

## Diaz, Bethany

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**Subject:** RE: Biological Resource Center FOIA

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Office of the Arizona Attorney General  
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**From:** Conner, Katie <katie.conner@abc15.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 28, 2015 3:47 PM  
**To:** Diaz, Bethany  
**Subject:** Re: Biological Resource Center FOIA

Great, thank you so much for checking on that!  
I hope you got some time off over the holidays!  
Happy New Year!

Katie Conner  
Cell: [REDACTED]  
ABC-15 News Reporter

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On Dec 28, 2015, at 3:23 PM, Diaz, Bethany <[Bethany.Diaz@azag.gov](mailto:Bethany.Diaz@azag.gov)> wrote:

Hi Katie,

I just received a response to your question below from last week RE: the search warrant. The search warrant is still sealed because of the on-going federal investigation, so it's not something we can disclose as part of a public records request.

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You're the best, thank you!

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Cell: [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Anderson, Ryan  
**Subject:** RE: Fraud Investigation

Good morning Ryan,  
I hope all is well!  
I wanted to check in regarding the FOIA for the Will Graven case.  
I was given a copy of the investigative video that broke down the alleged fraud scheme.  
However, I wanted to make sure the DVD is legitimate and matches the one in your file.  
Also, do you know if any charges will be filed against either the law firm or the attorneys?  
Thank you Ryan!  
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**From:** Anderson, Ryan [<mailto:Ryan.Anderson@azag.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 12:21 PM  
**To:** Conner, Katie  
**Subject:** RE: Fraud Investigation

Shoot me an email when you're available.  
Just tried you on the number below.

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**From:** Conner, Katie [<mailto:katie.conner@abc15.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 8:40 AM  
**To:** Anderson, Ryan  
**Subject:** Fraud Investigation

Good morning Ryan,  
I hope you're having a great week!  
I wanted to check in on a story I've been following regarding Will Graven.  
He's the business owner who lost everything when his employees took over his company.  
I wanted to see if Mr. Brnovich is able to do an interview yet about the investigation?  
Also, will any of the attorneys with Snell and Wilmer be charged?  
I've read court documents recently about the law firm's involvement with Daniel Esposito.  
If so, would the charges be against the individuals or the law firm?  
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**Date:** October 27, 2015 at 10:21:52 AM MST  
**To:** "Mia.Garcia@azag.gov" <[Mia.Garcia@azag.gov](mailto:Mia.Garcia@azag.gov)>  
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I am making this request in my capacity as a journalist because this information is of timely value; please contact me at [REDACTED] or e-mail [katie.conner@abc15.com](mailto:katie.conner@abc15.com) rather than by mail if there are any questions or concerns regarding this request.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,

Best,  
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