

# Search Warrants Net 9 Arrests

## Incidents yield significant amount of drugs

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The News

Nine people were arrested after the Apache Junction Police Department SWAT Team and Criminal Investigation Division executed five search warrants February 25 and March 4.

"Through the collaborative efforts of both divisions, an effective enforcement strategy was developed to fight some of the more problematic and serious offenders within our city," said Jerald Monahan, the city's police chief. "Continued investigative leads are being followed and additional arrests in this operation are anticipated in the very near future."

The arrested are as follows:  
 • Scott Hicks, 35, Apache Junction—burglary, theft and trafficking in stolen property.  
 • David Fuggett, 50, Apache Junction—burglary, theft and trafficking in stolen property.  
 • Margaret Williamson-Harshfield, 58, Apache Junction—possession of controlled substance, trafficking of controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
 • Christine Mayhew, 36,

Apache Junction—possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Ralph Vincelli, 42, Apache Junction—possession of controlled substance, trafficking of controlled substances, weapons offenses and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Monty Helms, 50, Apache Junction—possession of controlled substance, weapons offenses, trafficking of controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Rhiannon Flint, 26, Apache Junction—possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Steve Hildreth, 49, Apache Junction—possession of drug paraphernalia

• Charity Flint-Kinsey, 35, Apache Junction—possession of controlled substance, weapons offenses, trafficking of controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The areas of the search were in the 1200 block of East Scenic, 1600 block of East Southern, 1600 block of East Junction and 1500 block of East 26th Avenue—all in Apache Junction. The warrants were for a variety of criminal offenses to include burglary,

theft, controlled substance and weapons violations. The results of the warrants yielded significant amounts of suspected methamphetamine, marijuana, heroin, psilocybin mushrooms, a variety of

weapons and an undisclosed amount of currency.

Additionally, officers seized four vehicles that were utilized for the illegal transportation and distribution of narcotics. These vehicles will be

submitted for forfeiture as an asset in drug trafficking.

All citizens are reminded that all persons are consid-

ered innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law, Monahan said.

## Police Record

The Apache Junction Police Department  
 Chief of Police, Jerald Monahan  
 February 25 - March 3, 2009

### Arrests

**February 25** - Scott J. Hicks, 35, of the 1500 block of East 26th Avenue, was arrested for burglary and theft.

**February 25** - David W. Fugett, 50, of the 1500 block of East 26th Avenue, was arrested for burglary and theft.

**February 25** - Marvin H. Ponshock, 24, of the 800 block of West Frontier, was arrested for theft and fraud schemes.

**February 25** - George A. Baker, 50, of the 500 block of West 5th Avenue, was arrested for disorderly conduct/domestic violence and assault/domestic violence.

**February 26** - Genna K. Thompson, 22, of the 2000 block of West Renaissance Avenue, was arrested for assault and disorderly conduct.

**February 28** - Benjamin R. Martinez, 28, of the 500 block of East Kachina Avenue, was arrested for endangerment/domestic violence, reckless driving and no drivers license.

**March 2** - John D. Hernandez, 19, of the 2300 block of South Del Rio Drive, was arrested for possession of drugs in free zone, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**March 2** - Jesus Cota, 18, of the 500 block of West 17th Avenue, was arrested for possession of drugs in a free zone, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**March 3** - Tamara D. Davis, 22, of the 90 block of North Mountain View Road, was possession of drug paraphernalia.

### Incidents

**February 25** - Reported a residential burglary in the 1800 block of East Barnacle Road. Cash and prescription drugs were stolen.

**February 25** - Reported criminal damage in the area of Lost Dutchman Boulevard and North Ironwood Drive. A window in a school bus was shattered.

**February 26** - Reported a criminal damage to a vehicle in the 1400 block of South Warner Drive. Damaged was a rear passenger door of a company vehicle.

**February 28** - Reported a theft in the 400 block of East Mesquite Avenue. Stolen was a custom 20" copper color boy's bicycle.

**February 28** - Reported a nonresidential burglary and criminal damage in the 200 block of South Meridian Drive. Several storage units were burglarized and damage done.

**March 1** - Reported thefts in the 2100 block of South Apache Drive. Stereo stolen out of vehicle and a go cart was stolen.

**March 1** - Reported criminal damage in the 2100 block of East 29th Avenue. Paint had been splashed on walls and ceiling.

**March 1** - Reported a resident burglary in the 300 block of South Main Drive. Stolen were cash, Wii game system, coin collection camera and cell phone.

**March 2** - Reported burglary, theft and criminal damage in the 2000 block of West Southern Avenue. A construction trailer was burglarized unknown at this time what was stolen.

