

# Sex Offender Notification

The Apache Junction Police Department (AJPD) is releasing the following information pursuant to the Community Notification of Sex Offenders Law (ARS 13-3825). Notification must be made when certain sex offenders are released from the Arizona State Prison, accepted under and interstate compact agreement or are released from a county jail back into the community.

The person or persons who appear in these notifications have been convicted of a sex offense, which allows the AJPD to make community notification. The offender has advised the AJPD that he/she will be living at the location listed. This person is not wanted by the AJPD or any other law enforcement agency at this time.

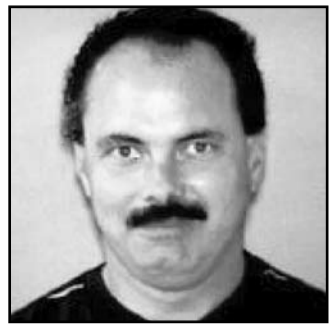
Charles E. Thomas, 35, of 1365 E. Superstition Blvd.,



Thomas

No. 17 in Apache Junction, was convicted of attempted sexual assault. His victim was his adult girlfriend. He is considered to be a Level 2 Risk to the community. Thomas is 6 feet tall, has brown hair, blue eyes and weighs approximately 220 pounds.

Brian K. Cole, 42, of 480 N. Valley Drive in Apache Junction, was convicted of indecent exposure. His victims were a 7-year-old female



Cole

and a 12-year-old male. He is considered to be a Level 2 Risk to the community. Cole is 6 feet tall, has brown hair, brown eyes and weighs approximately 200 pounds.

Garrett P. Posthuma, 49, of 1350 N. Valley Drive in Apache Junction, was convicted of attempted sexual conduct with a minor. His vic-



Posthuma

tim was a 14-year-old female known to him. He is considered to be a Level 2 Risk to the community. Posthuma is 5 feet 8 inches tall, has gray hair, blue eyes and weighs approximately 200 pounds.

# Man Held On Sexual Conduct Charges

Allegedly had encounters with three minor girls, one age 8

An Apache Junction man is being held without bond at the Pinal County Jail on three charges of sexual conduct with a minor after a year-long investigation, police said.

John Ortega will be in custody until an October 16 hearing when it will be determined if he will be held until his trial date or a suitable bond can be set by the presiding judge.

In November 2007, the Criminal Investigation Division of the Apache Junction Police Department initiated an investigation into an alleged report of child molestation.

This investigation began when the parents of an 8-year-old girl reported that Ortega



John Ortega is currently being held without bond.

had sexual contact with their daughter. During a forensic interview, the girl confirmed that the suspect (Ortega) assaulted her on at least three separate occasions.

Through the investigation, two other juvenile girls, ages 11 and 13, reported encounters with Ortega.

The Pinal County Superior Court issued a warrant for Ortega's arrest and on October 3, 2008, he was arrested at his Apache Junction residence without incident.

# Obituaries

Harriett (Sand) Jensen



Harriett (Sand) Jensen, 84, of Apache Junction passed away on Tuesday, September 30, 2008. Harriett was born May 3, 1924, in Rugby, ND. She earned her teacher's certificate in 1943. She taught third grade and high school physical education. She mar-

ried Douglas Jensen on July 30, 1944. They moved to Colorado Springs, CO, in 1953 where they owned gift shops and opened a dinner theater in 1959 and operated it for 19 years. They spent their winters in AJ for 21 years. They enjoyed entertaining, dancing, bridge and camping with friends in their RV. Harriett was preceded in death by her husband Douglas in 2004 and daughter Nancy (Niky) in 2005. She is survived by her sons Kirk (Donna) and Jay (Vicki). A celebration of life will be held on October 18, 2008, at the Pikes Peak United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs, CO. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Road Haven Resort Church, 1000 S. Idaho Road, Apache Junction, AZ 85219

# City Court

Apache Junction City Magistrate Court  
300 E. Superstition Blvd.  
Judge David Alexander, Presiding

