly after a two-hour hearing Tuesday afternoon.	St. Paul Pioneer Press			
	Minnesota	3-Nov-04	presidential	Officials in Beltrami County and throughout the Twin Cities reported seeing poll challengers increasingly focused on polling places with particularly heavy populations of specific groups. Examples of those specific groups were college students, Indians on reservations, minorities or the homeless. In one case, the chairman of a Minnesota Indian tribe accused Republican poll challengers of intimidating legitimate voters by aggressively challenging their residency.	Star Tribune			
Red Lake Indian Reservation	Minnesota	22-Mar-05	presidential	A get out the vote activist and an election judge say that a Republican operative improperly challenged so many Indian voters at the reservation on Election Day that the challenger eventually was removed by tribal police. Director of Minnesota Election Protection 2004 said that most of the 46 complaints that her group forwarded to the national database had to do with "overzealous partisan challengers." The challenges were often based "on the way a person looked" or the fact that the person was not speaking English.	Star Tribune			
St. Louis	Missouri	28-Oct-04	presidential	Civil rights groups accuse the Republican Party of hiring hundreds of poll challengers as part of an effort to suppress the black vote in St. Louis. The Republican Party strongly denies this.	AP			
	national	15-Oct-04	presidential	The Justice Department is ill prepared to handle a large influx of complaints about voting rights violations in the Nov. 2 presidential election, according to a report released yesterday by the Government Accountability Office. The Justice Department "lacks a clear plan" to reliably document and track allegations in a manner that could allow monitors to swiftly pick up patterns of abuse and take corrective steps, according to the GAO, Congress's nonpartisan investigative arm.	Washington Post			
	national	3-Nov-04	presidential	Republicans filed complaints with courts about poll monitors from the liberal group Moveon.org "intimidating" voters in New Hampshire, Iowa, Minnesota, Colorado and Michigan - all close states. Moveon.org's Eli Pariser said the GOP charges were intended to "create a false and distorted record to assist them in any legal challenges."	New York Daily News			

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				Racial slurs from election workers, missing bilingual ballots and unwarranted demands to check voter identification turned away Asian American voters across the nation, according to reports by the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund. "There were racist remarks in New York City - poll workers were blaming them for holding up the lines. One of them said, "You Oriental guys are taking too long to vote," she said. Although the legal fund continues to tally its exiting poll surveys and has no firm estimate for the number of incidents, Fung said repeated requests from poll workers to check identification hindered the high turnout of Asian American voters. With their patience worn thin by the inadequacy of their voting site, many simply left without voting. In polling sites across Detroit, University of Michigan student volunteers monitoring the polling sites said they not only encountered deficient polling sites, but also challengers from the Republican Party deliberately aiming to drive voters away through tactics of intimidation.				
	national	4-Nov-04	presidential		University Wire			
				In his first high-profile address since conceding the presidential election, Senator John F. Kerry used Boston's annual Martin Luther King Jr. memorial breakfast yesterday to decry what he called the suppression of thousands of would-be voters last November. "Thousands of people were suppressed in their efforts to vote. Voting machines were distributed in uneven ways," the former Democratic nominee told an enthusiastic audience of 1,200 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in South Boston. "In Democratic districts, it took people four, five, 11 hours to vote, while Republicans [went] through in 10 minutes. Same voting machines, same process, our America," Kerry said. Critics of the election process in Ohio say there were not enough voting machines in urban, Democrat-leaning precincts, leading to long lines that dissuaded many voters from casting ballots. In some cases, polls were held open after the announced closing time to allow everyone in line to vote, but some left without voting after standing in line for hours. Some blacks in particular have also				
	national	18-Jan-05	presidential		Boston Globe			
Tonopah	Nevada	23-Oct-02	local	A group called "Concerned Citizens for Fair Elections" filed 1,200 voter challenges, nearly 200 of which were duplicates or triplicates of the same challenge; 220 were improper; several of those who signed the challenges under penalty of perjury said they never inspected the residence they claimed was abandoned or not occupied by a registered voter. District Attorney investigates whether there was perjury	Pahrump Valley Times			
Washoe County	Nevada	1-Oct-04	presidential	The registrar says an official of the Republican Party came to his office with a small group asking how to launch a "full scale program for challenging voters."	The Progressive			
Las Vegas	Nevada	29-Oct-04	presidential	An effort by a former Nevada GOP operative to question 17,000 Democratic voters in Las Vegas was rejected earlier this month by election officials there	Washington Post			
Passaic County	New Jersey	26-Jun-01	municipal	A court appointed election monitor found that in the May 8 election violations included refusing to provide provisional ballots and intimidation of voters by candidates' representatives	New York Times			

