



# Yuma County Sheriff's Office

## Summary



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Yuma County Sheriff's Office  
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### Case

Case Number: 2022-00027860  
 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: 03/31/2022  
 Reported Date: 03/30/2022 20:47 Wednesday

### 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	SLAUGHTER, Colton Dale	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	White	Male	[REDACTED] 24
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 Colorado.

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

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Patrol Division  
Supplemental Report**

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**Case Title: Voter Fraud**

**Date: 03/30/2022**

**Time: 2047**

**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**

Colton SLAUGHTER voted two times in the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 general election by completing a Colorado absentee ballot on 10-16-2020. Colton SLAUGHTER also requested an early ballot from Arizona on 09-28-2020, which was sent on 10-07-2020 and received completed on 10-28-2020. The ballot number is 006G01, the ballot ID is B-39971917 and is from batch ID 7242.

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 files provided to me by the Yuma County Recorder's Office consisting of voter registrations from Colorado and Arizona along with a copy of a signature from the ballot envelope provided by Colorado election officials. A rudimentary comparison of the signatures shows that they were possibly made by the same person. A scientific comparison needs to be made to confirm and copies of the signatures will be sent to the Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory for analysis.

Further review of the records show that Mr. SLAUGHTER allegedly submitted a ballot in an envelope in Colorado on or about 10-19-2020. He then allegedly voted with an early ballot in Yuma County in the 2020 general election.

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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 06-29-2022, at approximately 1200 hours, I contacted Colton SLAUGHTER at the listed phone number of [REDACTED]. He answered and I identified myself and I explained to him that I was investigating some issues with ballots regarding the 2020 general election. I asked him if he had a moment to speak to me about it and he stated that he did.

He was apparently in a bad area for cell phone reception so at the time it was difficult to understand what he was saying. The following is a general summary of the telephone conversation.

I asked him if he voted in the 2020 general election and after a pause he stated that he did not and did not believe so. I asked again and after another pause he stated "no". He then stated that he may have but does not remember. I confirmed that he did not remember voting at all. I asked him if he gets any voting information from Arizona or is it only Colorado now. He stated just Colorado now. I told him that he cancelled his voting eligibility in January of 2022. I told him that a ballot from Arizona was sent to him on October 7<sup>th</sup> of 2020 and that it was returned completed on October 28<sup>th</sup> of 2020. I asked if he recalled filling out a ballot and sending it then? He stated that he did not remember.

I told him that I also had a ballot from Colorado with a signature date of October 16<sup>th</sup> of 2020 and received October 19<sup>th</sup> of 2020. I confirmed he did not recall that either? He did not answer so I stated that the address was [REDACTED] house number [REDACTED] and he stated that is where he lives. I asked him if he recalled sending in a form advising that he moved and canceling his registration in Arizona. He stated that he did not. He stated that he remembers going to the DMV in Colorado. I asked him what he did at the DMV in Colorado and he stated that he got a Colorado driver's license. I asked if he had registered to vote and he stated that he would have registered to vote in Colorado.

I explained to him how I came about this information and stated that I understood why he did not remember as it was some time ago. I had been provided with all of the previous signatures from ballot envelopes and registrations from Arizona and Colorado and have sent them to the Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime Lab for signature analysis.

I asked if there was any other information he could give me that would explain as to why this would be and he stated that he doesn't even vote anymore. I advised him that it was not beyond the realm of possibility that someone else had gotten a hold of his ballot and sent it in. I asked about the mailbox he uses and he stated that it was a community mailbox, on a ranch, that everyone uses. He asked if the signatures were the same and I told him that it would be something someone else would have to determine.

He asked if the Arizona and Colorado information were sent to Colorado. I told him someone went in person in Colorado and filled out paperwork. The Arizona was mailed in. He stated that he did not go in a vote and he has done nothing but mail in ballots.

He confirmed that what I was saying is that someone went inside in Colorado and I told him that it appeared that way to me based on the information I got from Colorado but I was not sure as I am not familiar with the information sent by Colorado. He asked if there was a chance that he got two mail in ballots and filled them out. He then asked if the general election was for the president and I told him yes. He stated that he only filled out one of those. I asked if it was in Arizona or Colorado and he did not remember.

