



Yuma County Sheriff's Office

Summary



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ORI Number:

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Case

Case Number: 2022-00022056
 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 16:26 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
2	State	90Z	16-1016.2 (F)	Voting - More than Once	1
3	State	90Z	16-1016.4 (F)	Voting - Change/Destroy Ballot in Box	1

Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
Suspect	1	SHEELAR, John Lowell	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Victim	1	STATE OF ARIZONA					58

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 in Yuma County and in Oregon.

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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Date: 03/11/2022

Time: 1626

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

John SHEELAR voted two times in the November 3rd, 2020 general election by casting a ballot in Oregon on 11-03-2020 and requesting an early ballot in Arizona on 05-26-2020, which was sent on 10-07-2020 and returned completed on 10-22-2020. The ballot number is 017G01, ballot ID is B-40068558 and is from bath ID 7149.

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 06-11-2022 I read over the information provided to me by the Yuma County Recorder's Office and, in the files I was provided with, was a signed voter registration card from Oregon with a signature of "John L. SHEELER. The "E's" in the SHEELER signature appear to be very unique, see submitted signatures attached. I was also provided with a voter registration card from Yuma County and it contained what appears to be the same signature as the Oregon registration.

On 06-11-2022, at approximately 1941 hours, I called Mr. John SHEELER at 503-357-4108 and left a voice mail for him to return my call. The voicemail consisted of a male's voice identifying himself by saying "John and Sylvia" which is the name of the wife of Mr. SHEELER. I am awaiting him to return my call.

I continued to view the records I was given and found that there are printed records of Mr. John SHEELER casting a ballot in Oregon on 11-03-2020 and sending an early ballot to

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Arizona on 11-03-2020.

At approximately 2045 hours, Mr. SHEELER called me back. I introduced myself and explained to him that I was investigating a voter fraud case and asked him if he had time to speak to me to which he stated that he did.

The following is a general summary and is not verbatim. For a full account of what was said please see the audio recording of the interview that was submitted with this report.

I asked if he lived here or in Oregon and he stated that he is a "snow bird". He stated that he spends more time in Arizona but went back to Oregon a week ago. We talked about the weather a bit and I continued the interview.

I asked if he voted in the 2020 General election to which he stated that he did. I asked where he voted first and he stated that he voted in Arizona. I asked how he voted and he stated that he did an early ballot. I asked about Oregon and after a pause he stated that he did not vote in Oregon. I asked if he registered to vote in Oregon and he stated that he had back in high school but he has since dropped it. I asked when he thought it "dropped" and he stated that he was not certain. He explained that Oregon does not do early ballot and they do a vote by mail. I explained to him that I had a voter registration card from Arizona that he signed and one from Oregon that he signed. I told him that the original registration date was 02-01-2001 and the update was on 10/24/2019. I also explained to him that I had information saying that he did vote in the November 3rd 2020 general election in Oregon. I told him that it said he cast a ballot and it was accepted in Washington County, Oregon. He agreed that it was the county he was living at. I further told him that the signatures on the Oregon and Arizona registrations appeared to be the same. He stated "really?". He stated that this is the first he is hearing of this happening. He stated that he thought I was calling to tell him that his house had been broken into down here in Yuma. I told him that I was confident his house was fine but I could have it checked out for him if he wished.

Mr. SHEELER stated that he had just returned to Oregon about a week prior and described some incidents that have occurred in the past which led him to believe that his property had been broken into or damaged. He declined me sending someone to check his house.

I told him that I gathered from our conversation that he only voted in Yuma County and did not vote in Oregon at all. He stated "right". I asked him if there would be anyone up there that voted in his place and he stated that he could not think of anyone. I asked him if he had any family up there that might have done it and he stated that the mail up there was chaotic. He said that during 2020 the riots were going on up there and the riots up there were as bad as the border is down here. He stated some of his mail showed up burnt and some never arrived. He stated that it caused a lot of headaches. He explained that his aircraft license had been destroyed and the federal government granted him leniency and sent him another one because of what was going on.

I told him that if that was the case he should check his credit report and make sure he is

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not a victim of identity theft. He asked about what he should do as far as the recorder's office and after discussing it he stated that he would go to his local recorder's office and talk to them about what had happened. He would do the same thing when he returned to Yuma. I then thanked him for his time and we ended the conversation.

On 06-14-2022 on further inspection of the signatures provided to me by the Yuma County Recorder's Office I found that all of the signatures for the registrations from both Oregon and Arizona appear to match and are very similar. The ballot envelope provided from Oregon though appears to have a different signature.

The "E's" in the name "SHEELER" are similar in every other signature and look like "T's" which is believed to be Mr. SHEELER's actual signature. The "E's" on the ballot envelope from Oregon look like actual "E's". A scientific examination is needed to confirm.

Attached is a copy of the ballot envelope from Oregon along with the signature on the voter registration showing the difference in the two signatures.

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 search warrant was returned to Judge Kathryn STOCKING-TATE.



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Attachments:

Results of the scientific examination request, regarding the signature comparison, sent to the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Narrative:

On 11-04-2022 I received the Scientific Examination Report from the Arizona Department of Public Safety. Attached is the report and the following is a summary of what is in it.

Examination and comparison of questioned item #A1 with known item #1 resulted in the following opinion:

- The questioned signature on item #A1 was executed by the writer of item #1, John SHEELER.

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



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The Yuma County Attorney's Office declined to pursue charges in reference to this case. The declination is attached to this supplement.

No further,

Sgt. J. Hemstreet, S-95