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Spanish-American Militant Is Barred From N.M. Ballot

SANTA FE, N.M., Oct. 25 (UPI)—The New Mexico Supreme Court today upheld a decision by Secretary of State Ernestine Evans to keep the name of Spanish-American militant Reis Lopez Tijerina off the Nov. 5 gubernatorial ballot.

However, the court ordered the names of five candidates from Tijerina's Peoples Constitutional Party placed on the ballot.

They included presidential nominee Ventura Chavez, vice presidential candidate Adelico Moya, congressional candidates Wilfredo Ernest Sedillo and William Higgs, and education board candidate Roger Anderson.

Mrs. Evans said she ordered Tijerina's name held off because he is a convicted felon. He was found guilty last year of assaulting forest rangers during a demonstration at Echo Amphitheater on Federal land in New Mexico. The case is under appeal.