Delayed Birth Fraud



Overview

- Who, Why and How
- Case Studies Arizona
- Process Arizona takes
- What Vitals can do about it



WHO, WHY & HOW

WHO	WHY	HOW
Parent	Seeking United States registered birth for their child	Provide false documentation ie. baptismal certificate, falsified records, dishonest "witness"
Registrant	Only remember living in United States and made to believe they were born in Arizona	Provide documents from childhood unaware they were not born in Arizona; we locate another BC



Arizona Case Studies

CASE #1 DOB 5.29.1988

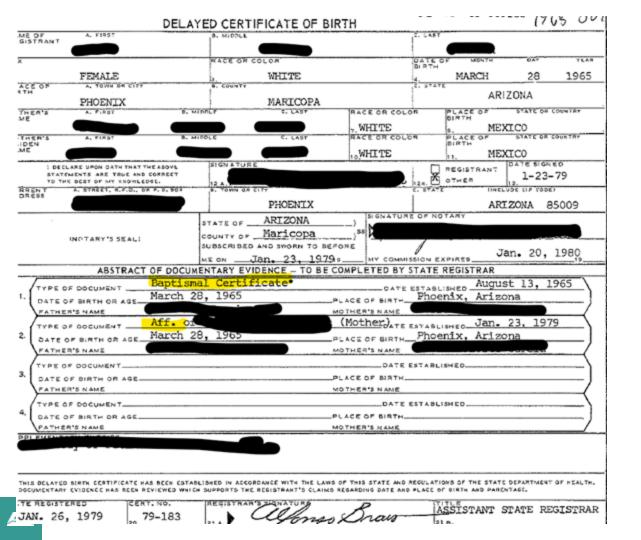
- Delayed Birth is registered per a Court Order
- Notification received from Diplomatic Security that subject was attempting to obtain US Passport
- Diplomatic Security provided copy of Mexican Birth Certificate as well as investigation notes on subject
 - It was determined the Delayed Birth registration was fraudulently submitted
 - Midwife mentioned in order denied the birth occurred in her center
 - Mother's address provided in order was found to not exist
 - Mexican BC was filed 6.9.1988
- Court Order makes it a little trickier
- Vital Records flagged the record so it could not be issued and begins the process of cancellation



Arizona Case Studies Case #2 - A family affair

- Mother and 2 daughters
- Same baptismal Certificate used for ALL 3 people
 - Witnesses were not truthful
 - Notified by Diplomatic Security when Daughter #2 was applying for a US Passport
 - Diplomatic Security investigated documents and provided information to Vital Records
 - Mother is now deceased
- Both daughters records are flagged and cannot be issued
- Process of Cancellation pending



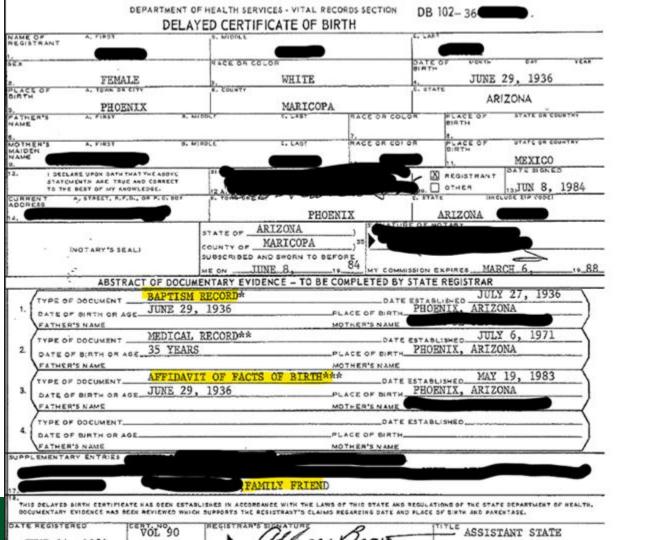


Daughter #1

- Registered in 1979
- Baptismal Certificate found to be

fraudulent and used for mother and sister

 Affidavit was signed by mother

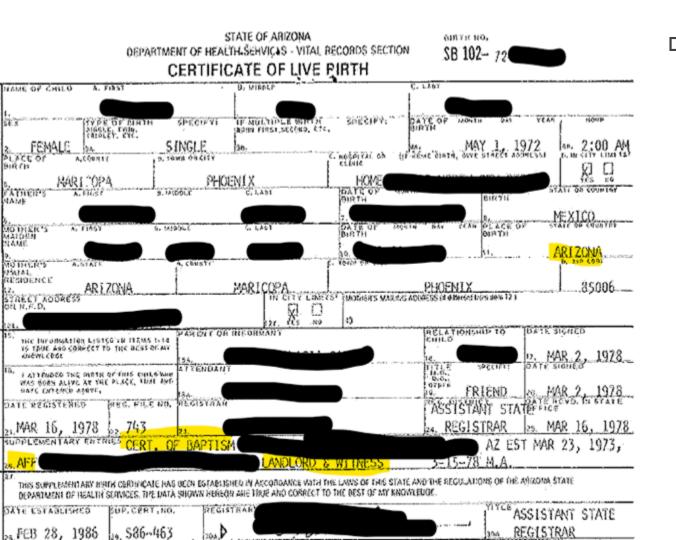


Mother

- Registered in 1984
- Baptism Certificate

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Family Friend



Daughter 2

- Registered in 1978 after sister and mother's. This was a bind spot for Vitals at the time as this registrant already had a registered delayed birth from 1978. The current record was registered to reflect the change in POB
- for the mother
 Same baptismal certificate
- Had MBC 6.7.1972
 and shows mom born
 in Mexico
- Witness not honest

Process Arizona Vital Records Takes

- Notification from Passport, Diplomatic Security or own findings is sufficient to flag the record
- Vital Records will review and if DB is found to be fraudulent a Letter of Intent to Cancel is sent out
- Hold if unable to locate person or current address
- Appeal Rights
- May Cancel MBC and maintain AZ DB
- Work closely with our AG's Office and partner agency



How to Prevent Current Fraud

- Originals of ALL documents
- Verify with issuing entity
- LexisNexis
- Verification with AZ systems for birth and death
- Maintain ALL denied applications search through these with all new applications
- Establish relationships with other agencies and utilize them as resources





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