



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Office of the Chief Division Counsel

1787 West Lake Mead Boulevard

Las Vegas, Nevada 89106

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Via Certified Mail

ATTN [REDACTED], Esq.

[REDACTED]

RE: Joerg Arnu Title 31 Claim via Email

Damage to property located at [REDACTED], Rachel, NV 89001

Damage to property located at [REDACTED], Las Vegas, NV [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

We are in receipt of your client's complaint made for damages sustained at the properties located at [REDACTED], Rachel, NV 89001 & [REDACTED], Las Vegas, NV [REDACTED]; allegedly caused by law enforcement officers executing a federal warrant on November 3, 2022.

As you are aware, two of the items claimed are replacement devices for items seized pursuant to the search warrant. These items are outside the purview of a Title 31 claim.

Title 31, United States Code, Section 3724, provides for the payment of "claims for personal injury, death or damage to, or loss of privately owned property caused by an investigative or law enforcement officer." However, there are limitations to this payment. Specifically, this statute has been interpreted to limit payment to *uninvolved third parties*.

Because the damage was sustained at a property owned by the involved party, i.e. the subject of the investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation will not be reimbursing for the cost of the alleged damages.

Sincerely,

Lauren Wheeler
Associate Division Counsel