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Judicial Watch  
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Dear Ms. Small:

I have received your request for records; however, your request is too broad and could be read as almost every case we have since most deaths are sudden (for example heart attacks) or violent (suicides, accidents, homicides). Any homicide cases are not releasable by us – you would have to contact the Cochise County Attorney's Office to make sure there is no conflict with an ongoing trial/investigation – covered under the statutes. Also, we do not keep track of location as to how many miles from the border someone dies. Every single case would have to be pulled to determine exact place of death in the county.

Furthermore, we are a very small office and do not have the manpower to undertake pulling every single case, determining if it fits your criteria and then copying everything. The statutes say we must make the information available, not copy it. If you wish to send a representative with a copier and paper, we will gladly make our files (minus homicides) available to you.

Sincerely,



Paula J. Peters,  
Custodian of records