

Deputies Honored For Meritorious Service

Supervisors, sheriff pay tribute to those who made extra effort

FLORENCE— On Wednesday, April 15, Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu and the Pinal County Board of Supervisors honored three deputies for commendable performance and truly representing service before self.

Deputy Russell Warren was honored with a Lifesaving Medal for risking his life on March 6, 2009 to save several undocumented immigrants who had fallen into a Stanfield/Maricopa Irrigation District Canal and Deputy David Hernandez was honored with a Medal of Distinction for his role in the same incident.

On March 6, 2009, as Warren approached a vehicle he had been looking for in the area, he noticed several people fleeing. He was attempting to maintain a visual on the suspect driver while giving him commands to stop running when his attention was diverted to the canal where he could hear people yelling.

Warren turned his attention to the yelling and saw seven people who had fallen into the canal and appeared to be unable to swim. Warren removed his duty gear and jumped into the canal in an attempt to save

the victims. He was able to retrieve one individual when Hernandez arrived and assisted them out of the water. Hernandez. Two additional victims were able to hold on to the side of the canal and Hernandez pulled them from the water as well.

Retired Corp. Christopher Encisco was honored with a Purple Heart for injuries he sustained while responding to a 9-1-1 call from a victim of domestic violence.

On March 1, 2007, Encisco was responding to an address in the Arizona City area in reference to a domestic disturbance. He was traveling, with lights and sirens, southbound on Sunland Gin Road. He was approaching Battaglia Road when he observed a vehicle traveling northbound in the opposing lane which eventually yielded.

He then observed a vehicle enter his lane of traffic coming straight at him. He swerved off the roadway in an effort to avoid hitting another vehicle in the roadway and the oncoming vehicle driver, who was impaired, traveled off the roadway as well, striking his patrol vehicle head on. Encisco

was trapped in his vehicle with multiple critical injuries. He was extricated and transported to St. Joseph's Hospital by air-evac. Encisco spent five days in intensive care and sustained a 20-percent disability to his right leg, irreparable vision damage and now has a plate in the left side of his face. Due to the extent of his injuries, he was forced to medically retire but has since been appointed by Sheriff Babeu to the position of impound hearing officer.



Deputy Russell Warren (left), Deputy David Hernandez and Cpl. Christopher Encisco (far right) with Sheriff Paul Babeu after being honored Wednesday, April 15, for going beyond the call of duty.

City Court

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

April 13 - Jason Lee Smith, 20, of AJ, guilty of minor consumption. Sentenced to \$500 fine.

April 14 - Renee C. Scott, 44, of Mesa, guilty of disorderly conduct. Sentenced to \$300 fine.

April 14 - Kristy L. Kazmer, 44, of Queen Creek, guilty of theft of services, failure to appear. Sentenced to \$400 restitution, \$300 fine.

April 14 - Eddie Alverado Saldana, 38, of Mesa, guilty of theft. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, Lifeskills theft program, \$259.88 restitution, \$400 fine, can be released from probation in 12 months if all terms are met.

April 14 - Vanessa M. Wallace, 24, of AJ, guilty of possession drug paraphernalia. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, 180 days jail suspended.

April 14 - Donald S. Baderstadt, 41, of Crundy Center, IA, guilty of theft. Sentenced to \$536.31 restitution, \$300 fine.

April 14 - Debra A. Parks, 50, of AJ, guilty of shoplifting. Sentenced to 30 days jail, \$1,479 jail fee.

April 14 - Daniel Ocampo-Carreno, 26, of AJ, guilty of driving suspended. Sentenced to \$760 fine.

April 14 - Timothy Dwane Daniel, 34, of AJ, guilty of disorderly conduct. Sentenced to 12 months unsupervised probation, Lifeskills substance abuse program, \$300 fine, can be released from probation in 6 months if all terms are met.

April 14 - Austin W. Schiller, 20, of AJ, guilty of underage alcohol consumption. Sentenced to \$300 fine.

April 14 - Ernest D. Snyder, 41, of AJ, guilty of disorderly conduct/DV. Sentenced to 36 months unsupervised probation, domestic relations program, \$300 fine.

April 14 - Ashley Rose Sprague, 18, of AJ, guilty of underage alcohol consumption. Sentenced to Lifeskills substance abuse program, \$200 fine.

April 14 - Adam S. Fillmore, 28, of AJ, guilty of driving suspended. Sentenced to \$760 fine.