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Passaic County	New Jersey	6-Nov-01	US Senate	Hispanic and black residents in the city of Passaic receive postcards in the mail warning of "armed law enforcement officers" at the polls and fines or prisons for anyone violating voting laws	The Record			
Passaic	New Jersey	4-Dec-01	sheriff	The federal monitor found that the weekend before Election Day, Passaic city voters received a mass mailed post card reminding them that "armed law enforcement officers" would be policing the polls. The cards inferred they were official and cited the name of the monitor. He said they seemed aimed at minority voters	The Record			
Licking County	New Jersey	27-Oct-04	presidential	A resident files challenges of 55 county residents whose voter confirmation cards sent from the Board of Elections were returned undeliverable. He withdrew 47 of his challenges and the board denied the other eight. The county Republican chair said that the state Republican Party directed counties to challenge suspect voters such as those who have an address where voter confirmation cards could not be delivered.	Newark Advocate			
	New Jersey	9-Nov-05	statewide	The state Democratic Party won an injunction in the Superior Court in Passaic County, with the judge issuing a statewide order barring any challenger from disputing any voter's ability to vote based on the voter's signature. The Democrats said they heard numerous complaints about GOP challengers interfering in the signature comparison process.	Star Ledger			
Sandoval	New Mexico	20-Oct-04	presidential	At a special meeting Tuesday, Sandoval County commissioners voted 3-1 against opening an additional early voting site in Rio Rancho. Commissioners cited a short time line and legal questions in voting against the poll. The commission called the meeting after Republican legislative candidates and the mayor of Rio Rancho complained that the lack of an early voting site in the city disenfranchised voters. "The combination of an incompetent county clerk and highly partisan Democrat commission has allowed disenfranchisement of the fourth largest city in New Mexico," said Whitney Cheshire, a spokeswoman for New Mexico Victory.	Albuquerque Journal			
	New Mexico	25-Oct-04	presidential	In a mass mailing, the Republican National Committee is citing Hispanic voter registration campaigns as proof that "Democrats... will cheat in order to win." Hispanic advocates say this is designed to suppress Hispanic voting.	Washington Post			
	New Mexico	3-Nov-04	presidential	In New Mexico, a Republican poll watcher videotaped a man as he left a polling station after casting a provisional ballot on Saturday, said Secretary of State Rebecca Vigil-Giron, a Democrat. Vigil-Giron said Republicans argued they wanted to record the voter's face for a possible legal challenge. Federal officials were investigating, she said.	Chicago Tribune			
New York	New York	31-Oct-05	mayoral	Democratic candidate sends a letter to the Department of Justice complaining of Republican election day plans to man some polls with off-duty corrections officers, calling it a bid to intimidate voters.	New York Daily News			

