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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: May 24, 2016

To: The Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Request to Sheriff for Investigation into Whether County Staff or Resources Were Used Relative to the *Arizona Daily Herald***

I have been asked the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to initiate an investigation into whether any County staff were involved and/or County resources used relative to the *Arizona Daily Herald*.

Pursuant to my May 23, 2016 memorandum attached, I have requested and am awaiting a review of this matter by the Sheriff and County Attorney. I will update the Board upon receipt of their response.

CHH/mjk

Attachment

c: The Honorable Chris Nanos, Pima County Sheriff  
The Honorable Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney



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Re: **Request for Investigation into Whether County Staff or Resources Were Used Relative to the *Arizona Daily Herald***

Please see the attached communication from the Chair of the Board of Supervisors. There have been a number of public records requests that I believe would help determine whether County staff, equipment or devices were used to either facilitate or create the phony *Arizona Daily Herald* that purported to be a bona fide media organization.

Your office obviously has investigatory resources related to cybercrime; however, it has also been reported that certain complaints have been filed with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Cybercrimes Unit (see the attached Facebook post of Supervisor Ally Miller). In addition, Supervisor Miller indicates she received a confession from an individual named John Dalton that has also been turned over to the FBI. Also, in a May 20, 2016 posting by Loretta Hunnicutt in the *Arizona Daily Independent*, a mostly anonymous political blog that masquerades as a local news website, Supervisor Miller and Timothy DesJarlais claim to have filed cybercrime reports with the FBI.

There is no need to duplicate investigatory efforts at this time; however, you may wish to confer with the FBI and obtain copies of the complaints that have been filed regarding this matter.

As the Information Technology Department responds to the public records request, there may be administrative investigations that should be conducted. I will wait for the review by the County Attorney as well as yourself, prior to initiating any administrative investigation. I believe such should not be undertaken at this time, since it may interfere with other ongoing investigations that may have criminal implications.

I will defer administrative review until investigations by other agencies, including the FBI, have either been concluded or declined.

CHH/mjk

Attachments

c: The Honorable Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney



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**SHARON BRONSON  
CHAIR**

May 23, 2016

To: Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator

From: Sharon Bronson, Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

Handwritten initials "SB" in black ink, positioned to the right of the "From:" line.

**Re: Recent media reports and allegations regarding [editor@azdailyherald.com](mailto:editor@azdailyherald.com)**

I have become increasingly concerned over the last several days with the identify thefts claims made by John R. Dalton Jr. who resides at 2550 East River Road, #15102, Tucson, AZ 85718 and Pima County employee, Timothy DesJarlais as reported by the local media.

To assure transparency and full disclosure and in the interest of serving justice, I am requesting that an investigation be undertaken to determine the extent of County staff involvement and any County resources used in same and in the creation and demise of the on-line Arizona Daily Herald.

Please determine the appropriate agency to conduct this investigation. If you feel such action on your part requires Board approval, advise me to that end and I will place the matter on the Board of Supervisors June 7<sup>th</sup> agenda for consideration.



**Supervisor Ally Miller**

May 20 at 6:35pm · 🌐

Update on the accusations against a 19 year old staff member in my office. Both Timothy and I have filed complaints with the FBI cybercrimes unit. We have the name and phone number of the individual who posted the photo on the fake fb page that has since been taken down. I have filed a complaint against this individual for interfering with the office of an elected official. This is a federal crime and I hope this individual is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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**Supervisor Ally Miller** These 4 have a future in the tabloids :<https://arizonadailyindependent.com/.../the-southern-az.../>



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**Supervisor Ally Miller** We have received a confession from an individual named John Dalton, which will be turned over to the FBI to investigate and let the process work prior to convicting someone.

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**Supervisor Ally Miller** Actually...they are the tabloids.

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**Supervisor Ally Miller** <https://arizonadailyindependent.com/.../miller.../>



**Miller, DesJarlais Report Cyber Attack To FBI | Arizona Daily Independent**

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**Mike Robinette** Thanks for posting.

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# Miller, DesJarlais Report Cyber Attack To FBI



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with the Federal Bureau of Investigation about an apparent cyberattack. As a result of the alleged cyberbullying attack, the young staffer has become the focus of Miller's political enemies and tabloids.

"I have filed a cybercrimes report with the FBI regarding allegations related to myself, my staff members and my elected office. We have been able to trace the photograph shown on the website for the "AZDailyHerald" to an individual named Mr. John Dalton. This information has been reported to the FBI cybercrimes investigations unit and will also be reported to local authorities," said Miller after filing her report..

DesJarlais' report reads in part:

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DesJarlais was accused by the media of creating a fake online news site, and Facebook and Twitter accounts in order to solicit responses from supervisor candidates Marla Closen, Kim DeMarco, Steve Christy and Miller’s Republican Primary opponent, John Winchester.”



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The media’s accusation rested solely on the fact DesJarlais once used the name Jim Falken in an online game, and that a photo he took during at a Board of Supervisors’ meeting for a person by the name of John Dalton showed up in fake Falken’s Twitter feed. Despite the fact that DesJarlais vehemently denied creating the fake news site, and anyone could have



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