



Yuma County Sheriff's Office

Summary



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Case

Case Number: 2022-00027864
 Location: [REDACTED]
 YUMA, AZ 85367
 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 20:51 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	BUSKIRK, Ronald Delmar	[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.
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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 Washington.

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: 03/30/2022

Time: 2051

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

Ronald Delmar VAN BUSKIRK voted two times in the November 3rd, 2020 general election. Ronald Delmar VAN BUSKIRK submitted a signed Washington ballot and envelope on 10-19-2020 in the State of Washington. Ronald Delmar VAN BUSKIRK 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 was not returned on 10-19-2020. The ballot number is 024G01, there are two ballot ID's, that of B-39989186 and B-40466512. The reason there are two ballot ID's is due to VAN BUSKIRK being on the Permanent Earl Voting List which automatically sent him a ballot. The ballot was never returned completed, B-39989186, so VAN BUSKIRK came in and voted on the "touchscreen" marking device and the ballot number is B-40466512.

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 reviewed documents provided to me by the Yuma County Recorder's Office in reference to the 2020 general election. The documents were in the form of copies of registrations from the State of Washington and Arizona. One document is of a voter ballot envelope from the State of Washington all with the alleged signatures of Ronald Van BUSKIRK. A rudimentary observation shows that all of the signatures were possibly made by the same person. A scientific analysis will need to be done to confirm this.

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The documents also show that Mr. VAN BUSKIRK voted an early ballot in Arizona in the 2020 general election at the Yuma County Recorder's Office. Mr. VAN BUSKIRK also allegedly voted in the State of Washington on 10-20-2020.

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 an attempt to serve the search warrant was made however, the item was not at the Yuma County Treasurer's Office. It was later located at the Yuma County Recorder's Office. Due to the suspect voting on the "touchscreen" menu he only signed a document saying that he voted. That document was turned over to me by the Yuma County Recorder's Office, on 06-23-2022, without any court order and submitted to Sheriff's Evidence for comparison to the copies that had already been provided. The item's were sent 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 1244 hours, I attempted to make contact with Ronald VAN BUSKIRK at [REDACTED].

Upon my arrival I received no answer at the door. I spoke to a couple of neighbors and none of them really knew them but knew that they were gone for now and had not seen them in a while. A business card was left at the door of one of the neighbors and I later received a phone call from them.

The neighbor did not leave her name however she advised that she knew the female that lived at [REDACTED] as "Donna BROWN". She advised that Donna had left the Thursday after Memorial Day which would be 05-26-2022. I inquired about her husband and was advised that the male that resides with Donna is not her husband and they did not know him. I was advised that he left about a month prior to Donna leaving though. I was provided a phone number for Donna of [REDACTED] and will contact her at a later time.

On 06-29-2022, at approximately 1238 hours, I called the number provided for Mr. Ronald VAN BUSKIRK of 360-301-0560 and left a voicemail. I then contacted the phone number for Donna BROWN and she answered. I identified myself and asked to speak to Mr. VAN BUSKIRK and she handed the phone to him. I identified myself to him and explained that I was investigating some issues in reference to the 2020 general election and asked him if he had a moment to speak to me to which he stated that he did.

The following is a general summary of the telephone conversation.

I asked if he voted in the 2020 general election to which he stated he did. I asked where he voted and he stated it was in Arizona. I asked how and he stated that they went to a voting booth. I asked if it was a touch screen or a paper ballot and he stated it was a touch screen and then paper ballot.

I asked when he last voted in Washington and he stated that he did not think he ever did. He stated that he registered when he got to Yuma and the only reason he did is because he is a Trump fan. He stated he had never voted before that.

I confirmed he never voted in Washington. I also confirmed the address of [REDACTED] and he stated that was his current address. I also confirmed his date of birth of [REDACTED]. I asked if he ever registered to vote in Washington and he stated that he only registered in Yuma. He stated that he has been coming to Yuma for the last 25 plus years. I asked how long he has had the address in Washington and he stated that he has had it since 1993.

I explained to him that I knew he voted in person on 10-19-2020 in Yuma. I also had a copy of a signed registration from Washington on 09-04-2020 and a ballot from October 3rd of 2020, all with his name on it. He then stated that he forwards his mail every winter to Arizona. I asked if he got a ballot from Washington and he stated that he might have but he is not registered there. I told him that according to Washington he is registered up there in Jefferson County. I asked if there was anyone that stays at his house while he is gone and he stated that he keeps in vacant.

I asked what kind of mailbox he has and he stated that it was a regular mailbox by the street with no lock. I explained to him what the electronic registration information center does and how I came about this information. I told him that I was provided all of the signatures from both states and that I had sent them off for a scientific comparison but I wanted to also speak to everyone involved as well.

He stated that he does not remember ever registering in Washington and spends half the year in Arizona and is down here for the elections. I advised him that he is on the permanent early voting list in Arizona so he would not have to request a ballot and they would just send him one. I asked him if he has had the same address in Arizona for a while and he stated that he had. He stated that he has been there for the last 3-4 years.

I asked him if he had any questions for me and he stated that he did not but Mrs BROWN did. She got on the phone and stated that they were together and in Yuma he lives at her house and in Washington she lives at his house. She said they got information and she sent it back advising that during the main election they would be in Yuma but if they were sending an early ballot they would have to send it to Washington. She said they never got an early ballot in Washington though. I told her the only vote in Arizona is when they went in to do it. I told her the additional vote came from Washington, in Jefferson County. I told her there is a record of a registration in Washington on 09-04-2020 and a vote on 10-23-2020.

She stated that the registration they did was in Yuma and as far as any Washington registration she has not known him to ever register in Washington and she does not know how that got mixed up. I asked her what time frame she is in Yuma and she stated that she is here from October 1st to June 1st. Ronald is there from October 1st to May 1st. She stated that as far as any registration coming from Washington it is wrong.

I advised that it sounded as if they wanted to be registered in Arizona only and should probably call the recorder's office in their jurisdiction to get it fixed.

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

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

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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 of the handwriting analysis in this case. The scientific Examination Report is summarized below:

Questioned item #2 was compared to known item #1 resulting in the opinion that the questioned signature on item #2 was probably written by the writer of item #1, Ronald VAN BUSKIRK. An examination of additional known signatures would provide a more definitive conclusion.

The SER is attached to this report.

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.

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