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Alamance County	North Carolina	27-Oct-04	presidential	The head of the Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund says the sheriff gave a list of registered Hispanic voters to immigration authorities to check their status. The sheriff "also threatened to go door-to-door personally with his department to ensure that immigration status was checked and make sure there was no 'perception of fraud by Latinos'"	Agence France Presse		
	North Carolina	29-Oct-04	presidential	In southeast Charlotte, Elections Director Michael Dickerson told poll workers at the Morrison Regional Library to stop asking people waiting to cast early votes to get identification cards ready. Richard Friedman, an unaffiliated voter who is volunteering with the Kerry campaign, complained after elections staff told people standing in line to get their driver's license or voter registration card ready. Most N.C. voters are not required to show ID when they vote, and no one asked for it when voters got in to cast ballots, Friedman said.	Charlotte Observer		
	Ohio	6-Sep-04	presidential	Ohio polling sites plan to add security, which some election officials believe will intimidate voters and poll workers	Columbus Dispatch		
	Ohio	20-Oct-04	presidential	Democrats believe the Secretary of State's order that people who appear to vote in the wrong precinct should not be allowed a provisional ballot and the unnecessary purging of voter rolls, and the Republicans' checking of new registrants are designed to intimidate voters into staying home.	Columbus Dispatch		
Montgomery	Ohio	23-Oct-04	presidential	Republicans filed a challenger list in 191 precincts - many of them in largely black neighborhoods around Dayton. Republicans say it is to prevent vote fraud	Cleveland Plain Dealer		
	Ohio	23-Oct-04	presidential	Republicans formally challenged the validity of 35,000 voter registrations across the state	Cleveland Plain Dealer		
Franklin County	Ohio	24-Oct-04	presidential	Dozens of Republican challenges to newly registered voters in Franklin County will be tossed out because they were not properly filed, a local elections official said yesterday. An initial review of 50 challenge forms filed by GOP activists shows 40 with an incorrect ward or precinct listed for the voter, said Michael Hackett, deputy director of the Franklin County Board of Elections. He said such mistakes will nullify requests to have people removed from the list of eligible voters. Voters whose eligibility is challenged need to prove Thursday that they're registered at their correct address. If they don't show up, elections board members can decide whether to keep them on the rolls. Franklin County Republican Chairman Doug Preisse said his party's challenges of voters' eligibility is not an attempt to deny legitimately registered people the right to cast a ballot. In Franklin County, beyond the challenges with incorrect information, it appears Republicans included some legitimately registered voters, including members of the military.	Columbus Dispatch		
Cleveland	Ohio	29-Oct-04	presidential	In a lawsuit, a voter and Democrats contend Republican challenges to voters around Cleveland and Columbus are designed to keep poor and minority voters from voting.	AP		
Hamilton	Ohio	30-Oct-04	presidential	Jeff Gamso of the ACLU said in Hamilton County, 250 of 251 precincts targeted by Republicans with challengers are majority African-American precincts.	Toledo Blade		

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	Ohio	31-Oct-04	presidential	Democrats accuse Republicans of using challengers to suppress voter turnout. Republicans will not allow the press to attend training sessions.	Cleveland Plain Dealer				
	Ohio	1-Nov-04	presidential	In a lawsuit in Hamilton County, civil rights activists say GOP challenges are discriminatory because they were filed disproportionately in precincts with a majority of black voters. A civil rights group seeks to block challengers in Ohio by arguing they violate a 1981 national order prohibiting the Republican National Committee from trying to intimidate black voters.	Columbus Dispatch				
Lucas	Ohio	3-Nov-04	presidential	In Lucas County, Ohio, Republicans asked a judge to bar poll monitors from wearing "Voter Protection Staff" and "Voting Rights Staff" armbands from polling spots.	New York Daily News				
Summit	Ohio	5-Nov-04	presidential	The Board of Elections threw out 976 of the challenges filed by the Republican Party without prejudice after a volunteer who brought the challenges revealed she did not have any personal information about the eligibility of the challenged voters. A member of the Board told the volunteer she could be indicted for signing a sworn challenge without personal knowledge of eligibility. The Board has indicated they plan to call the Department of Justice to conduct a criminal investigation of the challenges.	Philadelphia Tribune				
	Ohio	11-Dec-04	presidential	Because blue-collar and lower-income workers tend to vote Democratic, the long lines in Akron and other urban areas fueled suspicion of a deliberate tactic to hold down the turnout -- especially in largely African-American precincts -- for presidential challenger John Kerry.	Akron Beacon Journal				
	Ohio	23-Jun-05	presidential	Blacks and young voters in Ohio faced widespread voter suppression - mostly because of long lines and improper identification checks - during last year's presidential election, a new report released Wednesday by the Democratic Party said. Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean said that while it's unclear whether the suppression was intentional or whether it influenced the election results, the party's five-month, \$250,000 investigation showed that 28 per-cent of Ohio voters - and twice as many black voters - reported facing challenges on Election Day. "You have a particular ethnic group that has to wait three times as long as other voters, then clearly there is something going on that is aimed at particular precincts," Dean said at a news conference in Washington. blacks waited an average of 52 minutes to vote while white voters waited about 18 minutes. It also found that 37 percent of Ohio voters reported being asked for identification. Ohio law requires only new voters to produce identification, and new registrants accounted for 7 percent of all voters. Blacks and voters under 30 we	The Cincinnati Enquirer				
	Ohio	23-Jun-05	presidential	Long lines were caused by the scarcity of voting machines in a number of precincts, particularly in minority areas, a report by the DNC on the election in Ohio says.	Washington Post				

