



Yuma County Sheriff's Office

Summary



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Case

Case Number: 2022-00022058
 Location: [REDACTED]
 AZ
 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 16:30 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	CLEVELAND, Thomas	[REDACTED]		White	Male	[REDACTED] 68
Victim	1	STATE OF ARIZONA					

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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Time: 1630

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

Thomas CLEVELAND voted two times in the November 3rd, 2020 general election by casting a ballot in Oregon on 11-03-2020. Thomas CLEVELAND is on the permanent early voting list (PEVL), in Arizona, and a ballot was automatically loaded into his record on 10-16-2020, was sent one on 10-16-2020 and it was returned completed on 11-03-2020. It was sent on 10-16-2020 and returned completed on 11-03-2020. The ballot number is 017G02, Ballot ID is B-40433078 and it came from batch ID 13002.

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 06-14-2022 I viewed the information provided to me by the Yuma County Recorder's Office. The information consisted of voter registrations from both Oregon and Arizona. The signatures on the registration cards from both Oregon and Arizona, that of Thomas Payne CLEVELAND, appear to match. I then observed a ballot envelope with the name of Thomas Payne CLEVELAND and a signature above it that appears to be different than the signatures on the ballot registrations from Oregon and Arizona. A scientific examination will need to be conducted to confirm either way.

Further inspection of the documents provided show that Mr. CLEVELAND allegedly cast a ballot on November 3rd, 2020 in the State of Oregon. Records also show that he allegedly voted early in Yuma County and dropped his ballot off at the Foothills Library where it was

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accepted.

In my attempts at locating Mr. CLEVELAND I have called multiple phone numbers that are listed to him. None of them so far have yielded positive results. I will later attempt to locate him at an address in the Foothills of Yuma County at his only local listed address. That of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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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None.

Narrative:

On 06-27-2022, at approximately 1039 hours, I went to [REDACTED], in an attempt to locate and speak to Mr. Thomas CLEVELAND.

Upon my arrival I found a vehicle in the driveway registered to a [REDACTED]. The vehicle has an Arizona license plate of [REDACTED]. No one answered the door. I spoke to some neighbors and I was told that they do live there however they left for the season already and had gone back to Oregon. I was provided a phone number of [REDACTED] and will call him at a later time.

On 06-29-2022, at approximately 0911 hours, I contacted Mr. Thomas CLEVELAND via telephone. I identified myself and explained that I was investigating some issues with ballots from the 2020 general elections. Mr. CLEVELAND was dubious, however he did speak to me.

The follow is a general summary of the telephone conversation.

I asked if he lived in Yuma and Oregon and he stated "no". I asked if he lived in Yuma and he stated that he does. I asked if he lived in Oregon ever and he stated that he had but has not been there for 5 years. It sounded as if he did not want to tell me anything so I continued my questions anyway.

I asked him if he had voted in the 2020 elections and he stated that he had. I asked him if he voted in Yuma or another state and he stated "Yuma". He then added "Yuma only". I told him that I saw he is on the permanent early voter list in Yuma County so he would have gotten a ballot. He agreed and asked me who I was. I identified myself again. I told him that he was more than welcome to Google the Yuma County Sheriff's Office and call me back if he wished to confirm my employment here. He then said "go ahead". I asked him if he wanted to call our dispatch to make sure that I worked here and he stated that he had my number. I then continued with my questions.

I told him that an Arizona ballot had been sent out to him on October 16th and it had been returned completed on or before November 3rd of 2020. I told him that I also had information that he had voted in Oregon that had a signature that was allegedly his. I heard a voice in the

background, another person, say “no” and Mr. Cleveland also said “no” and “no way”. I told him that the Oregon ballot was mailed to [REDACTED] and there was a signature on it that looked like it says Thomas Cleveland. He stated “it wasn’t me”. I told him that a ballot was cast in Lincoln County on 11-03-2020 allegedly by him with a year of birth of [REDACTED]. He agreed that his year of birth is [REDACTED]. I confirmed that he is saying that he voted in Yuma County only and nowhere else to which he stated “that is correct”. I told him that I thought that was all of the information that I needed and asked if he had any questions for me.

He asked how all of this was coming up and what was going on. I explained to him, the best I could, how double votes are tracked and that I was advised of the information and am investigating it. I asked him if he signed his ballot and mailed it in on November 2nd of 2020 and he stated that he did not remember.

I explained to him that I also had his signatures from Oregon and that I compiled all of the signatures and sent them to the Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime lab for comparisons. I told him that I attempted to locate him in person but he was gone already.

I heard a female voice in the background say “whatever happened, happened in Oregon”. I told him that it was possible that he was on a permanent early voting list in Oregon and that most states have that. I asked him if he was and he stated that he did not recall and that he probably was so he did not have to stand in line at a polling station.

I confirmed that he has not been at the Oceanview address in 5 years and he stated “yep”. I asked if his mailbox was a community mailbox or if it was out by the street and he stated that it was a mailbox out by the street. I confirmed that it was possible that someone stole it, filled it out and sent it in but the handwriting analysis would tell that. I told him that was pretty much all I had. Mr. CLEVELAND stated that he is talking to a guy that he does not know that has a lot of his personal information and that concerned him. I again told him that he could call the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office to confirm my employment. They ultimately did.

I am currently awaiting the signature analysis.



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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 results of the Scientific Examination Report from the Arizona Department of Public Safety. Attached is the SER and the following is a general summary of the report.

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, Thomas CLEVELAND.

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