- October 7** - Mark Fain, 43, of Mesa, guilty of criminal trespass. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, \$50 fine.
- October 7** - Vincent Jackson, 24, of AJ, guilty of animal neglect. Sentenced to 12 months unsupervised probation, \$577 fine, fine reduced to \$150 if no further animal violations for 12 months.
- October 7** - Jack McClaren, 28, of AJ, guilty of court order violation, domestic violence. Sentenced to 12 months unsupervised probation, 30 days jail suspended, complete screening and any recommended counseling, \$209 fine.
- October 7** - Donald McDonald, 33, of Queen Creek, guilty of contracting without a license. Sentenced to 24 months unsupervised probation, \$393 fine, probation may be terminated when all terms are met.
- October 7** - Ashley Mackey, 19, of AJ, guilty of underage alcohol consumption. Sentenced to 24 months unsupervised probation, write a 2-3 page paper on the harmful effects of alcohol consumption on the body, \$209, probation may be terminated when all terms are met.
- October 7** - Mark Miller, 19, of AJ, guilty of underage alcohol consumption. Sentenced to 24 months unsupervised probation, 25 hours community restitution, \$109 fine, probation may be terminated in 9 months if all terms are met.
- October 7** - Jesse Schmacht, 42, transient, guilty of disorderly conduct. Sentenced to 36 months probation, 10 days jail.
- October 7** - Angela Silva, 36, of AJ, guilty of assault, disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, screening and any recommended counseling, \$209 fine, probation may be terminated in 12 months if all terms are met.
- October 7** - Ryan Wesson, 19, of Mesa, guilty of underage alcohol consumption. Sentenced to 24 months unsupervised probation, 25 hours community restitution, \$109 fine, probation may be terminated in 9 months if all terms are met.

# Corrections

Due to an error by the Apache Junction Police Department *The News* listed Justin B. Tulo as being arrested in Monday, September 29's edition. He was not. John Trujillo, 30, of the 700 block of East Ninth Avenue, was arrested for criminal trespass and disorderly conduct.

In an article in the Monday, October 6, edition of *The News*, it should have stated Deputy Nick Norris is City Councilman Rick Dietz's stepson, not his nephew.

# Sheriff's Record

**The Pinal County Sheriff's Department**  
Sheriff Chris Vasquez, Pinal County Sheriff

**Arrests**

- October 4** - Pamela Jayne Barr, 43, of AJ, was arrested for fighting, disruptive behavior, assault.
- October 4** - Nickolas Morgese, 47, of AJ, was arrested for child support warrant.
- October 6** - Courtney Anne Whyte, 19, of AJ, was arrested for offering a forged instrument or one containing false information.
- October 8** - Daniel W. Lanman, 21, of AJ, was arrested for possession, use, production, sale or transportation of marijuana, possession or use of drug paraphernalia.

# Police Record

**The Apache Junction Police Department**  
Chief of Police, Jerald Monahan  
October 1 - October 7, 2008

**Arrests**

- October 02** - Angela M. Silva, 36, of the 1100 block of South Cortez Road, was cited and released for assault/domestic violence, criminal damage and disorderly conduct.
- October 02** - Carlos Reyes-Garcia, 25, of the 700 block of West 17th Avenue was arrested for driving on a revoked license and improper left turn.
- October 03** - Andrew K. Sharp, 45, of the 3100 block of South Alma School Road, Chandler, was arrested for aggravated assault/deadly weapon and disorderly conduct.
- October 04** - Sandy S. Hudson, 44, of the 200 block of West 17th Avenue, was cited and released for DUI, DUI w/ BAC .08 or higher, extreme DUI, failure to control to avoid an accident and failure to notify police of injury accident.
- October 06** - Blaze T. Johnson, 20, of the 10000 block of East Crescent Avenue, Mesa and Donald J. Lever, 20, of the 600 block of South Ocotillo Drive were both arrested for participating in street gang, criminal damage and underage consumption.
- October 07** - Jesus R. Salomon, 28, of the 200 block of North Saguaro Drive was arrested for DUI-slightest degree, driving suspended-court action, failure to provide ID-driver and failure to stop for a stop sign.

**Incidents**

- October 01** - Reported nonresidential burglary in the 3000 block of West Apache Trail. Stolen was currency, lighters, binoculars, rings and cigarettes.
- October 02** - Reported burglary/nonresidential and theft in the 2500 block of South Ironwood Drive at the Apache Junction High School. Stolen was a black Apple iPod.
- October 02** - Reported criminal damage and criminal trespassing in the 2200 North Ironwood Drive at Windsong MHP. The recreation room was broken into and damage was done to chairs and the pool table.
- October 03** - Reported a burglary, theft and criminal damage in the 100 block of South Ironwood Drive at the Apache Junction Flowers. Stolen was a Dell server and Dell cash register.

