



## TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# PRESS RELEASE

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### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT MAKES BURGLARY ARREST 2018-50601**

The Paradise Valley Police Department's Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) was conducting an ongoing investigation into a number of incidents, including burglaries, which were reported at a Paradise Valley house of worship beginning in October of 2018. Among other items, musical instruments and electronics were stolen.

Det./Cpl. Hoelscher identified a suspect through pawn records and license plate reader (LPR) data and began looking for her. On December 13<sup>th</sup> the suspect's vehicle was spotted in town by a patrol officer and, when he attempted to stop the vehicle, the suspect fled at a high rate of speed and evaded the officer. Photo enforcement captured a portion of the incident and was used to positively identify the suspect as the driver.

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, the suspect's vehicle was located by CIU at a Scottsdale motel and surveillance was initiated at the location. Shortly before noon, the suspect, Alexa Mills of Phoenix, was observed leaving a hotel room at which time she was taken into custody. Detectives obtained a search warrant for her vehicle and hotel room in which a laptop computer taken from the house of worship was located, along with several burglary tools, multiple ID's and credit cards, and pawn receipts.

Once in custody, Mills tampered with and damaged the fire suppression system in her cell causing substantial flooding in the Paradise Valley lock-up facility. Mills was eventually transferred to the MCSO 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Jail where she was booked on several charges including: 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burglary, possession of burglary tools, trafficking in stolen property, Identity theft, theft, felony flight and felony criminal damage to property.



**Alexa Mills, 25 of Phoenix, AZ**

If you have any information about this incident or any other crimes in Paradise Valley please call the police department crime stopper at (480) 948-7410.

**Remember to always close your garage when not in use, lock your doors and set your alarm. Motion and glass break sensors are an extremely important part of any alarm system. Marking property, and taking inventory of your property, also greatly increases the chance of recovery.** For a home security survey or tips on how to make your home safer, please contact Community Resource Officer Steven McGhee at [smcghee@paradisevalleyaz.gov](mailto:smcghee@paradisevalleyaz.gov)

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