



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 16, 2022

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Director of Community Services
Phone: 216.288.6378

South Euclid, Ohio – On August 15, 2022, the City of South Euclid was served with subpoenas by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) seeking information related to the South Euclid Municipal Court under former Judge Gayle Williams Byers, who resigned her position on July 31, 2022. The City of South Euclid takes these matters seriously and will cooperate fully with the FBI investigation. There is no additional information available regarding this matter at this time, however, updates will be made available as we learn more.

The South Euclid Municipal Court is a separate branch of local government and operates independently of the Mayor and City Council. Municipal Courts in Ohio operate under the jurisdiction of the Ohio General Assembly and Ohio Supreme Court.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern

DISTRICT OF

Ohio

TO:

City of South Euclid
1349 S Green Rd
South Euclid, OH 44121

SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY BEFORE GRAND JURY

SUBPOENA FOR:

☐ PERSON

☒ DOCUMENT(S) OR OBJECT(S)

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and testify before the Grand Jury of the United States District Court at the place, date, and time specified below.

<p>PLACE</p> <p>Carl B. Stokes U.S. Courthouse 801 W. Superior Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44113</p>	<p>COURTROOM Grand Jury Suite, Lower Level 1</p> <p>DATE AND TIME 9/13/2022, 9:00am</p>
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YOU ARE ALSO COMMANDED to bring with you the following document(s) or object(s):*

Please see attachment.

DO NOT SEND ANY DOCUMENTS TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. PLEASE SEND ALL RECORDS TO:

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attn: SA TFO Robert Heiss
1501 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44114
P: 216-644-3695
E-mail: rhheiss@fbi.gov

YOU MAY SEND THE REQUESTED RECORDS, PREFERABLY IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT ON CD, VIA EXPRESS MAIL, OR OVERNIGHT DELIVERY SERVICE DIRECTLY TO SA TFO ROBERT HEISS, OR IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT VIA E-MAIL TO rhheiss@fbi.gov, AND THEREBY AUTHORIZE THE SA TFO TO PRESENT THE DOCUMENTS TO THE GRAND JURY ON YOUR BEHALF.

☐ Please see additional information on reverse.

This subpoena shall remain in effect until you are granted leave to depart by the court or by an officer acting on behalf of the court.

<p>CLERK SANDY OPACICH, CLERK</p>	<p>DATE</p> <p>8/10/2022</p>
<p>(By) Deputy Clerk /s/ Robert T. Pitts</p>	
<p>This subpoena is issued on application of the United States of America</p>	<p>NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY</p> <p>Vanessa Healy, Assistant U.S. Attorney 400 United States Courthouse, 801 West Superior Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44113 Telephone: 216-622-3652 SA TFO Robert Heiss Telephone: 216-644-3695</p>



* If not applicable, enter "none".

SUBPOENA ATTACHMENT

TO: City of South Euclid / Clerk of Council

FOR THE YEARS: Jan 1, 2022- present

Please provide any recorded City of South Euclid City Council Meeting that appeared over the WebEx Platform, pertaining to Court's Financial Status, on or about of March and June of 2022.

WARNING!!!

DISCLOSURE OF THIS SUBPOENA MAY RESULT IN AN INTERFERENCE WITH OUR INVESTIGATION. ACCORDINGLY, WE REQUEST THAT YOU DO NOT DISCLOSE THE EXISTENCE OR SUBSTANCE OF THIS SUBPOENA TO THE PERSON FOR WHOM INFORMATION IS SOUGHT.

**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY
OF
BUSINESS RECORDS**

I, _____, declare, pursuant to Title 28, U.S.C. § 1746,
(Name)

that I am employed by _____ and that
(Name of Business)

my official title or position is _____. I further
(Official Title or Position)

declare that I am a custodian of records of said business and that each of the records attached
hereto is the original or a duplicate (exact photocopy) of an original record in the custody
of _____.
(Name of Business)

I further state that:

- A) such records were made, at or near the time of the occurrence of the matters set forth, by (or from information transmitted by) a person with knowledge of those matters;
- B) such records were kept in the course of a regularly conducted business activity;
- C) the business activity made such records as a regular practice; and
- D) if such record is not the original, such record is a duplicate of the original.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

(Signature)

(Date of Execution)

(Place of Execution)

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COURTROOM
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09/13/2022 at 9 A.M.

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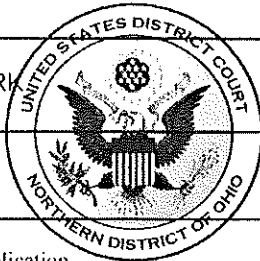
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NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY
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400 United States Courthouse, 801 West Superior Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44113 Telephone: 216-622-3652
SA / TFO Robert Heiss Telephone: 216-644-3695

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SUBPOENA ATTACHMENT

To: The City of South Euclid
1349 S Green Rd
South Euclid, OH 44121

Please provide the following information for the employment file of:

Gayle Williams Byers
1596 Wrenford Rd, South Euclid, OH 44121

DOB: [REDACTED] 1974

Time period: Jan 1, 2012 - present
Including, but not limited to:

1. All applications for employment;
2. All records reflecting dates of employment, changes in employment, promotions, demotions, and termination of employment.
3. All records reflecting current and former residential and mailing addresses; as well as current telephone number(s) and home addresses listed on all applications.
4. All records reflecting gross and net earnings, including records of earnings by pay period, paid or unpaid periods of employment (COVID-19 furlough information), forms W-2, bi-weekly earnings statements, rates of pay, changes in rates of pay and effective dates of such changes, requests for disposition or deposit of paychecks (to include bank direct deposit information of payroll), and all cancelled paychecks (front and back);
5. All records reflecting inquiries or requests for information concerning the employee, including verifications of employment or income.
6. All notices of personnel action.
7. All records concerning employee benefits, including designations of beneficiaries; and
8. All records indicating the employee's marital status, including name(s) of spouse(s).
9. All records related to employee's daily and monthly work schedule.
10. List of employee's current and former supervisor's.

In lieu of personal appearance, you may comply with this subpoena by mailing the requested records (**PLEASE PROVIDE IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT IF POSSIBLE**) along with an **executed copy of the attached records certification** to:

By Mail/Express Mail Service

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