



# Pinal County Sheriff's Office

Mark Lamb  
Sheriff

Matthew Thomas  
Chief Deputy

This letter is in response to your public records requests ["PRRs"]. Our office has received the PRR(s) you submitted.

Please note that requests for public records are processed in the order they are received and that, due to: limited staff and resources, privileged, confidential and private information often intertwined in public records and the total volume of PRRs being processed—fulfilling a request often requires a significant amount of time and resources. Additionally, before any records can be released, all responsive records must be reviewed and redacted in order to maintain applicable privacy, confidentiality and privilege interests inherent in the information, documents, and communications. Your specific request is in process, as PCSO is actively gathering, culling, reviewing and redacting as necessary. Some of these records may require PCSO to refer a request to the County IT department to gather all potentially responsive records.

You may further note that, requests involving "*thousands of random, unidentified electronic messages and documents, without regard to subject matter, sent to or from certain individuals, within a range of dates . . . contain[ing] no other limiting criteria*" may be deemed overly burdensome where the request requires an extensive review to identify responsive materials and an excessive amount of additional time thereafter to isolate and exclude confidential and other non-public information or records. Arpaio v. Davis, 221 Ariz. 116, 117–18, 210 P.3d 1287, 1288–89 (App. 2009) (italics added). In the *Arpaio* case, the court found that such a review required an unreasonable expenditure of resources and time by staff and those named in the request. However, instead of denying any of your requests on this basis, PCSO may request your cooperation by refining, specifying and narrowing certain portions of your request in order to most efficiently gather and identify the specific records you seek, as well as your patience in understanding that PCSO is working diligently to search, cull, review and produce the potentially responsive documents.

While we cannot definitively estimate at this time how long that process will take until all requested records can be provided, we encourage you to stay in touch with PCSO for updates. We will continue our diligent efforts to produce documents, on a rolling basis, while simultaneously maintaining operations and other services to which our departments and personnel are assigned. We encourage you to ensure your request is refined so as not to overburden County staff and resources, which in turn takes from the citizens of Pinal County. The County makes this request in good faith while it continues to review, prepare and produce the materials requested thus far.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark Lamb".

Mark Lamb, Sheriff