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	Oregon	21-Oct-04	presidential	Officials are concerned about voter intimidation at ballot drop-off sites the evening of the Nov. 2 deadline. A Republican manual instructs GOP volunteers to take video cameras. Party officials say this is to make sure no ballots are collected after the 8 pm cutoff, but Democrats worry that it could frighten away some voters.	Christian Science Monitor			
	Pennsylvania	6-Nov-02	statewide	Democrats in the state are concerned about Operation Swarm and Storm – the name they say was given to an effort by the George Gekas campaign to challenge voters based on old information. A pamphlet was allegedly prepared by the campaign, which instructed Republican poll workers to challenge voters who had recently moved to new districts. The laws had been changed, however, and such challenges could have been wrongly made. Voters in some districts were also challenged to produce identification, charged state Democratic Party spokeswoman Mia DeVane. Voters she said need only provide a matching signature to vote in the state.	UPI			
Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	5-Nov-03	mayoral	Complaints filed with the police, the district attorney's office, and the Committee of Seventy alleging physical violence, harassment and intimidation were the highest in modern history. The DA's office reported it had received at least 171 complaints, nearly quadruple the 41 complaints of four years ago. Most charged that voters and poll workers had been intimidated or interfered with. Inspector William Colarulo said the Police Department had received at least 110 complaints, most dealing with simple assaults, vandalism and disturbances. In the course of the day, Common Pleas Judge Benjamin Lerner signed two orders directing Republican workers at polling places in Germantown and North Philadelphia to stop demanding identification from people showing up to vote.	Philadelphia Daily News			
Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	26-Oct-04	presidential	Republican Representative John Perzel, speaker of the state house, told US News and World Report that "The Kerry campaign needs to come out with humongous numbers here in Philadelphia. Its important for me to keep that number down." At the same time, he said campaign workers are examining voting records for evidence of Democrats registering more than once or otherwise violating election rules. An aide to Perzel said challengers will have lists of questionable registrations at the polls.	AP			
Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	31-Oct-04	presidential	In Philadelphia, Republicans unsuccessfully sought last week to change locations of 63 polling places, contending that their placement in closed bars or in homes would intimidate voters. Democrats pointed out that most of those locations were in minority neighborhoods and branded the move an effort to suppress black votes.	Philadelphia Inquirer			

