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PRESS RELEASE

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On Monday, November 2, 2009, nine citizens of Tipton County were indicted by the Tipton County Grand Jury for the Class D Felony offenses of Illegal Voter Registration and/or Illegal Voting. The indictments result from a cooperative investigation by and between the State Coordinator of Elections from the Tennessee Secretary of State's Office, the Tipton County Election Commission, and the 25th Judicial District Attorney General's Office, and charge the following people with illegally registering to vote and/or illegally voting at various times during the election cycle of 2008, after they were convicted of disqualifying felony offenses. Those charged include:

	<u>Illegally Registered</u>	<u>Illegally Voted</u>	<u>Felony Conviction</u>
1. Angela F. Akins		10/20/08	11/15/96 Shel.
2. Kenneth B. Bradley	11/9/07	11/4/08	11/17/98 Shel.
3. Edward A. Cannady		10/30/08	3/16/05 Shel.
4. Jessie Lewis Cleaves		11/4/08	7/28/97 Tipton
5.	8/6/08	11/4/08	6/17/96 Shel.
6.	3/5/08	11/4/08	2/13/95 Shel.
7.	9/22/08	11/4/08	6/4/97 Laud.
8. Rose Lovelady Williams		10/18/08	8/14/03 Tipton
9. Henry Lee Willingham		2/5/08 & 10/22/08	9/17/99 Tipton

All six of the above-named Defendants appeared today in the Tipton County Circuit Court for arraignment on the charges, upon criminal summonses issued by the Court. The other three unnamed Defendants have been indicted, but have not yet been served with process or arraigned. Their identities will be released upon proper service and arraignment.

District Attorney General D. Michael Dunavant would like to thank Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett, State Coordinator of Elections Mark Goins, and Tipton County Election Administrator Linda Burnett for their diligent work and cooperation in identifying, investigating, and documenting these cases of election fraud in Tipton County.

Copies of the Indictments may be obtained from the Tipton County Circuit Court Clerk's Office. Booking photographs may be obtained from the Tipton County Sheriff's Department.