



# County Seeks Help In Solving Murder

## AJ teen found dead in 2006



Apache Junction resident Christopher Martin was found dead July 29, 2006. The death has been ruled a homicide and authorities are asking for help in the case.

By Christina Fuoco-Karasinski  
The News

The Pinal County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help in finding the killer of an Apache Junction man found dead near Meridian and Elliot roads in the unincorporated area of Pinal County on July 29, 2006.

According to Public Information Officer Tami Villar, a woman was walking in the desert when she noticed what appeared to be the body of a male on the ground. Upon

arrival, deputies located the decomposed body of Christopher Martin, born October 5, 1987.

Pima County Medical Examiners Office performed the autopsy and Martin's death was ruled a homicide.

Anyone with information regarding suspects or witnesses in this case is urged to contact Detective Buddy Johnson with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office Robbery/Homicides Division at (520) 866-5153 or by calling Silent Witness at 1-800-358-4636.

# Council To Mull Speed Limit Change

## Ironwood, Broadway may go to 25 mph during school hours

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During its 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, regular meeting, the City Council will consider changing the speed limit on Ironwood Drive and Broadway Road from 40 mph to 25 mph between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays for the safety of children walking to Superstition Mountain Elementary School.

When the school override failed to pass in the November 2008 election, the Apache Junction Unified School District (AJUSD) began requir-

ing school children who live within one mile of a school to walk to school rather than ride a school bus. This new district rule forces many school-age children to cross Ironwood Drive and Broadway Avenue in order to attend Superstition Mountain Elementary School.

Police say the existing speed limits on Ironwood Drive and Broadway Avenue during the school hours of 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. are a safety concern and need to be modified to enhance the safety of crossing school children.

Ordinance No. 1339 will re-

duce the speed limit from 40 mph to 25 mph during school hours and provide for related school crossings and signage and speed enforcement in the area.

A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, after which a decision will

be made. The council will discuss the change during its 7 p.m. Monday, March 16, work session.

Other public hearings include applications for extensions for premises for Elks Lodge No. 2349 and Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 3850.

## Obituaries

**Jean Butcher**

Jean Butcher, 80, of Apache Junction, passed away on Tuesday, March 3, 2009. Mrs. Butcher, a beautician, teacher, wholesale flower-shop owner and seamstress, was born in Detroit, Mich. She was preceded in death by her son Robert "Tom" Butcher. She is survived by her husband Richard E.; daughters Laura and Linda; grandchildren Ricky, Robert, Tammy, Kate and Randall; four great-grandchildren. Services were held on Monday, March 9, 2009 at Mt. View Memorial Gardens. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mountain View Mortuary in Mesa.

**Max E. Clymer**

Max E. Clymer, 82, of Grand Blanc, Mich., passed away on Thursday, February 19, 2009. Max was born in Indianapolis, Ind., on June

25, 1926. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944-1946. On March 15, 1975, he married Ruth M. Hoult. Max had been the manager of the Oakland County Credit Union for 29 years. He wintered in Gold Canyon and was a member of the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church. He enjoyed photography, model trains, golfing and bowling. He is survived by his wife Ruth; sons John (Laurie) and Scott (Penny); three step-children Kent Hoult, Gail Truess and Kyle (Peg) Hoult; five grandchildren Adelaide, Tim, Sarah, Lauren and Nicholas; sister LuAnn (Marv) Cram; several nieces and nephews.



## Justice Court

**Apache Junction Pinal County Justice Court #1107**

575 N. Idaho Road

Judge Dennis Lusk, Presiding

**Jennifer Harris** - of Queen Creek, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to 24 months probation, \$160 fine.

**Tyler Burgess** - of AJ, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to 12 months probation, \$160 fine.

**Tyan Murtha** - of Queen Creek, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to 24 months probation, \$619 fine.

**Antonio Garcia** - of Mesa, guilty of excessive speed. Sentenced to \$320 fine.

**Madelyn Eckler** - of AJ, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to 12 months probation, \$160 fine.

**Hector Zepeda** - of Queen Creek, guilty of failure to inspect. Sentenced to 12 months probation, \$527 fine.

**Nicholas Smith** - of Queen Creek, guilty of shoplifting. Sentenced to 12 months probation, \$525 fine.

**Ricardo Sanchez** - of Queen Creek, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to \$160 fine.

**Penny Johnson** - of AJ, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to 36 months probation, \$619 fine.

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

**Eliseo Castillo** - of Queen Creek, guilty of disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, batterer's intervention, 180 days jail, 24 months probation, \$585 fine.

