



VIA EMAIL

PolicePublicRecords@Phoenix.gov

June 12, 2025

Phoenix Police Department
ATTN: Public Records and Services Unit
1717 East Grant, Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85034

RE: Phoenix Police Department Involvement in ICE Courthouse Arrests

Dear Public Records Request Processing:

This is a request pursuant to the Arizona Public Records Law § 39.121 *et seq.*, on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona (ACLU of Arizona) and Our Thriving Arizona (collectively, Requestors) to examine and copy, or be furnished with copies of, certain public records in the possession of the Phoenix Police Department (PPD).

I. Background

Beginning in May 2025, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) engaged in multiple highly public arrests at the Phoenix Immigration Court located within 250 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.¹ Multiple law enforcement agencies were on-site during those enforcement actions,² as were members of the public, including individuals and organizations affiliated with Our Thriving Arizona.

Both private security and PPD subsequently issued trespass warnings to members of the public who were peacefully assembled and documenting the immigration courthouse arrests.³

¹ "Mayhem' as ICE officials arrest multiple people at immigration court in Phoenix," AZ Mirror (May 21, 2025),

<https://azmirror.com/2025/05/21/mayhem-as-ice-officials-arrest-multiple-people-at-immigration-court-in-phoenix/>

² "Immigration police seen detaining people outside of immigration court in Phoenix," ABC 15 (May 21, 2025), <https://www.abc15.com/news/region-phoenix-metro/central-phoenix/immigration-police-seen-detaining-people-outside-of-immigration-court-in-phoenix>

³ "They stood outside immigration courts to show the world what's happening. Is barring them legal?" AZ Central (updated June 6, 2025),

<https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/immigration/2025/06/06/reporters-protesters-barred-from-outside-of-arizona-immigration-court/83968903007/>

As enumerated below, Requestors seek information, records, and communications between PPD and federal agencies—including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR)—as well as building management where these actions occurred.

II. Reimbursement of Costs

These records are not sought for any commercial purpose. Nevertheless, we agree to reimburse you for reasonable costs associated with producing the requested records. If the costs will exceed \$100, please let us know before you incur the costs.

III. Requested Records

For the purposes of this Request, “Records” are collectively defined as all records preserved in electronic or written form, including but not limited to: text communications between phones or other electronic devices (including, but not limited to, communications sent via SMS or other text, iMessage, WhatsApp, Signal, Google Chat or X [Twitter] direct message); e-mails; images, video, and audio recorded on cell phones; voicemail messages; social-media posts; incident reports; documentation of requests to supervisors; dispatch records, completed or partially completed forms; instructions; directives; guidance documents; formal and informal presentations; training documents; bulletins; alerts; updates; advisories; reports; legal and policy memoranda; contracts or agreements; minutes or notes of meetings and phone calls; and memoranda of understanding.

Requestors herein seek the following records regarding the immigration enforcement actions at the Phoenix Immigration Court dated from May 1, 2025, up to and including the date of this Request:

1. Any and all communications between PPD and DHS, including its sub-agencies (*e.g.* ICE) and affiliated components (*e.g.* Federal Protective Service (FPS)) and sub-components thereof (*e.g.* Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)).
2. Any and all communications between PPD and the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), including its sub-offices (*e.g.* EOIR) and law enforcement components (*e.g.* Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)).
3. Any and all communications between PPD and the owner, or any of its agents responsible for management including private security, of Madison Square Building located at 250 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.
4. Any and all communications between any PPD officer or agency referencing the Phoenix Immigration Court located at 250 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Please note that this request is ongoing and encompasses any new materials generated by your agency that fall within the ambit of this request, if produced

between the date of this Request and the date(s) your agency produces records responsive to this Request.

If PPD does not have custody over certain requested or responsive records but knows of another department, agency, private entity, or another subject to the Arizona Public Records Law that does, please forward this Request to the appropriate entity/ies and inform us that you have done so.

IV. Divisibility and Right to Appeal

If this request is denied in whole or in part, please justify any redactions or withholdings by referencing the specific grounds on which the information is withheld under the Public Records Law. All divisible portions of otherwise exempt material must be produced. We reserve the right to appeal any decisions by PPD to withhold and/or redact information.

V. Application for Prompt Processing

Please comply with this Request on or before **July 14, 2025**. See A.R.S. § 39-121(D)(1) and (E) (public records must be furnished “promptly”); *see also, e.g., Phoenix New Times L.L.C. v. Arpaio*, 217 Ariz. 533, 538, 177 P.3d 275, 280 (Ct. App. 2008) (“[T]o the extent the party does not receive a prompt response, ‘[a]ccess to a public record is deemed denied”). We will accept documents on a rolling basis, as well as notifications of estimated production of records, as reasonable. If there are ways we can assist to expedite processing, please let us know.

If feasible, we ask that electronic copies of documents be provided rather than paper copies. The requested documents can be emailed to jmitchell@acluaz.org or mailed to the ACLU of Arizona, Attn. John Mitchell, P.O. Box 17148, Phoenix, Arizona 85011.

If you have any questions regarding the processing of this Request, please contact the ACLU of Arizona at jmitchell@acluaz.org.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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