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Salt River Tribal Police
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Chief Tahmahkera,

On August 26, 2000 at approximately 0051 hrs., two men who were simulating weapons robbed the AM/PM convenience store, located at 8350 E. McDowell. When questioned by the clerk as to the "authenticity" of their weapons, the suspects became more demanding and aggressive. The clerk relented and gave them cash from the register.

Both suspects fled the scene in a white Honda Accord. Sgt. Jim Sutphen was monitoring our radio traffic and immediately picked up on the description of the suspect vehicle fleeing the scene. Sgt. Sutphen along with Officer Esparza located and stopped a vehicle near Alma School and McDowell, containing two male occupants who were later determined to be the suspects from the robbery.

Sgt. Sutphen contacted our department and advised that he had located the possible suspects from the AM/PM robbery and our patrol units were dispatched to assist.

The money was recovered and the two suspects were arrested and transported to the Scottsdale Police Department for booking.

Had it not been for Sgt. Sutphen monitoring our radio traffic and keeping a watchful eye, we may not have identified the parties responsible for committing a serious crime in our city. Please extend our sincere gratitude to Sgt. Sutphen, Officer Esparza and any other member of your department that may have played a role in the apprehension of these felons.

Sincerely,

Don Bellendier
Sgt. Don Bellendier
Violent Crimes Unit
Scottsdale Police Department

*Congratulations Jim and Oscar,
Good alertness and interagency cooperation.
Another example of Service, Respect
Pride, Dedication.*

*Gary Tahmahkera - Chief of
11-10-00 Police.*

SGT. SUTPHEN AND OFF. ESPARZA:
I CONCUR -- GREAT JOB.
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Terry J. Ringey - Chief of Police

September 10, 2002

Chief Gary Tahmahkera
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
10005 E. Osborn
Scottsdale, AZ 85256

REF: DR# 01-01605

Dear Chief:

Recently myself and Bob Harkey contacted Sgt. John Christakis from your department reference a theft case that occurred in our community last December. The suspect, Jessica Ann Porter lives in your area. Sgt. Christakis spent an entire morning with us attempting to locate Ms. Porter. Although we were unable to locate Porter prior to the time we returned to our area, I left a copy of our report with Sgt. Christakis.

Sgt. Christakis also took us to meet with Detective Doug McCumber at the substation. As a result of this meeting, Detective McCumber was able to contact Ms. Porter which led to the recovery of a number of items that were taken in our theft case. Charges are now pending on Porter in connection with our case and my understanding is that your department will also file additional charges on her.

On behalf of our department, our community and me personally, I wish to thank Sgt. Christakis and Detective McCumber for their assistance in this case. It is nice to encounter this type of cooperation between law enforcement agencies. Sadly it is not always the case. Please express my appreciation to both officers.

Sincerely,

Bud Miltenberger
Bud Miltenberger
CI Detective

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Thank you John for being a great ambassador of our area. You and Doug's team work reflected favorably upon yourself and our community. This will be placed in both of your personnel files.
Gary J. Ringey