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## QUARTERLY MEETING!!!

Guest Speakers:

**Councilwoman Laura Pastor**  
**Police Chief Jeri Williams**  
**Commander Steve Martos**

Speaking about:

**Crime Originating**  
**At Light Rail Stations!!**

Plus: **Mario Lozoya and Matt Makinster, Community Action Officers**

**Lisa Hubbard, Neighborhood Specialist**

Date:

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2018**

**6:00 pm: MEET AND GREET**

**6:30 pm: GENERAL MEETING**

At:

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Editor's Note: Below are crimes that occurred in the neighborhood and on the borders in the last three months. A significant amount of violent crime occurred on our borders, all around us, very close, and frequently. We are working on reducing this type of crime this year. A huge thank-you goes to our Secretary, Henry Harding, for compiling this information twice in the last six months. A glaring picture of new crime has emerged, and you should know about it.

## Crime Statistics April, May, June 2018

**By: Henry Harding (Coolidge St.)**

### In Pierson Place Historic District:

- 1) THEFT OF TRAILER OR NON-VEHICLE, 04/24/2018, 4:00 PM, 3XX W HIGHLAND AVE
- 2) BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE-RESIDENTIAL, 05/08/2018, 9:00 PM, 1XX W ELM ST
- 3) BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE-RESIDENTIAL, 05/09/2018, 8:30 AM, 1XX W PIERSON ST
- 4) BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE-RESIDENTIAL, 05/26/2018, 8:00 AM, 5XX W HIGHLAND AVE
- 5) BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE-RESIDENTIAL, 06/20/2018, 5:00 PM, 3XX W MARIPOSA ST

### Intersection of 7th Ave and Camelback:

- 1) THEFT-FROM BUILDING-MISDEMEANOR, 03/31/2018, 10:01 PM, 7XX W CAMELBACK RD
- 2) ROBBERY, 04/01/2018, 4:44 PM, 7XX W CAMELBACK RD
- 3) AGG ASSAULT-DANGEROUS WEAPON, 04/14/2018, 8:00 PM, N 7TH RD & W CAMELBACK
- 4) AGG ASSAULT-KNIFE OR CUTTING INSTR, 04/23/2018, 5:52 AM, 7XX W CAMELBACK RD
- 5) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-COM BLDG, 05/09/2018, 4:00 PM, 9XX W CAMELBACK RD
- 6) ROBBERY, 05/10/2018, 2:56 PM, 7XX W CAMELBACK RD
- 7) THEFT-POCKET PICK-MISDEMEANOR, 05/12/2018, 12:30 AM, 7XX W CAMELBACK RD
- 8) ROBBERY, 05/21/2018, 10:46 AM, 7XX W CAMELBACK
- 9) ARMED ROBBERY-THREATEN USE WEAPON, 05/23/2018, 12:00 AM, 50XX N 7TH AVE
- 10) THEFT OF CREDIT CARD-OTHER, 05/29/2018, 7:50 AM, 7XX W CAMELBACK RD
- 11) AGG ASSAULT-SERIOUS INJURY-DANGEROUS WPN, 05/31/2018, 8:13 PM, N 7TH AVE & CAMELBACK
- 12) THEFT OF TRAILER OR NON-VEHICLE, 06/02/2018, 2:00 PM, 49XX N 7TH AVE
- 13) AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - W/FIREARM, 06/05/2018, 5:01 PM, N 7TH AVE & W CAMELBACK RD

### On 7th Avenue, South of Camelback:

- 1) AGG ASSAULT-FIREARM, 03/31/2018, 6:00 PM, 7XX W COOLIDGE ST
- 2) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 04/06/2018, 4:50 AM, 45XX N 7TH AVE
- 3) SEXUAL ASSAULT-MINOR-MALE OFFENDER/FEMALE VICTIM, 04/23/2018, 7:19 PM, 7XX W MARIPOSA ST
- 4) THEFT-FROM BUILDING-FELONY, 04/25/2018, 5:15 PM, 7XX W PIERSON ST
- 5) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-COMMERCIAL, UNLAWFUL ENTRY, 04/28/2018, 12:00 AM, 7XX W PIERSON ST
- 6) BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE-COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 04/30/2018, 1:00 PM, 7XX W PIERSON ST
- 7) BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE-RESIDENTIAL, UNLAWFUL ENTRY, 05/06/2018, 5:00 PM, 7XX W HIGHLAND AVE
- 8) THEFT OF MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION – STOLEN, 06/21/2018, 10:30 PM, 48XX N 7TH AVE



