

## **Last person in Benton vote fraud case sentenced**

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A Hickory Flat man is the final person to be sentenced in connection with a large Benton County voter fraud investigation, Attorney General Jim Hood announced Tuesday.

David Massey, 40, was sentenced to five years in prison after he entered an open plea in Benton County Circuit Court, Hood said. Massey was indicted on conspiracy to commit voter fraud and three counts of voter fraud.

Massey is the 16th person to be sentenced in the case that stemmed from vote buying in 2007 Benton County elections.

Massey initially was offered a plea deal for a suspended sentence to testify against his fellow defendants, but the deal was negated after he was later charged with sale of a controlled substance, Hood said. Massey also was ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine.