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ELECTIONS

FBI expands 2020 voting inquiry with subpoenas in Arizona

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The FBI has expanded its criminal investigation into purported irregularities in the 2020 presidential election, issuing a grand jury subpoena for reams of information about voting results in Maricopa County, Ariz., the largest and most influential county in the swing state, according to three people familiar with the matter.

The subpoena was issued in recent days to the Arizona state Senate, which oversaw a sprawling but partisan audit of the vote result that was ordered by Senate Republicans in Maricopa County in the months after Donald Trump lost to Joe Biden.

Warren Petersen, the Republican president of the Arizona Senate, confirmed receiving the subpoena in a social media post Monday. "Late last week I received and complied with a federal grand jury subpoena for records relating to the Arizona State Senate's 2020 audit of Maricopa County," he wrote. "The FBI has the records."

The move by investigators indicated that the Justice Department had added a new state to its efforts to reexamine the 2020 race. That inquiry was first disclosed in January when FBI agents executed a search warrant at an elections office in Fulton County, Ga., removing truckloads of voting records.

Trump has long been fixated on his defeat in 2020. The investigation into supposed irregularities in the race is his latest effort to harness the vast investigative power of federal law enforcement to bol-

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MATT YORK, POOL / ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE (2021)
Ballots cast in the 2020 general election in Maricopa County, Ariz., are examined and recounted by contractors working for Florida-based company, Cyber Ninjas, on May 6, 2021, at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Phoenix. The FBI has expanded its criminal investigation into purported irregularities in the 2020 presidential election, issuing a grand jury subpoena for reams of information about voting results in Maricopa County.



STEVE MARCUS

Metro Police Capt. Adam Seely, who leads the department's Downtown Area Command, and Kristen Corral, co-founder of Tacotarian, pose Feb. 24 outside the restaurant in the Arts District. Corral and Seely worked together to change how downtown businesses report and address crime-related issues in their area.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

When they report crime, business owners build real partnerships with Metro

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For several weeks in March 2024, a serial burglar went around plunging a hammer through windows of nearly a dozen Las Vegas Arts District businesses in incidents Metro Police informally dubbed "Hammertime." Tacotarian co-founder Kristen Corral's restaurant on Casino Center Boulevard was among the targets. "Our entire window and the door were shattered. Someone came in and tried to steal our cash box, which was thankfully empty. Another guy threw rocks through our windows, and there were people stealing stuff off our back patio, even though it was locked and we had it fenced in," Corral said. "I was just so frustrated because we were spending all of this money to improve security, and we weren't getting any help." She appealed to Las Vegas City Councilmember Olivia Diaz, who passed her concerns along to Metro Capt. Adam Seely. In just his third day after being promoted to lead the Downtown Area Command (DTAC), Seely's first encounter with Corral was fiery.

"I started yelling at him before he even got a word in," Corral recalls with a laugh. "I told her the same thing I tell everyone: I can help you," Seely said. "We came up with a plan to increase police presence during the times the suspect was committing the crimes. About two weeks

later, we had them in custody." From there, Seely set out to build a better relationship between the community and his team of 165 officers. His message was simple: "Anyone who wants to have a relationship with the police and with me, they get to have one."

It was especially important for Seely to foster trust with business owners who were previously hesitant to call about crimes because DTAC's annual allocation of officers and resources is based on the number of reports it receives.

"There's a disconnect between some business owners and Metro, and we sometimes feel powerless," Corral said. "In the moment, reporting sometimes feels like a waste of time because you think they won't catch that person. But when we don't report or underreport, it skews the facts. I think forming working relationships with them specifically gives us a little bit of power back."

The numbers indicate some progress. Between 2024 and 2025, Seely said incidents of violent crime and property crime decreased by 11% and 15%, respectively, across the 9.6 square miles the DTAC covers. In the Arts District alone, both categories also fell by 3%. According to the Metro's Feb. 22 weekly crime report, DTAC has had 5.6% more calls for service this year than at the same point in 2025, while citations issued because of those calls are up 36%.

Now, Corral says she has Seely "on speed dial," adding there's been a "noticeable difference" in the issues she and her employees have faced since he took over DTAC.

She also credits the Deputy City Marshals' Problem Oriented Policing (POP)

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HOUSING

Costs put homeownership out of reach in Nevada, across US

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When his parents were about his age, they bought their first home. But for 27-year-old Brian Torres Suazo, that milestone feels like a distant dream, despite a secure job with union wages and down payment assistance.

Torres Suazo expects to continue sharing an apartment with roommates for the foreseeable future, kept on the sidelines of homeownership by stubbornly high costs, even in cities once known for their affordability, such as his native Las Vegas.

He's not alone. In a restless electorate frustrated by high prices, the cost of housing stands out.

Democrats are pushing to channel this anger into support for their quest to chip away at Republicans' control of Washington, maintaining their focus on economic concerns even when war with Iran dominates the news.

Their path cuts through Nevada, a perennial swing state won by Republican Donald Trump in the 2024 presidential election and now home to closely contested U.S. House races.

"I would be paying more — a lot more — in mortgage than I am for rent right now," said Torres Suazo, a food runner on the Las Vegas Strip. Sometimes he feels like people like him "listening to politicians aren't listening to people like him. "It'd be nice if more people that knew what it's like to work for a living could be in those rooms to make decisions," he added.

Beyond the coasts

In all directions from the Strip, tract homes with sharp-angled roofs and earthy paint schemes sprout from the desert by the dozen. Streets to nowhere snake through the dirt, ready for future homes. Wooden signs dot roadsides advertising homes from the \$300,000s for a townhome to over \$1 million for big houses in the most desirable suburban neighborhoods.

Housing costs have long been a potent political issue in pricey metropolitan areas like New York and San Francisco, but now the issue is popping up virtually everywhere.

During the coronavirus pandemic, white-collar workers newly empowered to work

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Homes are seen under construction Feb. 2 in Las Vegas, where the median home sale price rose 65% between the first quarter of 2020 and the same period last year, reaching \$393,000, according to Federal Reserve data. It ticked down to \$379,000 during the fourth quarter last year.