April 14 - Adam S. Fillmore, 28, of AJ, guilty of criminal damage. Sentenced to \$229.95 restitution, \$100 fine.

April 14 - Justine Brittany Hernandez, 19, of AJ, guilty of underage alcohol consumption. Sentenced to 1 MADD impact panel, \$200 fine.

April 15 - Mahaley E. Jones, 72, of Queen Creek, guilty of DUI with BAC over .08. Sentenced to 10 days jail, 9 days suspended upon completion of alcohol screening and any ordered counseling, 1 MADD impact panel, attend 2 days of court sessions, \$96.16 restitution, \$1,485 fine.

April 15 - Scott R. Simpson, 38, of AJ, guilty of assault, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 18 months unsupervised probation, complete screening for substance abuse, anger management program and any recommended counseling, \$200 fine.

Justice Court

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

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

Thomas Olsen Jr. - of Queen Creek, guilty of assault/DV. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, 104 days jail, 24 months probation, \$1,260 fine.

Eugene Foster - of Queen Creek, guilty of assault/DV. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, 104 days jail, 24 months probation, \$1,260 fine.

Michael O'Neil - of Queen Creek, guilty of assault/DV. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, 60 days jail, 12 months probation, \$660 fine.

Dana Huff - of AJ, guilty of threatening or intimidating/DV. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, 60 days jail, 12 months probation, \$660 fine.

Roberto Gutierrez-Carillo - of Phoenix, guilty of assault/DV. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, 104 days jail, 24 months probation, \$660 fine.

Steve James - of AJ, guilty of disorderly conduct/DV. Sentenced to Lifeskills program, 12 months probation, \$525 fine.

Edger Macias - of Mesa, guilty of assault/DV. Sentenced to domestic violence counseling, batterer's intervention classes, 180 days jail, 24 months probation, \$585 fine.

Jore Gallegos - of AJ, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to 36 months probation, \$619 fine.

Juan Becerra - of Queen Creek, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to 6 months probation, \$160 fine.

Sebastian Aldama - of Glendale, guilty of criminal trespass, criminal littering. Sentenced to 6 months probation, \$1086 fine.

Rodolfo Tellez - of Tucson, guilty of driving on suspended license, failure to appear. Sentenced to 12 probation, \$854 fine.

Blaine Sabia - of Queen Creek, guilty of driving on suspended license, failure to appear. Sentenced to 24 months probation, \$854 fine.

Cristopher Watt - of Queen Creek, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to 12 months probation, \$140 fine.

Carol Redmond - of Gold Canyon, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to 12 months probation, \$140 fine.

Claudio Santos - of Chandler, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to 12 months probation, \$140 fine.

Antoinette Andrade - of Tempe, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to 6 months probation, \$140 fine.

Correction

Misidentification occurred in the mid-page photo that ran on page A-10 of last week's edition. The photo was the acceptance of a Project Learning Tree Greenworks grant check by Peralta Trail Elementary School teacher Julia Goucher to be used for microscopes and field exploration equipment for the Eco-Explorer Club. The presenter of the \$ 3,630 check is Karen Scheduler of Project Learning Tree. The News apologizes for any confusion the error may have caused.

Sheriff's Record

The Pinal County Sheriff's Department
Sheriff Paul Babeu

Arrests
April 14 - Steven Lee James, 46, of AJ, was arrested for 2 counts disorderly conduct, fighting.
April 17 - Maxey D'nise, 48, of AJ, was arrested for violation of promise to appear.

Police Record

The Apache Junction Police Department
Chief of Police, Jerald Monahan
April 8 - April 14, 2009