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				Philadelphia's voter-registration administrator cried foul last night over a letter sent from the state GOP to judges of elections, the men and women who run the city's 1,681 polling places. He said the letter had wrongly instructed those poll workers to check and compare voters' various signatures "at will." He pointed to state law, which limits such checks to prevent long voting delays. State Republicans released additional details yesterday from their list of 10,000 letters to Philadelphia voters that they said were returned as undeliverable. They said they would use this list to challenge voters at the polls today Counsel to the state Republican Party said there were multiple reports yesterday that elderly voters in Lancaster and York Counties in Central Pennsylvania - an area the Bush campaign has been heavily courting - got phone calls telling them they would not be allowed to vote and urging them not to show up at the polls.				
Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	2-Nov-04	presidential		Philadelphia Inquirer			
				While overwhelmed poll workers pushed provisional ballots on some voters who should not have been using them, other voters who could have used provisional ballots were being turned away. In Allentown, about 10 lawyers and community activists rushed to the Salvation Army building on North Eighth Street to challenge poll workers who were stopping about eight people whose names were not in the registration list. In Montgomery County, a judge issued a mid-day order telling poll workers they that no longer needed county approval to give out provisional ballots.				
	Pennsylvania	3-Nov-04	presidential		Morning Call			
				There were long lines throughout the state, leading voters to wait for several hours in order to vote. Some voters waited into the night in order to vote. Some reportedly left without voting.				
	Pennsylvania	4-Nov-04	presidential		Philadelphia Inquirer			
				In Philadelphia, some voters were sent to police stations to cast provisional ballots, House Minority Whip Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md.) told a voting rights forum. "Clearly an intimidation," he said.				
Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	8-Dec-04	presidential		Los Angeles Times			
				The Board of Elections fired three elections officials because of charges they intimidated Democratic voters. One voter said a poll worker was aggressive in challenging his eligibility. Another said a worker yelled at her and then grabbed her arm and forced her out of the polling place because she was wearing a Kerry button.				
Lancaster	Pennsylvania	24-Apr-05	presidential		Lancaster Sunday News			

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Beaufort	South Carolina	5-Nov-02		Voters in Beaufort County who only have rural route addresses or post office box numbers on their voter registration cards might face problems at the polls today, a federal lawsuit filed in Charleston late Monday alleges. The lawsuit said that poll workers could challenge these voters' ballots, and that if this happens, black voters would be disproportionately affected. The chair of the election commission said poll workers will ask these voters to identify exactly where they live, possibly by having them point out their homes on a map. He said the purpose of doing this is not to discourage or embarrass the voter, it's to ensure they get the correct ballot. He said if there is any confusion, voters will be given failsafe ballots that exclude district races but still allow voters to cast ballots in federal, state and countywide races.	The Post and Courier		
Greer	South Carolina	12-Aug-04	county council	Candidate says he plans to have observers at the polls and may call for sheriff's deputies to enforce voting laws when voters try for a third time to nominate a Republican County Council candidate. His opponent alleges he is trying to intimidate black voters from voting.	Greenville News		
Columbia	South Carolina	2-Nov-04	presidential	Dozens of voters, many students, were turned away from a precinct at Benedict College after Republican poll watchers contested the legality of their vote. Challenges slowed voting at the precinct causing waits as long as four hours. The Republican Party executive director said poll watchers were challenging people who did not have proper state identification, such as a drivers license. Alternate forms of identification permit student to vote provisional ballots.	AP		
	South Dakota	31-Oct-02	US Senate	Senator Daschle says Republicans have targeted Native American communities in making allegations of vote fraud and launching initiatives in order to suppress the Native American vote	Washington Times		
	South Dakota	1-Jan-03	senate	Republican attorneys fanned out across the state on Election Day to gather affidavits to show vote buying. The State Attorney General (a Republican) says that of the 50 affidavits only three alleged criminal activity, and two of those proved to be false. One person is being investigated. Two of the affidavits were found to have been forged or perjurious. Each affidavit states that the person allegedly signing it claimed to have been picked up by a van driver, offered 10 to vote, taken to the polling place and home again and again offered the 10. Most of the allegations focused on the Rosebud Reservation	Indian Country Today (Lakota Times)		
	South Dakota	30-Jun-04	special election	During the June 1 special election, several Native American voters were told they could not vote if they did not have ID and were not told about the affidavit option. Most of the complaints came from across the state, many from reservations and some from Rapid City, where there is a large American Indian population. A Republican poll watcher denied this was the case. He said Indian voting rights workers were intimidating poll workers.	Indian Country Today (Lakota Times)		
	South Dakota	26-Aug-04	presidential	Some American Indians were not allowed to vote in the primary because they did not have photo ID and some said they were not told they could instead sign an affidavit.	Newsday		

