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*VENTURA, California* –District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Mark Evans (DOB 12/26/1952), of Ventura, was convicted of one misdemeanor count of voter fraud. This case was investigated by the Ventura County District Attorney Bureau of Investigation in conjunction with the Ventura County Clerk and Recorder’s Office.

Evans voted by absentee ballot in the November 4, 2014, general election. He voted a second time in that election by falsifying an absentee ballot using the name of his recently deceased father-in-law.

Evans was convicted based upon his plea of no contest. Judge Michael S. Lief placed him on 36 months summary probation and ordered that he obey all laws and pay a \$1000 fine.

Fair elections are a foundation of our democracy. Voting unlawfully is a crime that will be investigated and prosecuted. According to Mark A. Lunn, County Clerk and Recorder/Registrar of Voters, this conviction sends a clear message: “If you’re intent on committing voter fraud, don’t do it here in Ventura County.”

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