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Conflict Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name Cards <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initials: ST Date: 07/09/18	STATE OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS CASE OPENING FORM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Case <input type="checkbox"/> Open & Close (Info Only Report) NO Case Closing Required
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DR No.: SIS-2018-0237 LF No.: Restricted Open Date: 07/05/2018

Case Name: George Johnson Suspect
 Complainant

Other Suspects/Suspect Business/Victims/Reporting Party to be Indexed (Please Indicate Role in Case (S), (V), (W), (RP))

Role	L Name	F Name	M Name	DOB	SSN
S	Johnson	George	Barry	██████████	██████████
V	Billingsly	Brent			
W	Bitter	Benjamin			

Law Enforcement Asslt? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If Yes, Agency:	Type of Report: Threats	Senior 60+ <input type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable <input type="checkbox"/>
Assigned Agent(s)	Badge #	Supervisor
Jennifer Pitt, Special Agent		John White, Acting Supervisory Special Agent
		Badge #
		424
		Assigned Attorney
		Adam Schwartz, Assistant Attorney General

No investigation is to proceed until this form is approved by the Criminal Division Chief.

Chief Special Agent	Approval	Date	Chief Counsel	Approval	Date
Reginald Grigsby	Approved	07/09/2018	Paul Ahler	Approved	07/09/2018

Is the subject of the investigation a client agency, an elected official and/or a government entity?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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Synopsis of Allegation/Complaint (include approx. dates of offense, estimated loss, estimated number of victims):

Incident First Reported Date: 06/08/2018

Synopsis:

Case Summary On June 22, 2018, I was asked to look into an allegations of threats toward Florence Town Manger Brent Billingsly by George Johnson (the owner of Johnson Utilities). The Florence Police Department initially took a case report on this allegations, but it was determined that there was a conflict with the Florence Police Department investigating these allegations. The Town of Florence is an intervener in the active Arizona Corporation Commission hearings, in which the ACC is trying to determine whether or not to assign an interim manager to Johnson Utilities. I received a copy of the Florence Police Department case report (which was taken on June 8, 2018). On June 8, 2018, at approximately 1500 hours (according a Florence Police Department case report), George Johnson (owner of Johnson Utilities) threatened Florence Town Manager Brent Billingsly over the phone. Brent Billingsly reported that a male, identifying himself as George Johnson called him and asked, "Do you have a problem with me putting sludge on my land?", to which Brent Billingsly said, "No George, we just want to make sure that it is going on your land." George Johnson then said, "I'm tired of you sons of bitches. I'm going to cut your fucking throat. I'm going to find out where you live. I'm going to take your house. I'm going to sue your asses off." According to the Florence Police Department case report, Brent Billingsly believed these threats to be serious. According to the police report, Mr. Billingsly believed that the reason George Johnson called him was because Brent Billingsly documented

Johnson Utility sludge trucks leaking possible contaminated materials on the public roadway within the Town of Florence. Mr. Billingsly clarified that, a few days prior, a Town of Florence employee had collected samples of leakage left in the roadway. Mr. Billingsly stated that on June 8, 2018, he observed and took photos documenting the sludge process. According to the police report, Mr. Billingsly stated that a driver of one of tractors carrying sludge drove near the fence line and started taking pictures of Mr. Billingsly. The police report did not mention whether or not the conversation between George Johnson and Brent Billingsly was recorded. The police report did note that the initiating officer (D. Kennard, 1196) searched Google for the caller's phone number (602-██████████) and found that the phone number listed to George Johnson. Mr. Billingsly later had these samples tested (Laboratory Work Order #18F0901 and #18F0373) at Legend Technical Services, Inc. at 17631 N. 25th Ave., Phoenix, AZ. I later spoke with Benjamin Bitter (Assistant to the Town Manager of Florence) over the phone. Mr. Bitter provided copies of the laboratory reports. Laboratory Work Order #18F0901 noted that, from the sample collected, there was a presence of Fecal Coliforms, MPN and Salmonella. Laboratory Work Order # 18F0373 noted that, from the sample collected, there was a presence of Salmonella (Soil/Sludge). Mr. Bitter stated that he has not yet contacted the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality about these laboratory results. Because the Town of Florence is an intervener in the ACC hearings (in which the ACC is trying to determine whether or not to assign an interim manager to Johnson Utilities), there was a conflict with the Florence Police Department investigating these allegations. In order to further investigate these allegations, I request that a case be opened.



FLORENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Report for Incident F18060305

Nature: INFORMATION
Location: FPI

Address: 775 N MAIN ST; TOWN HALL
FLORENCE (CITY) AZ 85132

Offense Codes:

Received By: N CALOMINO	How Received: T	Agency: FLPD
Responding Officers:		
Responsible Officers: D KENNARD	Disposition: TOT 06/12/18	
When Reported: 15:01:25 06/08/18	Occurred Between: 15:00:46 06/08/18 and 15:00:46 06/08/18	

Assigned To:	Detail:	Date Assigned: **/**/**
Status:	Status Date: **/**/**	Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant: 3280149
 Last: BILLINGSLY First: BRENT Mid:
 DOB: **/**/** Dr Lic: Address:
 Race: Sex: M Phone: (520)251-6259 City: ,
 Alert Codes:

Offense Codes

Reported:	Observed: THRE THREATENING:4
Additional Offense: THRE THREATENING:4	

Circumstances

LT11 GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC BUILDING

Responding Officers:	Unit :
D KENNARD	FP24

Responsible Officer: D KENNARD	Agency: FLPD
Received By: N CALOMINO	Last Radio Log: **:**:** **/**/**
How Received: T TELEPHONE	Clearance: CRT CLRD BY RESP OFC, REPORT TAKEN
When Reported: 15:01:25 06/08/18	Disposition: TOT Date: 06/12/18
Judicial Status:	Occurred between: 15:00:46 06/08/18
Misc Entry:	and: 15:00:46 06/08/18

Modus Operandi:	Description :	Method :
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Involvements

Date	Type	Description
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Narrative

Miscellaneous Incident Investigation Narrative

1. Incident Description:
Threatening

2. Premises location and description:
775 N. Main Street; Town Hall

3. Other information:
F18060305

4. Date, time, reporting officer:
06/08/18, 1500 hours, D. Kennard #1196

On 06/08/18 at approximately 1500 hours I was dispatched to 775 N. Main Street, Town Hall reference a call for service. Upon arrival I made contact with Mr. Brent Billingsley, Town Manager for the Town of Florence. Mr. Billingsley informed me he had received a call at 14:49 hours today from Mr. George Johnson, CEO of Johnson Utilities. Mr. Billingsley stated that he recognized Mr. Johnson's voice from previous phone conversations between the two of them. Mr. Billingsley stated that George Johnson, during the brief conversation, made direct threats of physical harm to him. According to Mr. Billingsley, the conversation between he and George was as follows:

"Brent this is George Johnson." (George)
"Do you have a problem with me putting sludge on my land?" (George)
"No George, we just want to make sure that it is going on your land." (Brent)
"I'm tired of you sons of bitches." (George)
" I'm going to cut your fucking throat." (George)
" I'm going to find out where you live." (George)
"I'm going to take your house." (George)
"I'm going to sue your asses off." (George)
(Mr. Johnson hung up ending the call)

Mr. Billingsley believed these threats to be serious. The conversation was written down by Mr. Billingsley as it was occurring and then provided to me via e-mail by Mr. Billingsley (see attached e-mail print off). I asked Mr. Billingsley why he thought Mr. George Johnson was calling to threaten him. Mr. Billingsley believes Mr. Johnson was calling to threaten him as retaliation for him (Mr. Billingsley) documenting Johnson Utility sludge trucks leaking possible contaminated materials on the public roadway within the Town of Florence, (Diversion Dam Road). Mr. Billingsley stated earlier in the week employees of the Town had collected samples of leakage, left in the roadway, from a Johnson's Utility truck. Mr. Billingsley reported that, today at approximately 8:50 hours he was observing and taking photos documenting the sludge process currently underway on Mr. Johnson's property when a driver of one of the tractors drove near the fence line and started to take pictures of Mr. Billingsley and his marked Town of Florence vehicle. This may have been the reason he received the phone call from Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Billingsley provided lab results from prior spillage samples taken earlier in the week that were collected from the roadway. The lab report indicated the spillage has identical bacteria components to raw sewage.

The conversation between Mr. Billingsley and Mr. Johnson was approximately 48 seconds long (see attached). Mr. Johnson's telephone/cell phone number used to make the phone is 602-██████████. A Google search of this phone number revealed that it is a standard phone line associated with AHEPA (AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION), and more specifically Mr. George Johnson. The AHEPA web site indicates that the above listed phone number belongs to Mr. George Johnson (see attached). I attempted to contact Mr. Johnson at the above listed phone number but had negative contact.

The supporting paperwork that I collected regarding this matter has been entered into evidence using EP#008302 form. The report will be submitted for review and follow up investigation.

NFI.
D. Kennard #1196
Fri Jun 08 16:55:51 MST 2018

Responsible LEO:

Approved by:

Date

LAW Incident Offenses Detail:

Seq Code	Offense and Statute Codes	Amount
	Statute Code	
1 THRE THREATENING:4	13-1202B1	0.00

LAW Incident Circumstances:

Seq Code	Contributing Circumstances	Comments
1 LT11	GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC BUILDING	

LAW Incident Responders Detail

Seq Name	Unit
1 D KENNARD	FP24

Main Radio Log Table:

Time/Date	Typ	Unit	Code	Zone	Agnc	Description
15:31:12 06/08/18	1	FP24	CMPLT	FP1	FLPD	incid#=F18060305 COMPLETED CAL
15:30:08 06/08/18	1	FP24	ASSGN	FP1	FLPD	incid#=F18060305 ASSIGNED TO A
15:02:16 06/08/18	1	FP24	ARRVD	FP1	FLPD	incid#=F18060305 ARRIVED AT SC
15:01:33 06/08/18	1	FP24	ENRT	FP1	FLPD	incid#=F18060305 ENROUTE call=

06/27/18
14:54

FLORENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT
LAW Incident Table:

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Incident

Incident Number F18060305 Nature INFORMATION
Case Number Image
Address? 775 N MAIN ST; TOWN HALL
City FLORENCE (CITY) State AZ ZIP 85132
Area FP1 Contact BRENT BILLINGSLY

Complainant

Numbr 3280149
Last BILLINGSLY Fst BRENT Mid
DOB / / SSN - - Adr
Race Sx M Tel (520)251- [REDACTED] Cty ST ZIP

Details

Offense/Statute THRE 13-1202B1
Circumstances LT11
Rspndg Officers D KENNARD
Rspnsbl Officer D KENNARD Agency FLPD CAD Call ID F224342
Received By N CALOMINO Last RadLog 15:31:12 06/08/18 CMPLT
How Received T TELEPHONE Clearance CRT CLRD BY RESP OFC, REP
When Reported 15:01:25 06/08/18 Disposition TOT Disp Date 06/12/18
Occurrd between 15:00:46 06/08/18 Judicial Sts
and 15:00:46 06/08/18 Misc Entry
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Narrative

Narrative (See below)
Supplement (See below) o?=-

INVOLVEMENTS:

Type	Record #	Date	Description	Relationship
NM	3405291	/ /	JOHNSON, GEORGE HARRY	INVOLVED
NM	3204128	/ /	TOWN HALL,	SCENE
NM	3280149	/ /	BILLINGSLY, BRENT	*Complainant
CA	F224342	06/08/18	15:01 06/08/18 INFORMATION	*Initiating Call
EV	1806043FV	/ /	<No access allowed>	*Evidence Incident
EV	1806044FV	/ /	<No access allowed>	*Evidence Incident
EV	1806045FV	/ /	<No access allowed>	*Evidence Incident
EV	1806046FV	/ /	<No access allowed>	*Evidence Incident
EV	1806047FV	/ /	<No access allowed>	*Evidence Incident

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
1 J SUTTON	10:10:13 06/11/18	
DR#:F18060305	WRITTEN BY: J. Sutton	

SUPPLEMENT

On 06/11/2018 I opened item number 1196-1 thru 5A, made copies and delivered to the Chief of Police as directed. The original was resealed and placed back into evidence.

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Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
2 J SUTTON DR#:F18060305 SUPPLEMENT	10:19:36 06/11/18	WRITTEN BY: J. Sutton

Law Supplemental Narrative:

Seq Name	Date	Supplemental Narratives Narrative
3 D HELSDINGEN SUPPLEMENT F18060305	14:49:20 06/11/18	

WRITTEN BY: Detective D. Helsdingen #707

CASE TYPE: Threatening & Intimidation

SUBJECT:

George H. Johnson (██████████)
██████████ Rd.
██████████ AZ. 85232

VICTIM:

The Town of Florence
Brent Billingsly-Town Manager
Florence, AZ. 85132

NARRATIVE:

On 6/11/18 I was asked to review the initial report taken by Officer Kennard on 6/8/18. The report involved verbal threats of physical violence towards the Florence Town Manager-Brent Billingsly. The reported threats were made by George H. Johnson during a phone conversation initiated by George H. Johnson. The phone conversation stemmed from hazardous materials being leaked by Johnson Utility trucks on Diversion Dam Rd. which is in the Florence town limits.

