



Yuma County Sheriff's Office

Summary



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Case

Case Number: 2022-00022045
 Location: [REDACTED]
 Reporting Officer ID: 1362 - Hemstreet

Incident Type: Fraud Business Commercial
 Occurred From: 11/03/2020 08:00
 Occurred Thru: 11/03/2020 08:00
 Disposition: Open
 Disposition Date: 03/11/2022
 Reported Date: 03/11/2022 16:12 Friday

Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
1	State	90Z	16-1005A (F)	Person Knowingly Marks Voted/Unvoted Ballot w/Intent To Fix Election, Is Class 5 Felony	1

Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
Investigative Lead	1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Other	1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	80
Suspect	1	GALLARDO, ABEL	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	83
Victim	1	STATE OF ARIZONA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	54

Arrests

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age
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Property

Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.
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Vehicles

No.	Role	Vehicle Type	Year Make	Model	Color	License Plate	State
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OfficerID: jahe, Narrative

SYNOPSIS: This is a voter fraud case reported by the Yuma County Recorder's Office. I was advised that a subject had voted in the November 2020 general election however he has been deceased since February of 2019.

NARRATIVE: On 03-10-2022, at approximately 1400 hours, I met with officials from the Yuma County Recorders Office in reference to multiple different voter fraud cases that were occurring. Information was gathered and this case is pending extensive follow up.

ATTACHMENTS: None at this time.

SCENE: N/A

PROPERTY LOSS: N/A

EVIDENCE: Evidence gathered is in the form of copies of ballots and voter registration information that will later be added as attachments. The originals are locked in a vault at this time at the Yuma County Recorder's Office.

WITNESSES: N/A.

OFFICERS: N/A.

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Supplement 1

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Time: 1612

Case Agent: Sergeant J. Hemstreet #1362

Supplemental Report by: Sergeant J. Hemstreet #1362

Attachments:

1. Signatures provided by the Yuma County Recorder's Office that were sent to the DPS Crime Lab for analysis and comparison.
2. Search warrant, affidavit and return, for the ballot envelopes with signatures
3. Registration and voter information provided by the Yuma County Recorder's Office.

Narrative:

Case Background

[REDACTED] Voted in the November 3rd, 2020 general election and submitted Ballot number 030G01, Ballot ID B-39955662 from batch number 1019. [REDACTED] has been deceased since February of 2019. Abel GALLARDO was on the permanent early voting list (PEVL), in Arizona, and a ballot was automatically loaded into his record on 09-28-2020, which was sent on 10-07-2020 and returned completed on 10-22-2020.

All of the case numbers taken with this investigation are as follows: 2022-22045, 22046, 22048, 22050, 22051, 22053, 22055, 22056, 22057, 22058, 27859, 27860, 27861, 27862, 27863, 27864, 49812.

Investigation

On 03-23-2022, at approximately 1523 hours, I went to [REDACTED] in San Luis, Arizona, in an attempt to make contact with [REDACTED] and Abel GALLARDO Jr. Upon my arrival I rang the doorbell and knocked several times. The house appeared to have been lived in however there were no vehicles in the driveway. I waited for a few minutes and then went to another address I was given.

I then went to [REDACTED], also in San Luis, Arizona. This address was the listed address for Abel GALLARDO Jr. Upon my arrival I met with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was the registered owner of the vehicle in the driveway at [REDACTED] and I was able to identify her through her Arizona identification card. She is a non-English speaker and her juvenile children assisted with translation. Their English was also not very good but I found that they had lived at that address for a little more than 2 years and they have never heard of anyone named [REDACTED].

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I then went back to [REDACTED] and found the home in the same condition that I had left it in. I waited for several minutes and then left.

On 04-02-2022, at approximately 1332 hours, I returned to the [REDACTED] address and attempted to contact them again. No one answered the door after knocking and ringing the doorbell. I left a business card with my contact information on it in the hopes someone would call back. I then went to another possible address of [REDACTED], in the City of Yuma, and attempted contact there. I found that it was an earlier address they had listed. I found that the current occupants did not know them and had been there for a few years now.