**March 3** - Reported a theft from a vehicle in the 1800 block of North Ironwood Drive. Stolen were 2 sets of golf clubs and a push cart.

## Baby Days & Car Seat Safety

Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 Walmart Tire & Lube Center

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## Sheriff's Record

The Pinal County Sheriff's Department  
 Sheriff Paul Babeu, Pinal County Sheriff

### Arrests

**February 27** - Ramon Lugo Ruiz, 80, of AJ, was arrested for disorderly conduct, fighting, assault - intentionally, recklessly.

**February 27** - Ruby Wick, 32, of AJ, was arrested for aggravated DUI with passenger under 15 years of age.

**March 2** - Amanda Dee Morrison, 26, of Queen Valley, was arrested for assault - intentionally, recklessly, fighting, disruptive behavior, domestic violence.

**March 4** - Jennifer Anne Zator, 33, of AJ, was arrested for criminal damage, defacing, disorderly conduct, fighting, probation violation.

## Justice Court

Apache Junction  
 Pinal County Justice Court #1107  
 575 N. Idaho Rd.  
 Judge Dennis Lusk, Presiding

**David Nosgada** - of AJ, guilty of disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, 60 days jail, 12 months probation, \$660 fine.

**Travis Lucas** - of AJ, guilty of disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, batterer's intervention, 180 days jail, 24 months probation, \$80 fine.

**Kristin Wakeham** - of Queen Creek, guilty of disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, 104 days jail, 24 months probation, \$1260 fine.

**Bryan Arendt** - of Queen Creek, guilty of disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, 104 days jail, 24 months probation, \$1260 fine.

**Steven Humphrey** - of Queen Creek, guilty of disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, 60 days jail, 12 months probation, \$660 fine.

**Dana Kidwell** - of Queen Creek, guilty of assault, domestic violence. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, mental health counseling, 180 days jail, 24 months probation, \$80 fine.

**Robert Rooker** - of Mesa, guilty of interfering with judicial proceedings. Sentenced to Lifeskills, 12 months probation, \$585 fine.

**Enrique de la Merced-Santillan** - of Queen Creek, guilty of assault, disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, 180 days jail, 24 months probation, \$1200 fine.

## City Court

Apache Junction City Magistrate Court  
 300 E. Superstition Blvd.  
 Judge James Hazel, Presiding

**February 26** - Tracy L. Mudd, 33, of Queen Creek, guilty of custodial interference, 2 counts failure to appear. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, obey all court orders regarding visitation and custody, could face 180 days jail if any terms are violated, \$125 attorney fee.

**March 3** - Darwin J. Nash, 45, of AJ, guilty of driving suspended. Sentenced to \$393 fine.

**March 3** - Thomas E. Lawrence, 22, of Queen Creek, guilty of federal motor carrier safety violation. Sentenced to \$515 fine.

**March 3** - John Steven Christopher, 53, of AJ, guilty of DUI with BAC over .08. Sentenced to 10 days jail, 9 days suspended upon successful completion of alcohol screening and any ordered counseling, 1 MADD impact panel, \$46 jail fee, \$1,782.80 fine.

**March 3** - Geronimo Esiqued Garcia, 20, of Mesa, guilty of driving suspended. Sentenced to \$577 fine.

**March 3** - Toby Duane Nasif, 39, of AJ, guilty of disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, complete domestic relations program, \$393 fine, can be released from probation in 12 months if all plea terms are met.

**March 3** - Dustin R. Sanders, 22, of AJ, guilty of disorderly conduct. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, complete Lifeskills anger management program, \$209 fine, can be released from probation in 12 months if all plea terms are met.

**March 3** - Derek R. Sanders, 20, of AJ, guilty of 2 counts disorderly conduct. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, complete Lifeskills anger management program, \$209 fine, can be released from probation in 12 months if all plea terms are met.

**March 3** - James S. Hayes, 18, of AJ, guilty of disorderly conduct. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, complete Lifeskills anger management program, \$209 fine, can be released from probation in 12 months if all plea terms are met.

**March 3** - Damon William Hunt, 32, of AJ, guilty of driving suspended. Sentenced to \$577 fine.

**March 3** - Charles R. Selby, 42, of AJ, guilty of driving suspended. Sentenced to \$757 fine.

**March 3** - Ruben J. Keeme, 19, of AJ, guilty of driving suspended. Sentenced to \$577 fine.

**March 3** - Michael M. Nabor, 30, of AJ, guilty of disorderly conduct. Sentenced to 18 months unsupervised probation, \$577 fine.

