

SEP 15 2020



**AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT
COUNTY OF YUMA
STATE OF ARIZONA**

Your affiant, **Sergeant Jason Hemstreet, S-95** a peace officer in the State of Arizona, being first duly sworn, upon his oath, deposes and says:

That on or about the 4th day of **August, 2020** in the County of Yuma, State of Arizona, the crime(s) of; **Person Knowingly Marks Voted/Unvoted Ballot with Intent to Fix Elections, ARS 16-1005A, a felony in the State of Arizona, Person Knowingly Collects Voted/Unvoted Early Ballots from Another, ARS 16-1005H, a felony in the State of Arizona,** were committed by **Guillermina A. FUENTES, a Hispanic female adult with a date of birth of [REDACTED] and an address of [REDACTED]** She is further described as being **approximately 5 feet 3 inches in height and 148 lbs in weight with brown hair and brown eyes. Her [REDACTED] operator's license number is [REDACTED] and her social security number is [REDACTED]** in the following manner:

That the affiant has probable cause to believe and he does believe that there is now;

- In the possession of: **Guillermina A. FUENTES, a Hispanic female adult with a date of birth of [REDACTED] and an address of [REDACTED]** She is further described as being **approximately 5 feet 3 inches in height and 148 lbs in weight with brown hair and brown eyes. Her [REDACTED] operator's license number is [REDACTED] and her social security number is [REDACTED]**
- In and upon the premises and building(s) known and designated as: **[REDACTED] a site built residential structure situated on an east/west axis with the front door of the residence on the east side. The home has tan stucco with a decorative rock trim in the middle between the top and the bottom of the home. Additionally there is a 2 vehicle driveway in front of the garage door and a secondary single vehicle driveway on the south side of the front yard.**

In a vehicle described as: _____

On all persons Contacted at said premises for the duration of the time the agents and officers are present for the execution and service of this Search Warrant, to include their bags, pouches, purses, containers and other items which could possess or conceal items related to the herein described Public Offense:

In the County of Yuma, State of Arizona, including all rooms and buildings used in connection with

or within the curtilage of said premises and building(s), certain property or things:

- Were stolen or embezzled;
- Were used as a means for committing a public offense;
- Are being possessed with the intent to use as a means of committing a public offense;
- Are in the possession of **Guillermina A. FUENTES, a Hispanic female adult with a date of birth of [REDACTED] and an address of [REDACTED]** **She is further described as being approximately 5 feet 3 inches in height and 148 lbs in weight with brown hair and brown eyes. Her [REDACTED] operator's license number is [REDACTED] and her social security number is [REDACTED] to whom it was delivered for the purpose of concealing it from being discovered.**
- Consists of any item or constitutes any evidence which tends to show that the herein described public offenses have been committed; to wit; **Person Knowingly Marks Voted/Unvoted Ballot with Intent to Fix Elections, ARS 16-1005A, a felony in the State of Arizona, Person Knowingly Collects Voted/Unvoted Early Ballots from Another, ARS 16-1005H, a felony in the State of Arizona** which offenses occurred on/about the **4th** day of **August, 2020, in Yuma County.**

That said property or things are particularly described as follows:

Case Prints:

- The right thumb, right index, right middle, right ring and right little finger on the right hand.
- The left thumb, left index, left middle, left ring and left little finger of the left hand.
- The right and left palms of both hands to include the sides of both hands that the little finger extends from.

REGULAR INFORMATION FORM

That on the 4th day of August, 2020 at approximately 1300 hours, the affiant learned the following information in the following manner:

SYNOPSIS

Your affiant was advised to contact the Yuma County Recorder's Office in reference to alleged ballot tampering during the primary elections. A time was set up for the following day to meet with employees and the county recorder so that your affiant could learn about what was being alleged.

Prior to the meeting your affiant was advised that deputies working the election detail obtained the sealed ballot box, box number 11, and escorted it to the Yuma County Recorder's Office where it was locked in the elections vault.