### Intersection of Central and Camelback:

- 1) AGGRAVATED ROBBERY, 04/06/2018, 7:30 PM, N 3RD AVE & W CAMELBACK
- 2) ROBBERY, 05/20/2018, 8:07 PM, XX W CAMELBACK RD
- 3) AGGRAVATED ASSAULT-KNIFE OR CUTTING INSTR, 06/30/2018, 2:39 PM, XX W CAMELBACK
- 4) ARMED ROBBERY-THREATEN USE WEAPON, 04/20/2018, 8:55 PM, X W CAMELBACK
- 5) AGG ASSAULT-ENTER RESIDENCE, 04/04/2018, 11:45 PM, E CAMELBACK RD & CENTRAL AVE
- 6) BURGLARY 3RD DEG-COMMERCIAL BLDG (BEHIND COUNTER), 05/20/2018, 12:00 AM, X E CAMELBACK

**Be sure to see crimes on Central Ave and the narrative summary of all crimes on pages 3 and 4.**



### President's Message by Charley Jones (Mariposa)

Oh boy, crime on our borders... who knew it was that bad? We pass by every day and see a few things here and there, but never really know the whole picture. One stat that killed me is that last month 7<sup>th</sup> & Camelback was on par with 19<sup>th</sup> & Camelback. Wow! Most folks have known for years that 19<sup>th</sup> & Camelback is THE hotspot for crime in the city, and now we know it is bleeding over to 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and Central. Some folks predicted this, and others thought no way possible. From Central to about 15<sup>th</sup> Ave, most all of the crime originates at, or emanates from, the light rail stations at Central and 7<sup>th</sup> Aves. So now..., there are two choices here: get involved and help reduce this crime, or do nothing and let it get worse. Easy choice. The board of Pierson Place is getting involved, and we hope you do too. Your help is needed on this one, mainly because the squeaky wheel gets the grease. First, we need to bring the problem to the City's attention, and show them the facts. Second, we need to be involved in identifying workable solutions. And third, we need to volunteer to do our part in implementing those solutions. This is a "take back our neighborhood" campaign, like many others around the city. No, we are not going to fight bad guys, but we are going to assist the police whenever, wherever and however possible. They will tell us what to do, and what not to do, easy-peasy. If we band together and work on this, things will be different before we know it. Sure, it will take some work, but we have the horsepower and desire to pull it off. It's very simple. We love our neighborhood too much to not do it. So, please join us when we start this project at the next neighborhood meeting, and step up to help reduce crime on our borders. Plenty of others will be doing the same, because everyone wants less crime in Pierson Place. At a minimum, come for the food! Check the meeting details on page 1, and be sure to shake my hand on the 1<sup>st</sup>.



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### Crime Statistics: (continued)

#### On Central Avenue, South of Camelback:

- 1) BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE-RESIDENTIAL, 05/06/2018, 12:00 PM, 47XX N CENTRAL AVE
- 2) THEFT-POCKET PICK-MISDEMEANOR, 05/12/2018, 1:33 AM, 47XX N CENTRAL AVE
- 3) AGG ASSAULT-DISFIGUREMENT-CAUSE OF INJURY UNKNOWN, 06/19/2018, 12:07 AM, 47XX N CENTRAL AVE
- 4) AGG ASLT-OFFICER--MINOR OR NO INJURY, 04/10/2018, 7:28 PM, 47XX N CENTRAL AVE

#### Summary of All Crimes:

There was only one crime in the neighborhood last month, and it was a burglary. There were 5 crimes in the 3 past months, all were burglaries except for one theft of trailer or non-vehicle. The total remains the same as last month's results. There were three more crimes in Pierson Place since this report was compiled last quarter. One crime dropped off of the report as these reports cover the last three months only. Crime in the neighborhood tended to be non-violent, mostly burglary and theft. So, we wind up with an increase of 2 crimes, which was a 20% increase. All but one of these crimes occurred during the day, and none were violent.

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There was a large increase in crime at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and Camelback and the area around this intersection, which increased to 13 crimes from 8. They are split between day time (6AM-6PM) and night time (6PM-6AM), with 7 occurring during the day and 6 at night. Ironically, there was a drop of one crime in this area since last quarter. However, there was a marked increase along both 7th Ave and Central Ave (just south of Camelback) which more than compensated for the decrease at the intersection of 7th Ave and Camelback.

There was also a slight decrease at the intersection of Central and Camelback, which had flared up as of the last report, and with those crimes being more violent and confrontational in nature. Even with a decrease, there were 6 very violent crimes in 44 days in this area, which is a lot to think about. Aggravated robbery, aggravated assault, armed robbery, you don't want to be strolling by these crimes with a fresh coffee or ice cream.

