



August 31, 2022

VIA EMAIL

YSCO Records Department
160 South 3rd Avenue, Suite B
Yuma, AZ 85364
SORece@ycso.yumacountyaz.gov

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Public Records Officer,

Pursuant to the Arizona Public Records Law, A.R.S. §§ 39-121 *et seq.*, American Oversight makes the following request for records.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that the Yuma County Sheriff's Office promptly produce the following:

All email communications (including emails, complete email chains, email attachments, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments), text messages (including complete text message threads or conversations), and messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat, Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, or WhatsApp) between (a) Sheriff Leon Wilmot or anyone acting as Sheriff Wilmot's deputy or agent, or communicating on Sheriff Wilmot's behalf, and (b) any of the external individuals or entities listed below (including, but not limited to, at the listed email addresses or domains).

For external individuals/entities 1 and 2, below, please provide all responsive records from November 3, 2020, through March 31, 2022.

For external individuals/entities 3 through 10, below, please provide all responsive records from November 3, 2020, through the date the search is conducted.

External individuals and entities:

1. Gregg Phillips (gregg@opsec.group or [@patriotgames.com](https://patriotgames.com)), or anyone from OPSEC Group LLC ([@opsec.group](https://opsec.group))
2. Catherine Engelbrecht, Courtney Kramer, or anyone communicating on behalf of True the Vote ([@truethevote.org](https://truethevote.org))
3. Former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn, Joseph Flynn, Charles Flynn, Michael Flynn Jr., or anyone communicating on behalf of America's Future ([@generalflynn.com](https://generalflynn.com) or [@americasfuture.net](https://americasfuture.net))
4. Kurt Olsen (kurtols@protonmail.com)



5. Pinal County Sheriff Mark Lamb (mark@sherifflamb.com, mark.lamb@pinalcountyz.gov), or anyone communicating from an email address ending in @sherifflamb.com or @americansheriff.com
6. Phill Kline (phillklineva@gmail.com), Luis Cornelio (luis.cornelio@protonmail.com, lcornel001@citymail.cuny.edu), Timothy Griffin, or anyone communicating on behalf of the Thomas More Society (@thomasmoresociety.org) or the Amistad Project (@got-freedom.org)
7. Mike Lindell (mike@mypillow.com), Michele Replogle, or anyone communicating from an email address ending in @mypillow.com
8. Patrick Byrne, Mike Roman (mikeroman@protonmail.com), or anyone communicating on behalf of the America Project (@americaproject.com)
9. Arizona Representative Mark Finchem (markfinchem@azleg.gov, markfinchem@me.com, markfinchem@protonmail.com, or anyone communicating from an email address ending in @votefinchem.com)
10. Any employee or representative of Protect America Now (@protectamericanow.com)

Statement of Noncommercial Purpose

This request is made for noncommercial purposes. American Oversight seeks records regarding the potential influence of third-party actors on the actions of Sheriff Wilmot. Records with the potential to shed light on this matter would contribute significantly to public understanding of operations of the government, including whether Sheriff Wilmot has been in contact with individuals or entities seeking to undermine public confidence in elections.

Because American Oversight is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, this request is not in American Oversight's financial interest and is not made for a commercial purpose. American Oversight's mission is to promote transparency in government, to educate the public about government activities, and to ensure the accountability of government officials. American Oversight uses the information gathered, and its analysis of it, to educate the public through reports, press releases, or other media. American Oversight also makes materials it gathers available on its public website and promotes their availability on social media platforms, such as Facebook and Twitter.¹

Because this request is made for noncommercial purposes, American Oversight requests that any fees charged in connection with processing this request be limited to copying and postage charges, if applicable.² Please notify American Oversight of any anticipated fees or costs in excess of \$100 prior to incurring such costs or fees.

¹American Oversight currently has approximately 16,000 followers on Facebook and 119,000 followers on Twitter. American Oversight, Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/weareoversight/> (last visited Aug. 26, 2022); American Oversight (@weareoversight), Twitter, <https://twitter.com/weareoversight> (last visited Aug. 26, 2022).

² A.R.S. § 39-121.01(D)(1); *see also Hanania v. City of Tucson*, 128 Ariz. 135, 624 P.2d 332 (Ct. App. 1980). Furthermore, because this request is for noncommercial purposes,

Guidance Regarding the Search & Processing of Requested Records

In connection with its request for records, American Oversight provides the following guidance regarding the scope of the records sought and the search and processing of records:

- Please search all locations and systems likely to have responsive records, regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics.
- In conducting your search, please understand the terms “record,” “document,” and “information” in their broadest sense, to include any written, typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind. We seek records of any kind, including electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs, as well as letters, emails, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations or discussions.
- Our request for records includes any attachments to those records or other materials enclosed with those records when they were previously transmitted. To the extent that an email is responsive to our request, our request includes all prior messages sent or received in that email chain, as well as any attachments to the email.
- Please search all relevant records or systems containing records regarding agency business. Do not exclude records regarding agency business contained in files, email accounts, or devices in the personal custody of your officials, such as personal email accounts or text messages.
- If any records are withheld in full or in part, pursuant to A.R.S. § 39-121.01(D)(2), please provide an index of records or categories of records that have been withheld and the reasons the records or categories of records have been withheld.
- In the event some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records. If a request is denied in whole, please state specifically why it is not reasonable to segregate portions of the records for release.
- Please take appropriate steps to ensure that records responsive to this request are not deleted by the agency before the completion of processing for this request. If records potentially responsive to this request are likely to be located on systems where they are subject to potential deletion, including on a scheduled basis, please take steps to prevent that deletion, including, as appropriate, by instituting a litigation hold on those records.

additional fees provided for under A.R.S. § 39-121.03(A) are not applicable and should not be assessed.

Conclusion

If you have any questions regarding how to construe this request for records or believe that further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records of interest to American Oversight, please do not hesitate to contact American Oversight to discuss this request. American Oversight welcomes an opportunity to discuss its request with you before you undertake your search or incur search or duplication costs. By working together at the outset, American Oversight and your agency can decrease the likelihood of costly and time-consuming litigation in the future.

Where possible, please provide responsive material in an electronic format by email. Alternatively, please provide responsive material in native format or in PDF format on a USB drive. Please send any responsive material being sent by mail to American Oversight, 1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255, Washington, DC 20005. If it will accelerate release of responsive records to American Oversight, please also provide responsive material on a rolling basis.

We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. American Oversight looks forward to working with your county on this request. If you do not understand any part of this request, please contact Khahilia Shaw at records@americanoversight.org or (202) 539-6507.

Sincerely,

/s/ Khahilia Shaw

Khahilia Shaw

on behalf of

American Oversight