Your affiant was advised that a write in candidate, identified as Gary SNYDER, had recorded video on the day of the primary election in the parking lot of the Cultural Center in the City of San Luis, Arizona. Your affiant learned that he was beyond the 75 foot limit required for him to take videos near the polling center.

Your affiant was told that Mr. SNYDER was taking videos of a group that had set up a table outside of the 75 foot limit and was encouraging people to vote. The group mostly consisted of people wearing blue shirts with the words "Juntos Saldremos Adelante" which roughly translates to "together we will move forward".

Your affiant obtained a copy of the video and, after further investigation, was able to identify the subjects in the group. During the course of the video a woman, identified as Alma JUAREZ, approaches the group and speaks to a woman wearing an open top hat, white in color, and a blue shirt, identified as Guillermina A. FUENTES. Alma JUAREZ hands Guillermina FUENTES a ballot envelope with the flap of the envelope unsecured. Guillermina opens the envelope, obtains what appears to be a pen and makes a motion on the ballot that appears to be her filling in the boxes on the ballot. Guillermina FUENTES appears to be filling in 3 boxes as she does this. It appears that she does this three additional times as well however it is unknown if it is the same ballot or a separate ballot. Guillermina then closes the ballot, obtains a bottle of water, wets her finger and seals the envelope with her wet finger. Guillermina then opens a folder that is on the table and retrieves 3-4 additional ballot envelopes and hands them to Alma JUAREZ. Alma JUAREZ then walks into the voting center at the Cultural Center where, your affiant was told, Alma JUAREZ drops the ballots into the ballot box and proceeds to a booth to vote.

Your affiant contacted Alma JUAREZ and she stated that her sister had given her the early ballot to drop off for her as Alma had not received an early ballot and told her that she had to go in a vote. She advised that her sister had given her the ballot envelope, open, so that election officials could check it to make sure that she had completed it correctly. Alma JUAREZ initially stated that Guillermina FUENTES had not written on the ballot but would later state that she did but she did not know what she wrote on it. The sister of Alma JUAREZ was identified as Hilda Griselda JUAREZ.

The sister of Alma, identified as Hilda Griselda JUAREZ, advised that she completed her ballot and sealed the envelope. Hilda JUAREZ stated that she gave her sister, Alma JUAREZ, a sealed ballot envelope to turn in when she went in to vote that day.

Your affiant was present at the Yuma County Recorder's Office on the day that box number 11 was opened. Your affiant made sure that election officials took care in handling the ballots and wore gloves. The ballot envelopes were not opened at that time and just the signatures were "verified". Your affiant observed this process and saw the ballot envelope for "Hilda JUAREZ among the approximately 40 ballot envelopes that were inside of box number 11.

The ballot envelopes were then copied by election officials, while wearing gloves and the originals were turned over to your affiant and submitted to Sheriff's Evidence under item numbers 1-38. Ballot numbers 39 and 40 were retained by the Yuma County Recorder's Office because they did not pass the signature test and the owners of the ballots needed to be contacted to confirm they had submitted one. The ballot belonging to Hilda Griselda JUAREZ was not one of the ballots retained by the election officials.

Item numbers 1-38 were then taken to forensic technicians at the Yuma Police Department for latent print examination. Item number 34, the ballot belonging to Hilda Griselda JUAREZ, along with item number 37, a ballot belonging to Guadalupe Tirado AMAYA, were looked at first at the request of your affiant due to one being the sister of Alma JUAREZ and the other appeared to have been taped shut rather than closed using the glue strip of the ballot envelope.

Your affiant was later advised that prints were located on the ballots that had previously been sealed inside of the envelopes, and case prints would be needed for a comparison. Your affiant was also provided with photographs of both ballots and found that only 3 votes are on each ballot, those of the 3 that are running in the local elections. No one else was voted for on the two ballots. The 3 subjects running in the local elections are Matias ROSALES, Gloria TORRES and Luis CABRERA and are the same subject that are being supported by the group "Juntos Saldremos Adelante".

With this warrant your affiant hopes to be able to obtain case prints from Guillermina A. FUENTES so that comparisons can be made to the latent prints lifted from the ballot belonging to Hilda Griselda JUAREZ. The same ballot that Hilda JUAREZ stated that she completed and sealed prior to handing it to her sister, Alma JUAREZ, to be dropped in the ballot box.

