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District Attorney Lisa S. Green announced today that criminal charges have been filed against four individuals for voter fraud and perjury offenses. The persons charged for violations of Elections Code § 18560(a) or (b) are Gilberto De La Torre, John Byrne, and Fernando Osorio. These charges were filed as misdemeanors. Another defendant, Robert Lopez, Jr., is charged with perjury under Penal Code § 118 for falsely claiming non-citizenship on a jury summons to avoid jury duty. Perjury is a felony offense. The charges are the result of investigations by the Public Integrity Unit of the Kern County District Attorney's Office concerning allegations of voter fraud.

The Public Integrity Unit is currently investigating scores of claims concerning potential voter fraud. No arraignment date has been set for the individuals charged today.



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District Attorney Lisa S. Green announced earlier today that criminal charges have been filed against four individuals for voter fraud and perjury offenses. To clarify that announcement, the persons charged with violations of Elections Code § 18560(a) or (b), Gilberto De La Torre, John Byrne, and Fernando Osorio, were not charged with perjury. Each was charged individually and separately for misdemeanor election fraud under § 18560. Only one person, Robert Lopez, Jr., was charged with perjury under Penal Code § 118.