**Gregory Mitchell** - of AJ, guilty of disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, MADD impact panel, substance abuse counseling, 180 days jail, 24 months probation, \$600 fine.

**Caleb Bare** - of Queen Creek, guilty of disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, 12 months probation, \$660 fine.

**David Bender** - of Queen Creek, guilty of interfering with judicial proceedings, domestic violence. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, 60 days jail, 12 months probation, \$660 fine.

**David Foreman** - of AJ, guilty of disorderly conduct, domestic violence. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, 102 days jail, 24 months probation, \$1,380 fine.

**Ronald Hanson** - of Queen Creek, guilty of assault, domestic violence, disorderly conduct. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, 99 days jail, 24 months probation, \$1,380 fine.

## City Court

**Apache Junction City Magistrate Court**

300 E. Superstition Blvd.

City Magistrate, James Hazel, Presiding

**March 5** - Aleesha Farrell, 20, of AJ, guilty of contributing to delinquency of minor. Sentenced to 12 months of unsupervised probation, \$405 fine, can be released from probation in 6 months if all terms are met.

**March 10** - Karen S. Moore, 27, of AJ, guilty of driving suspended. Sentenced to \$577 fine.

**March 10** - Virginia A. Hewitt, 32, of AJ, guilty of driving suspended. Sentenced to \$577 fine.

**March 10** - Joshua K. Davis, 31, of AJ, guilty of driving suspended. Sentenced to \$393 fine.

**March 10** - Lisa Kay Beaty, 44, 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, \$1665 fine.

**March 10** - Harold R. Weatherford, 45, of AJ, guilty of shoplifting. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, complete Lifeskills theft program, \$500 fine, can be released from probation in 12 months if all plea terms are met.

**March 11** - Jeffery Robinson, 26, of AJ, guilty of 2 counts driving suspended. Sentenced to \$945 fine.

**March 11** - Brandon S. Percy, 20, of Mesa, guilty of minor consumption. Sentenced to 24 hours jail.

**March 11** - Jeffrey D. Carter, 33, of AJ, guilty of driving suspended, failure to appear. Sentenced to \$502 fine.

**March 11** - Michael W. Sohl, 21, of AJ, guilty of hindering prosecution. Sentenced to 12 months unsupervised probation, complete Lifeskills substance abuse program, \$577 fine.

**March 11** - Jamie Paul Kern, 28, of AJ, guilty of criminal damage. Sentenced to \$300 fine.

## Sheriff's Record

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

**Arrests**  
**March 6** - Colby Lee Green, 20, of Gold Canyon, was arrested for burglary 3rd degree, unlawful entry, theft.  
**March 12** - Shane William Cook, 35, of AJ, was arrested on a child support warrant.

## Police Record

**The Apache Junction Police Department**  
Chief of Police, Jerald Monahan

**Arrests** March 4 - March 10, 2009

**March 4** - Robert S. Frost, 52, of the 700 block of North Gold Drive, was arrested for aggravated assault/domestic violation and possession of marijuana.

**March 4** - Ralph C. Vincelli, 42, of the 1400 block of East Southern Avenue, was arrested for possession of dangerous drugs transport for sale, possession of marijuana, misconduct with weapons and Christie L. Mayhew, 36, of the 2000 block of North Center, Mesa, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

**March 4** - Brittany J. Howard, 18, of the 900 block of South Royal Palm Road was cited and released for shoplifting.

**March 5** - Eladio R. Garcia-Rodriguez, 40, of the 700 block of North Saguaro Drive, was arrested for criminal damage/domestic violation.

**March 5** - Shuler E. Jones, 26, of the 400 block of East Southern Avenue was arrested for assault and disorderly conduct/ fighting.

**March 7** - Destiny R. Nieves, 26, transient, was arrested for shoplifting.

**March 7** - Michelle L. Hamilton, 24, of the 800 block of South Coleman, Mesa, was arrested for forgery and possession of marijuana.

**March 8** - Cal C. Hartley, 29, of the 24000 block of North Plum Road, Florence, was arrested for extreme DUI over 0.20 or more, leaving the scene of accident and criminal damage.

