



Paradise Valley Police Department **CRIME PREVENTION BULLETIN**

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The Paradise Valley Police Department is providing this bulletin to keep residents informed on joint successes collaborating with our community.

OUR MISSION:

Provide high-quality police services to our community, reduce crime and the fear of crime, and by working with all citizens, to preserve life, protect property, promote individual responsibility and encourage community involvement.

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Safe Business is Smart Business

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Nosy neighbors have had a bad reputation since long before Mrs. Kravitz in the classic television show “Bewitched.” But noticing something that’s just not quite right and calling your Town’s police department can make you a hero. And make your neighborhood a safer place to live for all.

There were stories heard about a man who was soliciting work in the Town, claiming to be a window washer, when a citizen felt something wasn’t quite right and called the police. She was absolutely right. The man had a record with the Town’s police and he had a long history of soliciting work. As it turns out he was

not eligible for a solicitation permit for a reason.

Solicitation in our Town requires a police background check, a permit and a photo identification badge which is issued by

the police department and prominently displayed by the permit holder. There is to be no solicitation at all between the hours of 9 PM and 8 AM.

“We are always happy to come check out a concern—please call us. You are NOT the bad guy if you call us—you are being smart and careful and a good neighbor,” said Police Senior Administrative Support Specialist Anna Gierszewski.

“If someone comes to your door asking for work, please do not

hire them without checking references and doing some research on who they are,” said Chief of Police Peter Wingert. “This particular individual’s habit was to approach homeowners and ask for work as a window washer. In the process of doing that, he learned a lot about the home and the neighborhood. This is not what you want to be happening, because it gives an unknown individual access to the safety of your family and the families of your neighbors.



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If you hire him, you are encouraging this behavior and it will continue.”

“Apparently he was comfortable coming back over and over, climbing over fences, going into back yards without permission, even entering a guest house at one point,” said Officer Steven McGhee. “That is not how a professional does legitimate business within our Town. He may be using his business as a ruse to gain information to share with accomplices or use for other criminal activity.”

An advocate neighbor shared on NextDoor, a private social media platform that allows neighbors to share information online, “I think everyone in our neighborhood should take this as a wake-up call that we only hire people we seek out, not those seeking us out.” This is an important means of knowing you are receiving exactly what you need as well as from a legitimate source.

What about the person selling magazines who claims to work for a non-profit organization, or who is “earning a scholarship”?

The Town’s Ordinance is written in a way that does allow a nonprofit organization who is recognized as tax exempt to solicit under certain circumstances. However, these same persons would be considered trespassing on private property if the homeowner has displayed a “no trespassing” sign or other sign indicating that solicitors, canvassers, or peddlers are not welcome.

The Town’s non-emergency Police Department number is 480-948-7410. Calls to this number are answered after 911 calls are handled, so they do not interfere with emergency operations but they still receive urgent attention from the police. It can be difficult responding to a delayed report. It’s important to notify police so they can make contact while the subject is still within the surrounding area.

“Video surveillance, whether it is in a video doorbell or security cameras with audio on your property, is helpful to us as we work a call,” said Officer Steven McGhee. “Sharing an image with neighbors through social media or another neighborhood watch program can often help us solve a crime or, even better, PREVENT a crime!”

Mrs. Kravitz’s techniques may have been a little over the top, but she had the right idea. A resident said, “You have been put into an unsafe situation by a potentially bad guy, and the way to help you and your neighbors stay safe is to call the police.” The resident went on to say, “Pay attention. Take the extra step. Keep your family and your neighbors as safe as possible.”

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At the drop down select — “Government”>

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Every first Wednesday of the month at 7:30AM, the Paradise Valley Police Department hosts a free Coffee with a Cop event.

We have guest speakers and discuss what's important to you.

- ⇒ Nov 7—Cybercrime/Scams
- ⇒ Dec 5—Mail Thefts/Frauds
- ⇒ Jan 2—Burglary Trends

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All your documents will be shredded for FREE on-site! We ask for a maximum of 5 boxes per person.

Saturday, November 17th, 2018
8AM-Noon at our Police Station

Donations will go to “Sirens & Sleigh Bells” to help children in need during the 2018 holidays.

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