# Justice Court

Apache Junction  
Pinal County Justice Court #1107  
575 N. Idaho Rd.

Judge Dennis Lusk, Presiding

**David Lopez** - of Queen Creek, guilty of assault, domestic violence. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, batterer's intervention, 180 days jail, 24 months probation, \$505 fine.

**Jeffrey Novello** - of Queen Creek, guilty of disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to Lifeskills program, 12 months probation, \$525 fine.

**Chad Lyall** - of Phoenix, guilty of criminal damage, domestic violence. Sentenced to Lifeskills program, 12 months probation, \$525 fine, \$500 restitution.

**James Jamison** - of Queen Creek, guilty of assault, domestic violence. Sentenced to Lifeskills program, 12 months probation, \$520 fine.

**Kim Anderson** - of Queen Creek, guilty of disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to Lifeskills program, 12 months probation, \$525 fine.

**Nicole Debiase** - of Queen Creek, guilty of disorderly conduct. Sentenced to Lifeskills program, 12 months probation, \$525 fine.

**Richard Garner** - of Eloy, guilty of assault, domestic violence. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, 104 days jail, 24 months probation, \$1,200 fine.

**William Monroe** - of Queen Creek, guilty of disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, 104 days jail, 24 months probation, \$1,200 fine.

**Adam Monaco** - of AJ, guilty of disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, batterer's intervention, 180 days jail, 24 months probation, \$525 fine.

**Eric Ferrell** - of Queen Creek, guilty of disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to anger management counseling, 12 months probation, \$270 fine.

**Robert Ruff** - of Mesa, guilty of interfering with judicial proceedings, domestic violence. Sentenced to Lifeskills program, 6 months probation, \$525 fine.

**Marian Stone Barchilon** - of Mesa, guilty of disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to Lifeskills program, 40 hours community service, 24 months probation.

**Farentto Nesbitt** - of Queen Creek, guilty of disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to anger management counseling, batterer's intervention, 180 days jail, 24 months probation, \$525 fine.

**Tony Ford** - of Queen Creek, guilty of interfering with judicial proceedings. Sentenced to 80 hours community service, 24 months probation.

**Jodell Gerard** - of Johnsbury, IL, guilty of use of phone to harass or annoy, domestic violence. Sentenced to Lifeskills program, 24 months probation, \$525 fine.

# In Memory...

Recently the coffee table at Cobb's has lost some of its laughter and joy, as our friend Fred Allabaugh was taken from us suddenly in a tragic accident. Fred was hit by a drunken driver on his way home. Though we have lost a friend, the driver, Melvin Moore, will have to live with this for the rest of his life in prison. Please do not place yourself in this person's position, or take someone else's friend, son and brother who brought us all more smiles than sorrows and whom we will all contin-

ue to miss. We at A BETTER CAB SERVICE would rather take you home on credit, than have you cause, or become a victim of such an avoidable tragedy for all involved.

WE WILL MISS YOU FRED!

The Olsens and all of your coffee friends.....

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Supervisors of Pinal County, Arizona, that a public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m., on the 22nd day of **October, 2008**, in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Administration Building A, 31 North Pinal Street, Florence, Arizona, to consider a petition filed pursuant to A.R.S. §28.6701 and Pinal County Disposition Ordinance requesting abandonment or extinguishment of the following road, right-of-way or easement.

A Portion of **East Saddlebutte Street**, commencing at North Explorer Road and proceeding westerly for approximately 296.55 feet to the point of termination, located within Supervisory District #2, Section 4 Township 1 North, Range 8 East, of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Pinal County, Arizona. More particularly described as follows:

The South 10.00 feet of the North 33.00 feet of the East half of the North half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and

The North 16.00 feet of the South 33.00 feet of the East half of the South half of Lot 35, Section 4, Township 1 North Range 8 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Pinal County, Arizona;

Except the East 33.00 feet thereof.

All persons interested may attend and will be given an opportunity to be heard.

**DATED this 1st day of October, 2008**  
PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
By **Sheri Cluff**  
Sheri Cluff, Clerk of the Board

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