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Sioux Falls	South Dakota	2-Nov-04	senatorial	On Election Day, a district court judge ruled Republican poll watchers in Charles Mix County had to stop following American Indian voters after they cast ballots. The GOP workers were also ordered to stop writing down those people's license plate numbers.	AP			
	Tennessee	5-Nov-02		A GOP memo to its poll watchers said, "There are problems" with the instructions [state election director]Thompson's office provided to local officials, and focuses on whether the would-be voters are legitimately qualified. "If the officers at the precinct are not screening voters for their qualifications to vote, including their citizenship, they should be challenged so that the election officials will carry out the law and make sure they are qualified to vote if they are first-time voters," the memo saysThompson said the U.S. Department of Justice, part of President Bush's ad-ministration, notified him of the GOP memo last week and expressed concerns about it. After conferring with the Justice Department and state Attorney General's office, Thompson sent a four-page memo to local election officials Friday that makes it clear that poll watchers are forbidden by law to question or chal-lenge voters directly and that election officials are not to require would-be voters to provide proof of eligibility, as the GOP memo seeks. The state Democratic Chair said the challenges targeted Afri	Commercial Appeal			
Prairie View	Texas	6-Oct-04		Students at historically black college Prairie View A & M filed several lawsuits against a Texas district attorney for making comments that he would prosecute students that falsely declared the school as their place of residency. In 1979, the US Supreme Court ruled in favor of Prairie View A & M, upholding a student's right to vote.	Los Angeles Sentinel			
	Utah	18-Jun-04	congressional primary	An immigration-issues group is mounting a last-minute bid to challenge hundreds of foreign-born voters in Utah's Republican primary Tuesday. The effort is the work of ProjectUSA, based in Washington, D.C. The Utah voter challenge would require those singled out in the state's 3rd Congressional District by ProjectUSA to confirm at the polls that they are U.S. citizens and registered voters. State elections director Amy Naccarato is concerned ProjectUSA might scare off some legitimate voters.	Deseret Morning News			
	Utah	6-Nov-04	congressional	The Republican candidate challenged the legal registration of 1,495 residents of the Holladay-area neighborhoods in the days before the election. 1,494 were Democrats, and one was from the American Party. The County Clerk determined the claims were groundless and said he could be subject to a charge of voter intimidation.	Salt Lake Tribune			

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	Washington	20-Dec-04	gubernatorial	<p>Procedures for validating ballot signatures vary widely from county to county in Washington state, a fact that has become significant given the razor-thin margin of the governor's race.</p> <p>A survey by The Seattle Times showed that counties use different procedures for evaluating signatures, the newspaper reported Sunday.</p> <p>More than 3,400 absentee and provisional ballots in Washington were rejected in the November election because the signatures didn't match those on file with elections officials. The state Supreme Court last week rejected an argument by the Democratic Party that counties have disenfranchised voters by handling mismatched signatures so differently.</p>	AP			
King	Washington	20-Dec-04	gubernatorial	<p>King County election workers were told as early as May that if an absentee ballot came in without a matching signature on file they were required to make a concerted effort to verify that the vote was valid. Before a special election in May, King County election workers routinely violated state law by counting such ballots without making any attempt to verify the signatures. In this November's general election, the county's absentee-ballot staff still didn't make the effort to find matching signatures. But instead of counting the ballots automatically, they rejected them.</p>	Seattle Times			
	Washington	31-Mar-05		<p>A Soap Lake man is challenging the voting credentials of hundreds of Washington voters, saying he thinks they're illegal immigrants who registered and cast ballots illegally.</p> <p>But Martin Ringhofer may have a hard time proving the challenges he has filed in Spokane and 10 other Washington counties.</p> <p>For one thing, there's the methodology of his research. Ringhofer said he obtained a list of people who registered to vote when they obtained or renewed a driver's license, then culled the list for names "that appear to be from outside the United States," particularly those that appeared to be Hispanic or Asian. For another, there's the fact that many of the people on his list are citizens. In fact, The Spokesman-Review contacted a dozen of the 161 people on Ringhofer's Spokane County list, and all of them are citizens.</p>	Spokesman Review			
King	Washington	5-Nov-05	county	<p>Elections officials said hundreds of angry voters called to complain about a Republican backed effort challenging their right to vote. Several voters said the GOP County Vice-Chair was wrong that their registrations did not have their legitimate address. Those voters challenged will have to either re-submit registration forms or when challenged, vote by provisional ballot. Democrats called it a voter intimidation and suppression effort.</p>	Seattle Post-Intelligencer			