On 04-28-2022, at approximately 1606 hours, I went to another address that was listed as belonging to Abel GALLARDO Jr., [REDACTED] Yuma, Arizona. A juvenile male answered the door and although I did not get his information, he advised that Abel GALLARDO is his uncle whom he has not seen in quite some time. He did not know where he was living at that time either. I found that Abel was the brother of his mother and she was currently at work. I left my name and phone number with the male juvenile and requested that his mother call me when she gets home from work. He stated that he would give her the message. I then left.

On or about 05-02-2022 I got a call from a male claiming to be Abel GALLARDO Jr. I was advised he is a trucker and is always out of town. He continually asked what it was about and I told him that I would rather meet him in person to discuss it. I told him that I would contact him at a later date and time.

Currently the Arizona ballot envelopes, from the 2020 general elections, are locked in the vault at the Yuma County Treasurer's Office and a court order is required to access them for signature comparisons.

On 06-21-2022 a search warrant was drafted for the ballot envelope at the Yuma County Treasurers Office and signed by Judge Mark Wayne REEVES. On 06-22-2022 the search warrant was served and the ballot envelope was obtained. Copies of the signatures provided by the Yuma County Recorder's Office were sent with the ballot envelopes to the Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory for analysis and comparison. I am currently awaiting the results. On 06-23-2022 the warrant was returned to Judge K. STOCKING-TATE.

No further information available at this time.
Case closed by arrest / forwarded for review

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hemstreet', is positioned above the printed name.

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None.

Narrative:

On 07-05-2022, at approximately 0905 hours, I contact Abel GALLARDO in reference to this case. The following is a general summary.

I identified myself to Mr. GALLARDO and asked if he remembered speaking to me previously to which he stated that he did. I asked him if he was in Yuma and found that he was somewhere in Texas at the time. I asked him if he had voted in the 2020 general election to which he stated that he did. I asked him if he knew if his mother had voted and he stated that he did not.

I asked him if he lived at 3023 West 28th Place Yuma, Arizona, and he stated that he lives in Mexico but gets mail at that address which is his sister's address. I asked where his mother lives and he told me that she either lives there or with his other sister. I asked about the San Pablo address in San Luis and he stated that they moved away from there several years ago and it was prior to his father's passing that they moved from there. I recalled that his father passed around February of 2019.

I asked about the post office box in San Luis, Arizona and he thought it was 7618. He stated that he closed it sometime in 2019 or 2020 because no one was checking the mail there and they did not live in San Luis anymore. I asked who all had access to the P.O. Box and he stated that him, his father, mother and sisters all had access to it. I gathered that whomever they wanted to have access to it had access to it.

I advised Abel Jr. that someone had voted his father's ballot in 2020 and that I had sent signatures to the Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime Lab for analysis and comparisons. He asked what the implications were and then continued talking before I could answer. He stated that he knows his signature and that he has one that he uses for quick things and another for legal reasons. I asked him if he would call me the next time he was in town so that I could get some copies of his signature and he stated that he would.

I am currently awaiting his call.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hemstreet', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Attachments:

Attached is the Scientific Examination Report listing the results of the handwriting analysis from the Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory.

Narrative:

On 12-03-2022 I received the SER from the Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime Lab. The results are summarized as follows:

There are indications that the signature on Item #A1 may have been executed by the writer of item #3, Maria GALLARDO. A1 is the ballot belonging to Maria GALLARDO and #3 are signatures belonging to Maria GALLARDO.

Item #2 is a copy of item #A2 and was not considered a known signature of Abel GALLARDO Jr.

The hand printed signature on Item #A3 is not comparable to the cursive signatures in Item #1.

It does not appear any analysis or comparison could be made. I have also never heard back from Abel GALLARDO Jr. in reference to an interview and he appears to be avoiding me.

This case is being forwarded to the Yuma County Attorney's Office for review.



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On 12-21-2022 I received a declination from the Yuma County Attorney's Office in reference to this case citing "insufficient evidence/ no likelihood of a conviction.

This case is closed pending any additional information.

Sergeant J. Hemstreet #1362.