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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
Electronic Communication

**Title:** (U) Request case closure

Date: 05/23/2023

From: PHOENIX

PX-CY-1

Contact: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Approved By: SSA [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 288A-PX-3341832 (U// [REDACTED]) [REDACTED]; Maricopa  
County Recorder's Office; Cyber Intrusion  
Data Exfiltration

Applied to all Subfiles: Yes

**Synopsis:** (U) EC to request case closure

Details:

On November 2, 2020, Maricopa County Recorder's Office (MCRO) notified FBI Phoenix that an intruder that had scraped approximately 633,000 voter records, including 930 sensitive voter records, from the MCRO's website. The intruder used a single IP address to scrape the data. Subsequent investigative activity indicated that the IP Address was assigned to [REDACTED], address [REDACTED].

On November 5, 2020, FBI Phoenix personnel executed a search warrant at [REDACTED] pursuant to a federal warrant. Agents encountered [REDACTED] at the residence. After being advised that he was not under arrest and was free to leave at any time, [REDACTED] opted to stay for the duration of the search and speak with agents. [REDACTED] admitted to developing a PowerShell script to scrape voter data after discovering the vulnerability in the MCRO website. After MCRO fixed the vulnerability, [REDACTED] got scared and

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deleted the data he'd scraped.

Investigators served legal process on [REDACTED]'s bank accounts and social media and email accounts, as well as analyzed devices seized from [REDACTED]'s property. Analysis indicated that [REDACTED] had developed and ran a PowerShell script to scrape data from MCRO's website, and that he had deleted it. Investigators did not find indications of a domestic or foreign influence on [REDACTED]'s actions.

Investigating agent presented her findings to the US Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, who declined prosecution. FBI discussed the case with Maricopa County Attorney's Office (MCAO), who declined. MCAO advised FBI Phoenix that they had presented the case to the Arizona Attorney general's Office, who also declined the case. MCAO recommended presenting the case to Pinal County Attorney's Office (PCAO). Investigating agent presented the case to PCAO, who also declined.

Due to declination of federal, state, and local prosecuting offices, writer requests investigation be closed. All evidence has been returned to the original owner or has been disposed of according to FBI policies.

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