



Yuma County Sheriff's Office

Summary



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Case

Case Number: 2022-00027861
 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: 03/30/2022
 Reported Date: 03/30/2022 20:48 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 | SYDOW, Jerry Lee | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | White | Male | [REDACTED] 78 |
| 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. |
|------|------|------|------|-------|-------------|---------|----------|
|------|------|------|------|-------|-------------|---------|----------|

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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**Yuma County Sheriff's Department
Patrol Division
Supplemental Report**

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Case Title: Voter Fraud

Date: 03/30/2022

Time: 2048

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

Jerry SYDOW voted two times in the November 3rd, 2020 general election by submitting an absentee ballot on 10-23-2020 in the State of Colorado and voting in Arizona as well. Jerry SYDOW is 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 10-26-2020. The ballot number is 020G01, ballot ID B-39989859 and the batch ID is 6094.

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 06-14-2020 I reviewed the documents provided by the Yuma County Recorder's Office. I was able to locate copies of the voter registrations from Colorado and Arizona with the alleged signatures of Jerry SYDOW. I also observed a ballot envelope dated only "10/21", also with the alleged signature of Jerry SYDOW. I examined the signatures and in my opinion they were not all made by the same person. A scientific examination would need to be conducted to confirm that.

I also found that Jerry SYDOW voted an early ballot in Arizona that was accepted on 10-26-2020 and a mail in ballot in Colorado that was accepted on 10-23-2020. Only the ballot envelope from Colorado is available at this time so a comparison to the Arizona envelope can't be made.

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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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1. YCSO Evidence Form
2. Copy of signatures provided by Jerry SYDOW

Narrative:

On 06-28-2022, at approximately 0905 hours, I went to [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] na in an attempt to contact [REDACTED].

Upon my arrival I met Mr. SYDOW at his door, identified myself and asked if he had a few moments to speak to me. He stated that he did and came outside to talk to me.

The following is a general summary and is not verbatim.

I asked him if he had voted in the 2020 general election to which he stated that he did. I asked where he voted and he stated that he voted in Colorado. He added that he did not vote in Yuma at all. He stated that he has not voted here before but plans to in the upcoming elections. I asked if he registered to vote in Yuma and he stated that he had and had received a ballot for the primary but did not plan to vote in that because he has not kept up on who was running. He stated this coming election will be his first one to vote here in.

I explained to him that I was investigating some discrepancies in the 2020 general election that were just coming to light. I explained to him that it appeared that he did vote in Colorado, in 2020, to which he agreed. I continued by saying that it appeared he voted in Yuma County as well. He stared off to his right for a few moments and rubbed his face. He then stated "well, yeah, now I'm thinking" while continuing to rub his face. I asked if he lived alone or lived with anyone and he stated that he lived with his wife. He stated that she doesn't do anything and it would have been him. He stated "the only thing, maybe I did vote here".

He then stated that he had them mail him a ballot but he did not remember. I asked if he was on the permanent early voting list and he stated that he believed so. He stated that he does not know who would have got it but it's possible his name was never dropped in Colorado and they mailed him a ballot. He then stated "but I didn't vote".

I asked if he lived in Arizona year round now and he stated that he did. I asked if he remembered how he voted in Colorado and he stated that he would have voted Republican. I rephrased and told him that I was asking if he mailed in a ballot or was it in person. He stated

that it was mail in and I confirmed that he did not go in person. He stated that for the last few years he voted on an absentee, then corrected himself saying, mail in ballot. He then reached for his license trying to remember when he got it. He stated that if he voted here he must have gotten his driver's license renewed before 2020.

He continued by saying that he didn't vote in Colorado and he never received a ballot here. I confirmed that he never received a ballot for Arizona or Colorado and he stated "for Colorado". I asked if he had requested one and he stated that he did not but would have been on the permanent list and he never thought about dropping his name from Colorado. He added that he did not vote there.

He then produced his driver's license from Arizona and stated that he did not know how often they were renewed and asked if it says on it. I advised him that it will have an issue date on his license and showed him that his was issued on 02-19-2020. He stated that he did vote here then because he would have signed up for it when renewing his license. He stated that he is pretty sure that he signed up to have it mailed to him because he is not that familiar with the area.

I then confirmed his name and date of birth with him to make sure I had the correct "Jerry SYDOW". I also confirmed some previous addresses he had in Colorado to which he stated were his. His dogs were barking and he excused himself for a moment thinking a delivery person was there.

I then showed him a copy of the Colorado voter registration, that was provided to me by the Yuma County Recorder's Office, and he stated "that's my signature". The signature was dated "10-21" appeared to be the month and day without the year on it. He asked if that was his signature on the ballot here, meaning in Arizona. I advised him that I wanted to get a few copies of his signature on a piece of paper for comparison and to possibly exclude him from this. I asked him if he would write his signature down for me a couple of times so I had something to compare it to. He stated "yeah". He then wrote his signature several times on a blank piece of paper. That paper was submitted as Item #2 into Sheriff's Evidence and is being forwarded to the Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime Lab for analysis and comparison.

While he was writing his signatures I talked to him about his dogs. After he was done I took the paper back. I explained to him that I was looking into several cases and he stated that he doesn't remember things that well anymore. He stated that he does remember that he is on the list of voters here in Arizona. He stated that if he did renew his license in February, which would have been his birthday, then he would have signed up to be registered here and he signed up to have the ballots mailed to him. He continued by saying that if he got one then he did vote.

Mr. SYDOW stated that they did not mail him one from Colorado though. He stated that they would have mailed it to a [REDACTED] which is a business P.O. Box that others have access to. He stated that he has a business called "Hudson Locker" which is a meat processing facility and a few people have access to [REDACTED]. He indicated that employees and family have access to the box.

He stated that his son and grandson get mail at it. He added that employees also pick up from it as well. I asked what his son's name was thinking it might be Jerry Sydow Jr. and he told me that his son's name is [REDACTED].

Mr. SYDOW stated that was pretty much all he could tell me and added that he could tell us he did not vote twice. I told him that I appreciated his time and asked him if he had any questions for me. He stated that he did not and was amazed that this "popped up". He stated that it "boggles" his mind that all of this can be tracked and continued saying that he did not do it. He stated that he did vote here and he planned on voting in the next election here. I then ended the contact and left.

I am currently awaiting the results from the signature comparisons.

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

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I received the results of the signature analysis from the Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory in reference to this case.

The report from DPS suggests that the Arizona ballot envelope with the signature of Jerry SYDOW is genuine as it was compared to the signatures that I obtained personally from Mr. SYDOW.

The other items submitted, copies of ballot envelope signatures from Colorado "are reproductions of the same signature and inconsistent with the other known signatures of Jerry SYDOW". The report continues to state "this signature appears to be the product of a different writer and was not used as a known standard of Jerry SYDOW".

Attached is the scientific examination report from the Arizona DPS Crime Lab.

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Attachments:

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

Narrative:

Attached is the scientific examination report from the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

In summary, the report states:

1. A1 An Arizona mail in ballot envelope dated 10/20/2020 bearing a questioned signature of Jerry SYDOW is a genuine signature of Jerry SYDOW.
2. The Jerry SYDOW signature appearing on the Item #1 documents labeled "Colorado reg sig #3" and "Co Bal envelope #4" are reproductions of the same signature and inconsistent with the other submitted known signatures of Jerry SYDOW. The signature appears to be the product of a different writer and was not used as a known standard of Jerry SYDOW.

This case will be forwarded 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.

Sergeant J. Hemstreet #1362.