**March 9** - Yesenia Y. Edin, 18, address unknown, was arrested for assault/domestic violation.

**Incidents**

**March 4** - Reported a burglary, theft and criminal damage in the 200 block of South Meridian Drive. Stolen was Marine audio system and damaged was a 28 foot boat cover and boat carpeting.

**March 5** - Reported burglary from vehicle and criminal damage in the 2500 block of South Ironwood Drive at the Apache Junction High School. Stolen was a red/gray Milwaukee Saw Zaw and damaged was the side window.

**March 5** - Reported a theft in the 100 block of North Saguaro Drive. Stolen was a red Honda generator.

**March 5** - Reported a theft in the 100 block of West Apache Trail at Fry's. Stolen from a shopping cart was purse with currency, credit cards and miscellaneous items.

**March 7** - Reported a theft from vehicle in the 500 block of North Ocotillo Drive. Stolen was an AZ license Plate #365SVL.

**March 9** - Reported a nonresidence burglary and theft in the 1200 block of East Scenic Street. Stolen was a Victor torch w/gauges, Lincoln red welder, vise grip/clamps and padlock.

**March 9** - Reported a theft in the 700 block of East 36th Avenue at Diamond Auto Repair. Stolen was tires and rims.

**March 9** - 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 10** - Reported a burglary, theft and criminal damage in the 400 block of North Delaware Drive. Stolen is pending a inventory list from victim, damaged was a window pane.

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**PUBLIC MEETING**

The next meeting of the Pinal County District 2 Transportation Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Central Arizona College, 273 Old West Highway, Apache Junction, Arizona, Room 444.

The Advisory Committee is responsible for updating the 5-Year Transportation Plan. These meetings are for final adoption of a preliminary plan to be presented to the Pinal County Board of Supervisors.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**PINAL COUNTY AIR QUALITY CONTROL DISTRICT**

The District hereby gives notice that it proposes to approve the following permit(s) or permit revision(s). Each list includes the following, in order: the proposed permit number, company name, company address, facility location, facility type and the air contaminants to be emitted or potentially emitted. (Volatile Organic Compounds will be abbreviated as V.O.C.; Hazardous Air Pollutants are abbreviated as the HAPS; Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl Benzene, and Xylene are abbreviated as BTEX):

Permit No. B30969.000  
Hanson Aggregates, LLC  
4127 E. Van Buren Street, Suite 205  
Phoenix, AZ 85008  
Apache Junction Plant #31  
2941 W. 37th Ave.  
Apache Junction, AZ  
Facility Type - Concrete Batch Plant  
Emissions - Nitrogen Oxides, Carbon Monoxide, Sulfur Dioxide, Particulate Matter, V.O.C.

Permit No. B30845.R01  
Southwest Rock Products, Inc.  
745 N. Gilbert Road, #124-304  
Gilbert, AZ 85234  
Queen Creek Plant #1  
39350 N. Schnepf Road  
Queen Creek, AZ  
Facility Type - Crushing & Screening  
Emissions - Nitrogen Oxides, Carbon Monoxide, Sulfur Dioxide, Particulate Matter

Permit No. B30931.000  
Southwest Rock Products, Inc.  
745 N. Gilbert Road, #124-304  
Gilbert, AZ 85234  
Queen Creek Plant #2  
39245 N. Schnepf Road  
Queen Creek, AZ  
Facility Type - Crushing & Screening  
Emissions - Nitrogen Oxides, Carbon Monoxide, Sulfur Dioxide, Particulate Matter

Under A.R.S. § 49-480, any person who may be adversely affected by the permit may file a written objection to the issuance of the permit and may request (in writing) a public hearing. Objections, comments or a request for a hearing are due during the public comment period, which ends upon the latter of thirty (30) days from the first publication of this notice, or close of business on the date of any hearing that may be held. Send objections/comments/requests to Pinal County Air Quality Control District, P.O. Box 987, Florence, AZ 85232 or deliver to 31 N. Pinal Street, Building F, Development Services, Florence, Arizona. The telephone number is (520) 866-6929.

Any objection shall state the name and mailing address of the objector, be signed by the objector, their agent or attorney, and clearly set forth the reasons why the permit should not be issued. Grounds for objections are limited to whether the proposed permit meets the criteria for issuance prescribed in A.R.S. § 49-480 or in § 49-481. The permit package, all comments and objections will be available for public inspection and/or copying at the above address Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. excluding Holidays.

PINAL COUNTY AIR QUALITY CONTROL DISTRICT

DONALD P. GABRIELSON, DIRECTOR

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