Crimes at 15th Ave and Camelback increased to 10 this period, which historically does not have much crime nor a Light Rail station. Also, there are more

crimes occurring on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue south of Camelback and in the neighborhoods on either side than had occurred historically. The increase at 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and Camelback was more than what occurred at 19th Ave and Camelback, which had a total of 8 crimes this past period, and many more assaults than 7th Ave and Camelback. The area around 19th Ave and Camelback has become less violent and with less crime. Attention by the police may be the cause of this reduction.

Overall, there were 31 crimes on these 3 borders of our neighborhood. Of these 31 crimes, 18 were violent crimes. (Per the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, violent crime is composed of four offenses: murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes are further defined as offenses that involve force or threat of force.) The remaining 13 crimes were burglary except for one misdemeanor pick pocket theft.

**Side Note:** At the intersection of 19th Ave and Camelback, there were 2 more crimes than at 7th Ave and Camelback. However, all 10 of the crimes at 19<sup>th</sup> Ave and Camelback were violent in nature. It appears that most of these crimes were at or near that light-rail station. The surrounding areas appeared to have less crime inside the adjacent neighborhoods, but there was a few crimes in the parking areas south of the station. Of the 31 crimes, 20 occurred at night.

Good luck out there, and remember to ALWAYS call 911 before calling your neighbor or anyone else. Always try to be alert to your surroundings and potential dangers AND develop a plan of action. If you have a good plan and a negative situation happens suddenly, you won't freeze. General George Patton always said, "A good plan today is better than an excellent plan tomorrow."

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## Neighborhood News!

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### Goodwill Donation Drive Success!!

Many thanks to everyone who donated their used things to this project. The drop-offs were non-stop that day, some truly big hearts participated. We made \$456 for the neighborhood in 3-4 hours! Great project!

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### Burnt Out Alley Lights?

We are working on the burnt out light in the alley between Elm and Highland. Let us know if you see any others!!

### Block Watch Grant Approved!!

Our 2018 Block Watch grant application for \$9,957 was approved last month. It will provide many crime fighting tools in the neighborhood between now and next June. Look for announcements of crime fighting events to come, and be sure to help reduce crime on your street. We have received this grant for 18 years in a row, which means \$180,000 of crime prevention tools were implemented in YOUR neighborhood. It helps keep our crime low.

### Opportunity Crimes

Many crimes happen because they are so easy. If you leave your bike unlocked, or your car unlocked, or something valuable on the seat - it is very inviting to bad guys. They hit the easiest targets, and walk away from the hardest ones. Make sure you aren't unknowingly enticing criminals to steal your property. Contact us for more tips on this.

### G.A.I.N Day is October 20<sup>th</sup>....

Save the date for a neighborhood party! G.A.I.N. stands for Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods. Come out and meet more of your neighbors, get to know who's watching your house and who's house you have been watching. Establish rapport, trade contacts, and fist bump an agreement to report suspicious activity. Getting to know YOUR neighbors goes a loooooooong way towards reducing crime in YOUR neighborhood.

### Is Street Parking A Problem In Your Area?

We are working to implement solutions to street parking problems in some areas of the neighborhood. There are things that can be done to improve almost every scenario that exists. Let us know if you need help in your area.

### Witness a Crime? Follow Through.

Be sure to follow through if you see a crime. Give your info to the police, and be ready to testify in prosecuting the bad guys. If you don't help with this part, the bad guys can get off scott free! It is really, really good to report crimes, but if we don't help put the bad guys away, they will just come back and hit us again! Whenever a prosecutor needs your help, be sure to do YOUR part to make Pierson Place safer.

### Alley Cleaned Up!!

We removed tons of vegetation and debris from the alley between Coolidge and Hazelwood recently, and now you can see all the way down it. Bad guys sure can't hide in there anymore! Many thanks to all the neighbors who helped with this and to the City for loaning us tools and equipment. It was a great community project.

### New Historic Signs Coming!

Our infamous Vice President, Roland Regeon (Hazelwood St.), has been working on getting our Historic street signs replaced. Yes, those faded blue street signs that you can't read anymore! Word is they will be replaced by the end of the year, or shortly thereafter. Look for them soon!



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### **Crime Prevention Tips**

- 1.) be aware of your surroundings,
- 2.) get to know your neighbors,
- 3.) report anything suspicious or out of place.
- 4.) use crime prevention items at your house.

**Please Do Your Part!**

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