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King	Washington	10-Nov-05	presidential	A county councilman asks the county prosecutor to investigate whether a Republican challenger committed perjury in filing some of the challenges without justification. The challenger was the head of the county GOP's Voter Registration Integrity Project* which challenged the registrations of 1,944 voters saying they were registered at private mailbox businesses and storage complexes. Many of the challenges turned out to be baseless. Others did not know it was illegal. Those voters had to file a challenge ballot. The validity of those ballots will be determined at a canvassing board hearing. County Democrats claim the challenges were an attempt to intimidate and disenfranchise voters.	Seattle Times			
Lincoln	West Virginia	31-May-05	primary	Defendants in a vote buying case allege that federal agents intimidated voters by videotaping and photographing voters as they visited the polls.	AP			
Milwaukee	Wisconsin	13-Oct-04	presidential	Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker, citing vote-fraud concerns, is publicly balking at a City of Milwaukee request for almost 260,000 additional ballots in anticipation of high turnout for the Nov. 2 presidential election. Mayor Tom Barrett blasted Walker's stance, and Common Council President Willie Hines Jr. immediately joined in, saying it was an attempt to suppress the central-city vote.	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel			
Milwaukee	Wisconsin	27-Oct-04	presidential	Federation for American Immigration Reform sent Michigan residents to Wisconsin voter registration stations set up by an immigrant rights group to see whether an illegal immigrant was registering illegal voters. The group said it refused to register the Michigan voters and if they insisted they discarded their forms. Prosecutors will check to ensure the registrations were not mailed in.	AP			
Milwaukee	Wisconsin	28-Oct-04	presidential	Although the Board of Elections refused a request by the state Republican Party to have 5,619 names and addresses removed from Milwaukee voting lists, the party plans to challenge anyone who tries to vote from those addresses at the polls. A Journal Sentinel review shows many of the names and addresses confirmed some of the problems cited by the GOP, as well as uncovered additional missing addresses. Some cited by the GOP may be explained by clerical errors, however.	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel			

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				<p>Citing a new list of more than 37,000 questionable addresses, the state Republican Party demanded that city officials require identification from all of those voters. If the city doesn't, the party says it is prepared to have volunteers challenge each individual - including thousands who might be missing an apartment number on their registration - at the polls. Democrats say this is a last minute effort to suppress turnout by creating long delays at the polls. This is in addition to the 5,619 bad addresses the party claimed. The state GOP chair said they had just focussed on Milwaukee because its voter list is a mess and cause for great alarm.</p>				
Milwaukee	Wisconsin	31-Oct-04	presidential		Milwaukee Journal Sentinel			
Milwaukee	Wisconsin	2-Nov-04	presidential	<p>The tires of 30 vans Republicans had rented to help get out the vote were slashed.</p>	AP			





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Resolution of incident/ allegation	Source of Resolution 1:	Source of Resolution 2:



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In the Jacksonville area, Republicans say they have a list of 2,663 newly registered voters from mostly Democratic black communities whose registration could be fraudulent. Republicans have said that poll watchers will enforce a portion of Florida law allowing poll watchers to challenge a voter at the polls. The St. Petersburg Times on Thursday quoted Gov. Jeb Bush as saying he would not have a problem with Republican poll watchers challenging the eligibility of voters	The Ledger, October 31, 2004	