Arrests
April 8 - Luis Orozco, 19, of the 1100 block of West Third Avenue, was arrested for possession of marijuana.
April 8 - John Hernandez, 18, of the 2300 block of South Del Rio Drive, was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.
April 8 - Frank J. Parker, 45, of the 2200 block of North Ironwood Drive, was cited and released for driving suspended, expired registration, no insurance and suspended plates.
April 8 - Diane I. Rentoul, 39, of the 1360 block of South Lawson Drive, was cited and released for suspended license, no insurance, driver's license not in possession and improper license plate light.
April 9 - Bradford Mersino, 48, of the 3400 block of South Bowman Road, was cited and released for DUI, extreme DUI and open container.
April 10 - Sally L. Scannell, 55, of the 1200 block of South Idaho Road was arrested for disorderly conduct/domestic violence.
April 10 - Mark A. Olinger, 39, transient, was arrested for possession of dangerous drug and possession of drug paraphernalia.
April 10 - Jeffrey A Kohler, 45, Apache Junction, was arrested for criminal trespassing.
April 12 - Dustin R. Sanders, 22, of the 1600 block of North Ironwood Drive, was arrested for assault/DV and disorderly conduct.
April 13 - Lea M. Riley, 19, of the 600 block of South Palo Verde Drive, was cited and released for minor consumption and Jason L. Smith was arrested for minor consumption.
April 14 - Michael L. Davison, 19, of the 11000 East Jupiter Drive, Mesa, was arrested for armed robbery, aggravated assault, sexual assault, kidnapping and theft.

Incidents
April 8 - Reported a burglary/nonresidential and theft from vehicle in the 2500 block of South Ironwood Drive. Stolen were tools, meters, gauges and Freon.
April 10 - Reported a theft means of transportation in the 400 block of West Apache Trail. Stolen was a 1985 Chevy motor home with license number AZ D2785Z.
April 11 - Reported a burglary/nonresidential, theft means of transportation and criminal damage in the 2500 block of South Ironwood Drive. Stolen was copper tubing. Damage was done to chain link fence and steel door. Stolen also was a 1990 Chevy pickup with license number AZ G707DB.
April 11 - Reported an armed robbery and aggravated assault in the 200 block of South Phelps Drive. Unknown amount of cash was stolen.
April 12 - Reported a theft in the 2400 block of East Southern Avenue. Stolen were plastic flowers out of landscaping area.
April 12 - Reported a theft, recovery and criminal damage in the 3000 block of West 16th Avenue. Stolen was a Honda quad recovered later and the chain link fence was cut.
April 13 - Reported a fraud in the 300 block of North Royal Palm Road. Using false information on IRS tax return.
April 13 - Reported criminal damage in the 200 block of South Ocotillo Drive. Lock on the fence was damaged.

Obituaries

Clif Johnson
Clif Johnson, 61, of Apache Junction, Ariz, passed away on April 14, 2009, in Mesa. He was born September 15, 1947, in Chicago, Ill., and was a correctional officer, doorman at Los Vaqueros & a coach for many years for Apache Junction Little League. He is preceded in death by his son: Tom Johnson (2004). Those who remain to miss him are his wife: Diane; sons: Michael of Minnesota; Bill & Dan Johnson; and eight grandchildren. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 24, 2009, at A Wise Choice Desert View Chapel, 9702 E. Main St., in Mesa. Inurnment will be held at Mount View Memorial Gardens.

William L. Van Sant
William L. Van Sant, 81, of Apache Junction, Ariz., passed away on Friday, April 10, 2009. Donations can be made to Sunshine Children's Home.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
EXPANSION AND FOURTH AMENDMENT OF THE GOLD CANYON SEWER COMPANY FRANCHISE REQUEST

The Pinal County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice that it will conduct a Public Hearing in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room located in Administrative Building A, 31 N. Pinal Street, Florence, Arizona, at 9:30 a.m., on the 29th day of April, 2009 to hear any affected persons wishing to speak for or against the application of Expansion and Amendment of the Gold Canyon Sewer Company for a waste water franchise in Pinal County, Arizona.

The requested franchise area is located as follows:

- * The East 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 and the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 1 North, Range 9 East, Gila & Salt River Base and Meridian, Pinal County, Arizona.
- * The North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 1 North, Range 9 East, Gila & Salt River Base and Meridian, Pinal County, Arizona.
- * The West 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 1 North, Range 9 East, Gila & Salt River Base and Meridian, Pinal County, Arizona.
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- * The South 1/2 of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 1 North, Range 9 East, Gila & Salt River Base and Meridian, Pinal County, Arizona.

Objections and/or comments are due during the public comment period, which ends at the conclusion of the public hearing. 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 franchise should not be issued. Send objections/comments to Clerk of the Board, Pinal County Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 827, Florence, AZ 85232 or deliver to 31 N. Pinal Street, Administration Building A, Florence, Arizona.

Notice is further given that: no prevailing objections or good cause arising, the Board of Supervisors intends to grant the requested franchise.

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

DATED this 1st day of April, 2009.

PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
By Sheri Cluff
Sheri Cluff, Clerk of the Board

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