



## TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT IDENTIFIES BURGLARY SUSPECT THROUGH DNA 2017-44217**

The Paradise Valley Police Department received a report of a vehicle burglary on October 16, 2017 in the 5400 block of north Scottsdale Rd. A vehicle's window had been smashed and 2 new pair of shoes were taken. Responding officers located what was believed to be blood where the window had been smashed. The Department of Public Safety confirmed the substance as blood and obtained a DNA profile from the evidence. DPS also indicated that the DNA profile obtained in this Paradise Valley case matched a DNA profile located at a similar crime in Scottsdale, however, there were no matches in the national DNA database known as CODIS.

In October of 2018, DPS lab notified the detective that they had located a DNA profile "hit" in CODIS and believed it was a match to the DNA profile of Ronald Rehana. Detectives learned that Rehana was in the custody of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and went there to speak to him. Rehana denied any knowledge of the crime. A court order for DNA was served upon Rehana and submitted to DPS lab for direct comparison to the DNA located at the scene of the burglary.

DPS would later confirm that the DNA sample obtained from Rehana was a match to the DNA found at the point of entry of the 2017 vehicle burglary. Since Rehana was already in custody, a charge of Burglary in the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree were submitted to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office for charging.



**Ronald Rehana, 39, of Peoria, 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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