



Scottsdale Police Department's Moments of Truth



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Correspondence commending **Officer Ed Chrisman**

Officer Chrisman,

I am writing to tell you how much I truly appreciate your sensitivity to the situation in my office on Friday, June 4th with my patient. I am so grateful that you embraced her with kindness and compassion. I felt compelled to let you know how much this means at this time. I can only imagine the difficulties you deal with daily in your line of work protecting the citizens of Scottsdale. I feel blessed to have had you there for my patient's safe transport to the hospital. You displayed professionalism with a great deal of understanding and patience. Thank you for being there when you were most needed. If I can do anything to help you or the SPD, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Most appreciatively,
Cristi A. Soiya, MAPC, LPC, LISAC, NCC
Licensed Professional Counselor*

Nice work, Ed!

Crime Scene Specialist Wood looks out for citizens

*I just wanted to take a moment and tell you about **Crime Scene Specialist Marie Wood** and the work she did on Sunday (07/25). Marie started up to a scene (north district) that patrol had not been assigned to yet (to see if she could do a CSS First) because the comments stated 4 vehicles had been broken into. Marie figured that if that many had been broken into then it was reasonable to assume the rest of the neighborhood might have been hit as well.*

When she finished the above call she did community policing where she drove through the neighborhood to see if anybody else's vehicle or home had been broken into. While doing this she witnessed a very large rattlesnake on one home's driveway. Being a native of AZ, Marie, said it was the "biggest she has ever seen"! She watched the snake move under a vehicle in the driveway, thereby not being visible. Marie took the initiative to call dispatch with the home's address and get the phone number for the home. Marie called the number, no one answered, but she left a message warning them of the snake's position.

I just wanted to commend Marie for taking the time to serve the community and try to possible prevent the homeowners and possibly their neighbors from getting harmed. It is



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unknown whether children lived at that residence but with Marie's thoughtfulness we don't have to worry as much.

Thank you Marie!

Submitted by Lead Crime Scene Specialist Lisa Dilbeck

This email was sent to Sgt Tommy Jensen by Sgt. Ben Hoster

Tommy,

*I wanted to give you a heads up on the great find that **Ofc. Mike Whitcomb** had this morning. We (Squad B and motors units) were working an attempted auto theft in the area around 7463 E. Rose Garden. We had a perimeter set up and other units were roving the area looking for our suspect. Mike was on his way home from work heading northbound on Hayden Rd approaching Grayhawk. Mike listened to his radio and knew the details of the call (including the suspect description). Mike observed the suspect walking southbound on the east side of Hayden Rd with another female. Mike radioed to the other units what he saw and they were able to successfully detain the suspect. The suspect was charged with Attempted Auto Theft (2X), Possession of Burglary Tools, and PODP. More charges are pending from the night before. Det. Reid Watson is the case detective and he informed me that the suspect admitted to everything.*

*Thank you.
Ben*

Email from PCIS Specialist Natalie Summit to **Officer David Stanley**

David,

You have been out to see Tiffany twice that I am aware of. For many years, her parents were perplexed about her behavior. You were the first person (I am aware of) to refer to PCIS. Initially, it was Anthony Pagliuca who responded while on call. I followed up the next morning and have worked with the family since. Your referral to our unit was the beginning. Parents are grateful and so am I. I wanted to pass this information along.



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Initially, I thought Tiffany was undiagnosed developmentally disabled. Then, I went down the list of suspects; substance use and abuse, medical problems, and finally mental illness. This last Friday, I testified in mental health court. Tiffany is now on court order for treatment reference her diagnosis of Paranoid Schizophrenia with Depression, and learning disability. With medication, she has been doing much better. Her parents were so happy to finally know the problem. With proper support, and education, this family can get back on track.

Thank you for your referral efforts.

Officer Samantha Beatty responded to 8500 Osborn reference a child locked in a vehicle. This baby ended up locked in a running car and it took SFD about 20 minutes to get door open. The baby was fine. Mom was initially distraught but Beatty calmed her down. Good Going, Samantha!

Detective Greg Jimenez had worked a conspiracy to commit murder/molest case that resulted in the arrest of a suspect. After finding information about the arrest on the Internet, the suspect's ex-wife called our department in reference to a child that she and the suspect had in common. She reported that he had separated her from her son over 20 years ago and she has been unable to find him. Greg worked to locate the son and facilitate a reunion. As a result, he received a very nice thank you. The following is an excerpt from the note:

Hi Greg

I am so very grateful to you for all you have done for me and my family. Beverly is a really nice person and we have talked a lot. I'm sure there is going to be some great out of all of this. We tried to send you some flowers just to say thank you, but we were told you are not allowed to receive gifts. So we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

On July 21, 2010, an elderly woman (with crutches and a walker) came into the lobby and stated she was out of gas. She provided me with a AAA card and explained to me that her



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*cell phone was not charged. I called AAA and they stated it would be approximately they stated it would be approximately an hour or an hour and a half ETA. At this time **Detective Bogumill** had overheard the conversation and offered to get gas for her so she would not have to wait so long. **Officer Hynson** came by and attempted to charge her phone with his shop since I was unsuccessful in doing so. At this time I found out she was sleeping in her vehicle on the Indian Reservation due to losing her place to live. **Sgt. Stumpf** was informed and donated money out of his pocket to assist. PCIS was called and was familiar with the elderly woman. I wanted to extend thanks for everyone who assisted without hesitation. It was nice to see how everyone pulled together so quickly. Detective Bogumill had purchased a gas can and has donated it for the police departments use if such occasion should arise again. – Email from Police Aide Gaba*

Submitted by Commander Popp

Kudos to **Crime Scene Specialist Oleksik** from Sgt. Tommy Jensen

I just wanted to send you all a quick note on what an outstanding job Kristen Oleksik did tonight on a DUI driver she spotted bouncing off of curbs and driving erratically. She was calm and was able to give clear transmissions of her location and driving behavior of the DUI driver. Officers were able to make the stop on the driver and ultimately arrested her after she blew a .397. Shortly after the stop the restaurant where she came from called in on her. This was definitely a tragedy waiting to happen.

Please extend our thanks to Kristen on a job well done

Section Manager, Tracie Fife followed up with this:

My folks are encouraged to be visible when they are available. Though this isn't the first time one of the CSS's has assisted in getting a 390 off the street, it's probably one of the few with such a high BAC. Kristen is extremely proactive and a definite asset to the CSS Section, and the PD!