SEARCH WARRANT
COUNTY OF YUMA
STATE OF ARIZONA

 ORIGINAL

TO ANY PEACE OFFICER IN YUMA COUNTY, STATE OF ARIZONA;

Proof of affidavit having been made before me by Sergeant Jason Hemstreet, S-95, A sworn Peace Officer in the State of Arizona, I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that:

• In the possession of: Guillermina A. FUENTES, a Hispanic female adult with a date of birth of [REDACTED] and an address of [REDACTED]
She is further described as being approximately 5 feet 3 inches in height and 148 lbs in weight with brown hair and brown eyes. Her [REDACTED] operator's license number is [REDACTED] and her social security number is [REDACTED]

• In and upon the premises and building(s) known and designated as: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] a site built residential structure situated on an east/west axis with the front door of the residence on the east side. The home has tan stucco with a decorative rock trim in the middle between the top and the bottom of the home. Additionally there is a 2 vehicle driveway in front of the garage door and a secondary single vehicle driveway on the south side of the front yard.

In a vehicle described as: _____

On all persons Contacted at said premises for the duration of the time the agents and officers are present for the execution and service of this Search Warrant, to include their bags, pouches, purses, containers and other items which could possess or conceal items related to the here in described Public Offense;

In the County of Yuma, State of Arizona, there is now being possessed or concealed certain property or things described as:

Case Prints:

- The right thumb, right index, right middle, right ring and right little finger on the right hand.
- The left thumb, left index, left middle, left ring and left little finger of the left hand.
- The right and left palms of both hands to include the sides of both hands that the little finger extends from.

Which property or things:

Were stolen or embezzled;

- Were used as a means for committing a public offense;
- Are being possessed with the intent to use as a means of committing a public offense;
- Are in the possession of **Guillermina A. FUENTES, a Hispanic female adult with a date of birth of [REDACTED] and an address of [REDACTED]**. **She is further described as being approximately 5 feet 3 inches in height and 148 lbs in weight with brown hair and brown eyes. Her [REDACTED] operator's license number is [REDACTED] and her social security number is [REDACTED] to whom it was delivered for the purpose of concealing it from being discovered.**
- Consists of any item or constitutes any evidence which tends to show that the herein described public offenses have been committed;

Such being more fully described in the affidavit, to wit: **Person Knowingly Marks Voted/Unvoted Ballot with Intent to Fix Elections, ARS 16-1005A, a felony in the State of Arizona, Person Knowingly Collects Voted/Unvoted Early Ballots from Another, ARS 16-1005H, a felony in the State of Arizona** which offenses occurred on/about the 4th day of August, 2020, in Yuma County.

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED:

- In the daytime
- or in the nighttime (good cause therefore having been shown)

to make a search of the above named or described person(s), premises or vehicle(s) for the herein above described property or things, and if you find the same or any part thereof, to retain such in your custody or in the custody of the agency you represent, as provided in A.R.S. Section 13-3920. Return this warrant to me within three (3) business days of the date Served, as directed by A.R.S. Section 13-3918.

Given under my hand and dated this 11th day of September, 2020.

Mark Wayne Reeves
 Judge, Justice of the Peace
 or Magistrate of the Court

Printed MARK WAYNE REEVES

Court Superior Court Judge

Search Warrant Return

That on the 14th day of September, 2020, I executed this search warrant, issued by Judge Mark Wayne REEVES, and the following described property or things were seized:

Case Prints were taken from Guillermina FUENTES to include all 10 fingers and both palms.

I further certify that the foregoing inventory is a true and detailed account of all property taken by me pursuant to A.R.S. Section 13-3921, and that a detailed receipt for the property taken was left at: With Guillermina FUENTES.

[Signature] S-95 #1362
Signature of Officer

This warrant was returned, subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Sept, 2020.

[Signature]

Judge, Justice of the Peace or

Magistrate of the Superior Court

Printed David M. Harris