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Officer investigates open burglary cases and solves them

Between 9/23/13 and 11/10/13 **Officer Ryan Mercier** investigated a number of commercial burglaries in which suspects were stealing beer kegs and selling them to retail establishments for the return fees. Two suspects were involved in at least four separate Scottsdale cases, as well as a number of open cases in Phoenix. Through the use of video surveillance from some of the establishments, a suspect was identified and confirmed with one of the victim's employees via photo line-up. Officer Mercier developed information as to this individual's whereabouts and solicited Phoenix PD's assistance in apprehending him from an address in their jurisdiction. The offender subsequently confessed his involvements to Officer Mercier in the Scottsdale and Phoenix cases, as well as identifying his co-conspirator. By conducting surveillance on the second suspect's residence, Officer Mercier was successful in apprehending him as he left the house. This offender also confessed his involvements, resulting in both individuals being charged with burglary, theft and trafficking in stolen property. A number of officers participated in this endeavor, which would not have been successful without everyone's efforts. Great teamwork!

Submitted by Sgt. Scott Smith

A resident of the Via Linda district sent a letter regarding the outstanding work of **Officer Donna Mulvey** above and beyond the call of duty. During a hot August day, the female resident set out with her cart to go grocery shopping and a two mile walk. After reaching the grocery store, she loaded her cart with groceries and headed home. She walked to the bus stop where she had been told that the bus strike would not affect her route which took effect the night before. After waiting for an extended period of time, she realized that the bus was not going to come. She began to walk down Hayden towards McDonald with the cart "loaded to the gills." While walking home, the wheels fell off along with the rims and axels making the cart useless. She dragged it and rocked it inching slowly forward. She only got one mile in three hours before her hands had blisters. She drank both liters of water she had purchased. Not knowing what to do and with no one stopping to help her, she called the non-emergency number and within minutes, Officer Mulvey was on scene. Officer Mulvey placed her in her patrol car along with her groceries and took her home. The resident stated "she probably saved my life. Not her job to be a taxi but she was there in my time of need." The resident also wanted to send a "Thank you" to the "awesome" call takers in Communications for sending Officer Mulvey out to help her.

Great team work for helping this resident in her time of need!

Sgt. Macari received a card from an elderly couple whose vehicle broke down along 96th Street. **Officer MacArthur** assisted this couple with getting them a ride home and coordinating with the tow company to get their vehicle picked up in a reasonable amount of time. The couple sent a card thanking Officer MacArthur for his thoughtfulness and for going above and beyond.



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Kudos to Officers from Deputy County Attorney

Hello officers. As I long ago intended, here is an email that I hope you share with your supervisors because it outlines your incredible work in a case that will finally put a 23-year old, violent and already career criminal, away for a long time. For those that might read this email, Daron Holmes is a young man, who we now know has committed at least seven armed robberies. He got away with the first four. Because of the work of **Detective Hiner and Officer Savage**, he is going to prison for the last three. That is thanks to the work of many people, but it would not have happened without Detective Hiner and Officer Savage.

Officer Savage, you keenly spotted a car coming out of a residential neighborhood while responding to an armed robbery. You caught on to their backdoor escape route, and picked up details corroborating the broadcast description. Given their sneaky escape route, many would have missed them. You also took it upon yourself to stop these violent young men. And, you did excellent reporting work that made their prosecution go forward. You reported on scene that night to the detectives details fully justifying your actions and the legality of your stop. You also fully detailed those facts in your supplement. That made a tremendous difference in court when Mr. Holmes baselessly attacked your actions that night. Your testimony was excellent and professional, while you were questioned in an obnoxious manner by defense counsel.

Detective Hiner, you preserved crucial evidence needed to convict Mr. Holmes for both this robbery, and the others. Mr. Holmes clothes became crucial to prosecutions for two other robberies. They provided not just direct proof, but modus operandi evidence for a previously unsolved robbery. You preserved them as evidence. Additionally, you saved the evidence in this case necessary to show dishonesty by Mr. Holmes' family when they came in to lie and try to suppress evidence. When his family kept calling to pester you, you recorded the conversation. That recording became crucial for pretrial litigation.

Mr. Holmes is now headed to prison for 12.5 to 20 years. Thank you.

David Wood, Deputy County Attorney, Maricopa County Attorney's Office

Emergency Management Coordinator John Moede sent a commendation for the assistance **Police Aide Cody Standage** gave him while being temporarily assigned to his office. Police Aide Standage was assigned to John's office for two weeks and during that time assisted on a number of projects. P.A. Standage helped John Moede establish a system for faith based organizations to help themselves and the City of Scottsdale during emergencies or disaster events. In addition, P. A. Standage assisted in the city's first practical exercise of the new EOC Procedure Guide by organizing identified COS employees to work in the planning section and continues to teach and assist in the improvement of the city's CERT program



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Parent commends Officers for her protection

On Tuesday, 10/16/13, the Office of the Chief received a call from a resident to commend officers. The resident has had a number of contacts with SPD over the last 3 years because of her son's drug problem. According to her, the officers' integrity and professionalism were impressive. Recently, she took a step that was very tough for her; filed an order of protection against her son. While in court, she was approached by one of the officers who told her he is happy she is doing the right thing for herself. She does not regret this move for she feels safe in her home and her sleep. She called to thank Chief Rodbell for his great leadership and that he should be proud of these men who represent the department.