**March 3** - Jason Wess-Haghabadi, 23, of AJ, guilty of driving suspended. Sentenced to \$577 fine.

**March 4** - Crystal M. Nichols, 32, transient, guilty of disorderly conduct. Sentenced to 12 months unsupervised probation, 30 days jail suspended.

## Obituaries

**Loretta D. Arthur**  
 Loretta D. Arthur, 93 of Gold Canyon passed away Friday, February 20, 2009, in Mesa. Mrs. Arthur, a homemaker, was born in New Bedford, Mass. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Apache Junction Mortuary.

**Clyde Craft**  
 Clyde Craft, 99, of Apache Junction passed away Thursday, February 19, 2009. Mr. Craft, a farmer, was born in Zearing, Iowa. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Apache Junction Mortuary.

**Kathryn R. Delgado**  
 Kathryn R. Delgado, 61, of Mesa passed away Wednesday, February 18, 2009. Mrs. Delgado, a truck driver, was born in Portland, Ore. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Apache Junction Mortuary.

**Lorraine Friesz**  
 Lorraine Friesz, 78, of Apache Junction passed away Tuesday, February 24, 2009, in Phoenix. Mrs. Friesz, a waitress, was born in Glen Ullin, N.D. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Apache Junction Mortuary.

**Pelham Harrison Schmidt**  
 Pelham Harrison Schmidt,



75, of Gold Canyon passed away Tuesday, February 10, 2009, in Phoenix. Mr. Schmidt, a corporate salesperson with Allied Van Lines, was born in Baltimore, Md. He is survived by his wife Irene; daughter Holly Edmonds of Charlotte, N.C.; sons Tom of Phoenix and

Rick of Clearwater, Fla.; his mother Ida Pearl Harrison; sister Elaine McGuire of Raleigh, N.C.; eight grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Apache Junction Mortuary.

**David Stanley Sorensen**  
 David Stanley Sorensen, 84, has gone home to be with the Lord after a short illness in Apache Junction. David was born in Holton, Mich., to Martin and Fern Laur Sorensen. He graduated from Michigan State University and continued with a career in dairy management. At his retirement, he and his wife of 45 years Evon "Bonnie" Sorensen, retired to enjoy golf, travel and friends to Arizona. A loving husband, he was preceded in death by "Bonnie." The loving rock of his family, he left five children Vicki Harris, Timothy (Laurel) Sorensen, Diane (Mario) Barrera, Teresa Sorensen and Kristi (Randall) Jasin. To his grandchildren David, Andrew and Amelia Harris; Jessica and Jason Sorensen; Devon, Dana and Darcy Barrera, his memory will be cherished. Three great-grandchildren also survive him. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Banner Hospice of Arizona or the Holton Lutheran Church in Holton, Mich. Services and interment will be held in March in Holton, Mich. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Apache Junction Mortuary.

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 Notice is hereby given that the Apache Junction Fire District (AJFD) is accepting sealed bids for the construction of:  
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Remodel of Kitchen Facilities at Fire Station 263 located at 1645 S. Idaho Rd., Apache Junction, AZ 85219  
 The AJFD is seeking a properly licensed, bonded, insured and qualified general contractor to supply all labor, materials, equipment and services needed for the remodel of the Kitchen Facilities at Fire Station 263.  
 Sealed bids from licensed prime contractors for this construction contract will be received by Fire Chief Dan Campbell at the AJFD Administration Office, 565 N. Idaho Rd., Apache Junction, AZ, 85219, **until 1:30 PM, Local Time, Friday, March 13, 2009**, as indicated on the front lobby clock. Bids received by the correct time and date will be opened and read aloud at that time. Late bids will not be considered under any circumstances and will be returned unopened to the bidder. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "**AJFD IFB #09-001, Bidders Name and Address**". The AJFD is not responsible for the pre-opening of, post opening of or the failure to open a bid not properly addressed or identified.  
 Prime contractors are required to submit with their bid a Statutory Bid Bond, Non-Collusion Affidavit, and subcontractors list.  
 Plans and Bid Packets (Instructions to Bidders, Specifications, Terms and Conditions, and Bid Forms) will be available **Monday, March 2, 2009** Apache Junction Fire District's Administrative office on **Monday, March 2, 2009**. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on **Friday, March 6, 2009**, at **9:00 a.m.** located at **Fire Station 263, 1645 S. Idaho Rd., Apache Junction, AZ 85219**. Bid packets are also available from AJFD's web site at [www.ajfd.org](http://www.ajfd.org). Technical questions in regards to this project should be directed to Battalion Chief Doug Taylor at (480) 982-4440. The AJFD reserves the right to reject any and all bids.