



PRESS RELEASE

Chinese National Charged with Voter Fraud in Massachusetts

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U.S. Attorney's Office, District of
Massachusetts

Defendant alleged to have impersonated another Chinese national and voted in the 2024 presidential election under victim's name

BOSTON – A Chinese national residing in Andover, Mass. was arrested today for submitting a fraudulent voter registration and ballot in the 2024 presidential election in the name of another Chinese national. The defendant also allegedly submitted two fraudulent immigration forms on behalf of the victim, a Chinese national, and his wife, resulting in the confiscation of their Green Cards and causing them to enter into removal proceedings.

Yupeng Sun, 33, was charged with one count of fraudulent voter registration and one count of fraudulent voting. Sun will appear in federal court in Boston for an initial appearance today at 2:00 p.m.

According to court filings, on Oct. 10, 2024, Sun allegedly submitted an online voter registration through the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website impersonating another Chinese national residing in Massachusetts with legal permanent resident ("LPR") status. On Oct. 31, 2024, Sun allegedly continued to impersonate the other Chinese national and submitted an early voting ballot at Malden City Hall for the 2024 U.S. presidential election.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
EARLY BALLOT ENVELOPE

Under the penalties of perjury, I swear (or affirm) that I am a registered voter in Massachusetts at the address below, that I will not cast a ballot in any other city or town or voting location, and that the information below is true.

VOTER SIGN HERE

→ [Redacted Signature]

ASSISTED
Completed
Under
marking
or inability
signed

Witness needed assistance in marking ballot, inability to read, or inability to sign voter affidavit and I then signed the voter affidavit.

4. Reason for assistance: _____

5. Assisting person's signature: _____

6. Assisting person's printed name: _____

PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL VOTING:
The penalty for voting or attempting to vote in violation of section 26 of chapter 56 of the Massachusetts General Laws is a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars, imprisonment for not more than five years, or both.

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Ward / Precinct: _____

Ballot enclosed (for Primary only):
☐ Democratic ☐ Republican ☐ _____

After registering to vote and voting, Sun allegedly submitted several anonymous tips in April and May 2026 to Homeland Security Investigations and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") stating that the victim "illegally voted in the 2024 U.S. presidential election" and noting that "[h]e is not a U.S. citizen but a permanent resident."

Anonymous Report:

The subject illegally voted in the 2024 U.S. presidential election. He is not a U.S. citizen but a permanent resident. He registered to vote via a Massachusetts government website and voted in person at Malden City Hall. His name is: J [REDACTED] L [REDACTED] Date of birth: [REDACTED] 1956. His social security number is: [REDACTED] 0990. His voter registration address is: [REDACTED] Bartlett Street, Malden, MA 02148. His Voting record is contained in the government system of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Anonymous doesn't know his current address.

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If the information below is no longer accurate, submit a new [update your voter registration](#)

If you have recently made changes to your voter registration, including address and/or party enrollment, please check with your local election official regarding eligibility to vote in the next election.

Voter registration details for:

Name: [REDACTED]	Voting Status: Voting Status: ACTIVE
Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1956	Party: UNENROLLED
Legal Voting Address: [REDACTED] BARTLETT ST MALDEN, MA 02148	

View My Ballot:

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Vote at the following location:

Ward Number: 3	Precinct Number: 3
Facility Name: BEEBE SCHOOL, MUSIC ROOM	
Address: 401 PLEASANT STREET	

Your voting location is provided by the local elections official in the city or town where you reside. If you have any questions, contact your city or town clerk directly.

Your city or town clerk is:

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
215 PLEASANT ST
RM 220
MALDEN, MA 02148

Phone: 781-397-7116	Email address: cdesiderio@cityofmalden.org
Fax: 781-388-0610	Website: www.cityofmalden.org

Your elected officials are:

Statewide office holders for the Commonwealth:

Governor:	MAURA HEALEY
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It is further alleged that Sun impersonated the same Chinese national and his Chinese national wife in fraudulent forms submitted to USCIS in April 2024 requesting to abandon their LPR status. When the couple returned from an international trip in June 2024, they were subjected to secondary inspection at Logan Airport in Boston, had their Green Cards confiscated, and were placed into removal proceedings allegedly as a result of Sun's submission of fraudulent forms.

The charges of fraudulent registration and fraudulent voting each provide for a sentence of up to five years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. The defendant is subject to deportation upon completion of any sentence imposed. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

United States Attorney Leah Foley and Jeff Grimming, Acting Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in New England made the announcement. Valuable assistance in the investigation was provided by the Lexington Police Department and the Andover Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney James J. Nagelberg of the Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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