Of the many who came and assisted, she specifically mentioned the following who stood out:
Juan Espinoza-Roa 1280; Michael Haas 1374; Joshua O'Meara 1282; Adam Brunjes 1302

Commander **Bruce Ciolli** received a letter from a grateful family for the outstanding work **Officer Good** and **Officer Lauritzen** did on a family crisis. The daughter in the family has suffered from a mental health disorder where the police department has been called on multiple occasions. Officer Good and Officer Lauritzen responded due to the daughter's condition becoming problematic as a result of her not taking her medication. The letter stated "these officers were exceptionally kind and understanding of the situation. They treated her and us with intelligence, common sense, patience and compassion." The daughter was hospitalized and is being given the care needed for her recovery. The letter ended by stating "our family is deeply grateful to these individuals and the Scottsdale Police Department as a whole for their help and assistance during this difficult time."

Thank you for showing compassion to this family in crisis!

The Tempe Police Department sent a letter to Chief Rodbell thanking **Police Aide Cody Standage** for his assistance during a search for a missing 19 year old. The two day search of the desert involved over 100 law enforcement personnel from a variety of local, county, state and federal agencies. The environmental conditions made the search extremely difficult as the temperatures exceeded 100 degrees. Tempe Police Chief Tom Ryff stated "the work ethic, professionalism and dedication to service of Police Aide Standage is most certainly commendable." Chief Ryff finished by stating "the family of the victim in this case, and our entire community is truly grateful for his efforts and outstanding work."

Thank you Police Aide Standage for assisting our partner agency and the Tempe community!



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On September 12th, **Sgt. Tom Macari, Officers Steve Hash, Doug Montemayor and Ethan Clark** responded to an accident. The female driver was struck from behind while stopped at a light. The accident left the female driver extremely shaken to the point she couldn't even use her cell phone to contact her husband. Once on scene, Sgt. Macari and the officers quickly assessed the health of the parties involved and secured the roadway. The impact they had on the parties involved inspired the husband of the female driver to write a letter to Chief Rodbell thanking them for the work they did. He stated, "Your officers on the scene were extremely courteous and helpful. Their presence and attentiveness had a much needed and appreciated calming and reassuring effect."

Thank you for leaving a lasting impression with this family!

A letter to the Chief

I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you about my experience with the Scottsdale Police Department. A little over a month ago I moved from NYC to Scottsdale. I'm permanently disabled with a rare progressive neurological disease called FTD – Frontotemporal Dementia. FTD is untreatable, unstoppable and incurable. I made the move here for a variety of reasons including economics and quality of life.

My first week here I met and became friendly with a Scottsdale Police officer who was off duty a Starbucks off Osborn Road. **Lisa (Taylor)** is a veteran of the Scottsdale PD and works traffic investigations. Lisa was very forthcoming and honest and over the next few weeks helped me tremendously in letting me know the area trouble spots, what to look out for with local drivers and intersections prevalent to accidents. Lisa, a Scottsdale native, is a wonderful person as well as an excellent representative of your department and city. Over the next few weeks, I managed to meet about a half dozen officers from Scottsdale PD at the Starbucks on Hayden/Osborn Rd. Some I know by name, others by face. All the police I've met have been outgoing, friendly and professional. They have been extremely welcoming to me as a NYC foreigner into their community. One day an officer came into Starbucks asking if someone parked their Mini Cooper in the disabled parking spot. I raised my hand, guilty as charged. I forgot to hang the blue disability placard on the mirror. It was on the seat. In NYC it's a ticket, period. I explained to the officer I had a rare form of dementia. FTD does not primarily affect memory like Alzheimer's but the part of the brain that controls behavior, planning, organizing and language. The officer took the time to listen to me about FTD and took note of things to look up on the web. I can't tell you how thrilled I am that your officers take interest in learning about a rare disease in a time crunch society. Unfortunately I'm a bit disorganized because of FTD so the officer helped me with my car papers. We realize I threw out the plate sticker by accident when I put on the new plate just days earlier. I felt like a buffoon but he was extremely professional, nice and patient. Helping me organize and writing something down the officer told me that DMV was 5 minutes down the road and suggested I go there. I did shortly after he left.



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A few days ago in Starbucks in the community area some customers were discussing the Scottsdale PD in a negative light with one joking about how you can get arrested for "driving" a bike after having one beer. I won't sit here and write I converted their thinking but they definitely had a different point of view when I finished talking.

Please publish this letter to show my gratitude to all the officers of the Scottsdale Police Department for the excellent manner in which they conduct themselves and helped me make a difficult transition much easier.

Sincerely, Howard Glick.

A thank you to Dave Kamleiter

Officer Dave,

I want to thank you for all your help and support. In just a couple of weeks you have made a huge difference on my life in the most positive way imaginable. I wanted to tell you this because I feel that you make a huge influence to people in need and it means so much to those people. Your actions do not go unrecognized with me.

I know you have to patrol the bike race thing in October; if you want someone to tag along I'd be happy to accompany you! Again, thank you for all you've done and for giving me the tools or an extra step to allow me to go out and conquer the things I want for my life!

Fondly, Colton Kennedy

Parent thanks Lieutenant for letting officers attend event

Good Morning Lt. Roadifer! Yesterday, October 9th, was national Bike/Walk to School Day and I was ask to help make this event happen at my daughters school-Pueblo Elementary. We had a HUGE turn out and I just wanted to take a moment and thank you for allowing **Officers Crause, Safsten, Kinsey and Bailey** to come out and help with our event. Having them there really made the event extra fun for the adults and kids alike. The atmosphere of safety was VERY apparent and they made us feel like a priority as we crossed streets and made our way school. I know you have your hands full with keeping our community safe, so thank you again for allowing them to come out to a school event.

Pueblo Parent