

On Behalf Of Al Kolwicz

Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 3:56 PM

To: Stefanie Mann

Cc: Colorado Voter Group PRESS (colorado-voter-group-press@googlegroups.com)

Subject: RE: Election Complaint - September 11 2014

Hello Ms. Mann,

Thank you for your message, below.

The September 11th complaint refers you to a September 4th Denver Post news article (pasted below).

It reports that Arapahoe prosecutors filed a motion to dismiss a charge of fraudulently registering to vote. "The existing safeguards are insufficient to prevent this from happening again, and are inadequate for us to prosecute cases with these facts," District Attorney George Brauchler said.

Why is this not sufficient proof of existence of the problem?

Sincerely,

Al Kolwicz

Arapahoe DA drops second voter-fraud case

By [Jordan Steffen](#)

The Denver Post

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Prosecutors dismissed a misdemeanor charge against a 73-year-old **man accused of fraudulently registering to vote in the 2012 election.**

The case against Tadessa Degefa, who lives in Aurora, was set to go to trial on Wednesday, but **prosecutors filed a motion to dismiss the count Friday.**

Degefa was [one of four people charged](#) by the 18th Judicial District attorney's office as part of an investigation into voter ineligibility.

Prosecutors have now dismissed two of four cases.

Degefa was one of two noncitizens who were charged as part of an investigation into voter ineligibility that was started after Secretary of State Scott Gessler sent a list of 155 cases of noncitizen voters to district attorneys. Forty-one of those cases were in the 18th Judicial District.

Degefa, an Ethiopian immigrant, is not a U.S. citizen and is not eligible to vote. He was charged with one count of procuring a false registration after he registered online to receive a mail-in ballot in September 2012. He donated \$100 to Hickenlooper's 2010 campaign and \$100 the Arapahoe County Democratic Party.

Prosecutors dismissed the charge after an investigation revealed there are no "reliable safeguards" on the website to prevent false voter registration, according to a release from the district attorney's office.

"The existing safeguards are insufficient to prevent this from happening again, and are inadequate for us to prosecute cases with these facts," District Attorney George Brauchler said.