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Man who registered voters for progressive Virginia group charged with fraud

By Justin Wm. Moyer October 28

A former Alexandria resident was charged Thursday with voter registration fraud after falsifying applications while working for a local advocacy group, prosecutors said.

In the spring, Vafalay Massaquoi, 30, fabricated the applications while working for a group that sought to register new voters, forging forms and inventing the names of applicants, the Alexandria commonwealth's attorney said in a statement.

The forms were filed with the Alexandria Office of the General Registrar, which alerted the commonwealth's attorney, the statement said. A warrant for Massaquoi's arrest was issued in July, but he had left the area and was not arrested until earlier this month in Philadelphia, according to the statement.

Though prosecutors did not name the advocacy group Massaquoi worked for, New Virginia Majority, whose website says it is "a powerful movement that transforms Virginia by organizing communities

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