I explained to him that it would have been local elections too such as our current Sheriff and other elected officials in Yuma County. He asked if it was in 2020 and I told him that it was. He stated that he got his driver's license in Colorado and he would have filled out his 2020 ballot in Colorado.

I told him that he was not on the permanent early voting list for Arizona so in order to get one he would have had to call to get one or to have one mailed to his local address. He stated that he did not request a ballot. I told him one was requested on October 7<sup>th</sup> and returned on October 28<sup>th</sup>. He asked what address and I advised him that it was on Sun Street. He stated that he grew up on that street. I asked if his family still lived there and he stated they did. I asked if there was another Colton SLAUGHTER that lived there and he stated "no". He mentioned that if it was sent there then someone must have, and then trailed off. He asked when it was returned and I told him it had been sent out on October 7<sup>th</sup> and returned on October 28<sup>th</sup>. I continued by saying that he was not on the permanent early voting list so someone would have had to request it be sent. He stated that it was weird.

He stated that on October 10<sup>th</sup> of 2020 he was in Yuma. I asked if he got to Yuma on the 10<sup>th</sup> and he stated that he got to Yuma on the 8<sup>th</sup> and got married on the 10<sup>th</sup>, confirming he was in Yuma during that time frame. He stated that wondered of there was a chance he filled that stuff out. I confirmed he thought it was possible he found it at his family's house, filled it out and submitted it then? He stated that he does not remember that and no one would have done it for him. I asked him when he got his Colorado license in 2019 and he paused. I asked him if it was cold outside as I knew it was in February and he stated that his license says March of 2019.

I asked him if he had any questions for me and he stated that he did not know and that this was kind of a random phone call. I told him that I was currently investigating several cases involving this same thing and I was currently waiting for more information. I explained that I was a neutral fact finder and that once I was done I would be sending everything to the Yuma

County Attorney's Office for review. He then requested contact information so I gave him the main office line.

The phone connection started to get worse at that time and the conversation was sporadic. I confirmed the phone number with him again and the connection was lost. He would later call back.

At approximately 1251 hours Colton called back and stated that he called his mother for more information and the dates I gave him were coincidental. He asked if on October 7<sup>th</sup> the ballot was mailed or requested. I advised him that it was requested then and returned on October 28<sup>th</sup> and he was not on the permanent early voting list. He stated that it would have had to be requested. He stated that he did not request it and his mother does not remember any of that or him filling anything out when he was there. He stated that he did not fill out any ballot and he is convinced of it. He stated that if he did he does not remember it and if he did it would have been an honest mistake. He said he would not have sent in another ballot either and asked if it was sent in or returned? I told him that when I say returned it was returned to the County Records completed. He stated that it was turned in by hand. I told him that I did not know that and that it could have been mailed in. He again stated that he did not remember doing another ballot. He stated that if he voted at all which he is pretty sure he did he would have voted in Colorado.

I explained to him that this was one of many cases and that I am awaiting lab results. I explained that I would be sending the information off for someone else to review and decide the outcome. He stated that he knows he would not fill out two of them on purpose. After some additional conversation we hung up.

I am currently awaiting the results from the Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime Lab.



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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 10-08-2022 I received the results from the handwriting analysis. A summary of the report is below:

Examination and comparison of questioned item #A1 with known item #1 resulted in the following opinion. There are indications that the questioned signature on item #A1 may NOT have been executed by the writer of item #1, Colton SLAUGHTER. An examination of additional known signatures of Colton SLAUGHTER may provide the basis for a more definitive conclusion.

The SER is attached to this report. Mr. SLAUGHTER currently lives in Colorado and it is unknown when he will return to Yuma for an exemplar. This case is being submitted, as is, to the Yuma County Attorney's Office for review.



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The Yuma County Attorney's Office declined to pursue charges in reference to this case citing "Insufficient evidence/no conviction likely".

This case is now closed.

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