

Oregon woman guilty of elections fraud

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SALEM, Ore. — A 41-year old Oregon woman pleaded guilty to elections fraud on Monday after she admitted to submitting 27 fraudulent signatures on three initiative petition sheets in 2005, officials reported.

Secretary of State Kate Brown and Attorney General John Kroger announced the successful prosecution of Diana Clagett, a transient, who was placed on probation following her guilty plea.

Clagett submitted signatures that either belonged to unregistered voters, or those whose signatures did not match the signature on the voter registration card.

The petition sheets were for what became Measure 42 on the November, 2006 ballot — a measure intended to prohibit insurance companies from using credit scores in calculating rates or premiums.

The Department of Justice began a criminal investigation but could not locate her. A Multnomah County grand jury indicted her in December on two counts of making a false statement and she was arrested in January.

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