After reviewing the report, attachments and supplements it was determined a conflict of interest could be perceived if the Florence Police Department continued with the investigation.

I contacted Sergeant Rankin with the Pinal County Sheriff Office person crime division and asked if they could take disposition of the investigation. Sgt. Rankin requested I forward all relevant documents to assist with their investigation.

CASE STATUS: TOT to Pinal County Sheriff Office

Name and Address
 Number: 3405291
 Last: JOHNSON First: GEORGE Middle: HARRY
 Address: [REDACTED] RD Address History: [REDACTED] R
 City: [REDACTED] State: AZ ZIP: 85253 [REDACTED] AZ 85253
 Zone: Area:
 Death: / / Alias:
 Moniker:

Personal Identification
 DL Number: B12023532 SSN: [REDACTED] State ID:
 DL State: AZ Class: D FBI: Local ID:
 Home Tel: (602) [REDACTED] Other Tel:
 Work Tel: (480) 998-3300 Internet:

Physical Description
 DOB: [REDACTED] Eyes: BRO BROWN Complxn:
 Race: W WHITE Glasses: Speech:
 Sex: M Male Hair: GRY GREY Teeth:
 Gender: Hairstyle: Build:
 Height: 6'00 cm Beard: Ethnic:
 Weight: 250 kg

Traits
 Name Type: INDIV Sub Type:

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INVOLVEMENTS:

Type	Record #	Date	Description	Relationship
LW	180613066	/ /	<No access allowed>	SUSPECT
LW	F18060305	06/08/18	INFORMATION	INVOLVED
LW	150304035	/ /	<No access allowed>	CONTACT
LW	F15121815	12/18/15	TRAFFIC STOP	DRIVER
LW	F12011915	01/19/12	TRAFFIC OFFENSE	DRIVER

Name history:

Expired	Address	Name/Address/Phone History			Last Name	First	M
		City	ST	Zip	Phone		
02/18/16	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	AZ	85253	()	JOHNSON	GEORGE HA
12/18/15	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	AZ	85935	()	JOHNSON	GEORGE HA

Drivers License Type:

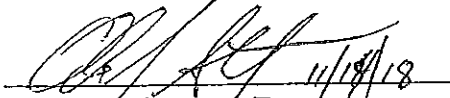
Seq	Class	Description	Driver License Class
1	D	OPERATOR	

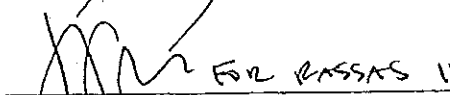
Property Release:

Do Not Release Property Release All Property

Release Property, Except: _____

Property Release Date: 12/1/18


Attorney Signature/Date

 FOR BASSAS 11/14/18
Section Chief signature/Date

 11/14/18
Division Chief signature/Date

Turndown/Close Codes

- Limited Resources/Offense Does Not Warrant Prosecution (6101)
- Defendant Sentenced in Other Case; No Need to Prosecute This Matter..... (6102)
- This Case Should Be Referred to Other Criminal Prosecuting Agency (6105)
- This Case Should Be Used as an Aid to Prosecution in Other Case(s) (6106)
- Civil Matter Not Criminal (6107)
- Insufficient Mens Rea (6110)
- No Reasonable Likelihood of Conviction (6113)
- No Crime Committed (6114)
- Victim/Witness Reluctance/Refusal to Prosecute (6116)
- Victim/Witness Credibility Problems (6117)
- Victim/Witness Unavailable (6118)
- Informant Problems (6119)
- Illegal Search and Seizure (6129)
- Inadmissibility of Confession (6131)
- Old Case/Stale (6157)
- This Case Should Be Referred to County Attorney Due to Lack of Jurisdiction (A.R.S. § 21-422) (6159)
- Investigation Closeout - Not Submitted for Prosecution (6161)
- This Case Should Be Declined Per Plea Agreement (6162)
- Agency Requests Case Not to Be Filed (6163)
- No Response to RFI (6165)

Further Codes

- Complete Handwriting Analysis (6121)
- Complete Lab Analysis (6122)
- Complete Fingerprint Analysis (6123)
- Locate and Interview Victim/Witness (6136)
- Confirm Willingness to Prosecute (6139)
- Obtain Relevant Bank Records (6141)
- Obtain Court Records (6142)
- Obtain Relevant Records Not Identified Above (6145)
- Departmental Report Needs Clarification (6155)
- Department Report Incomplete (6156)
- Interview Suspect (6158)

Closed in LF in by: Sheree Hunt

Date: 10/29/18

(Copy to yellow paper)

PHX-# 7409198