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## Maricopa County Attorney's Office

# Justice for All

June & July 2017



The school year has ended and families are heading out to pools, libraries and community centers to beat the heat and have some fun. So are we!

MCAO staff volunteers will be out in the community for another season of Safe Kids Summer, to interact with kids and parents to share information about staying safe at home, in public and on the internet. We'll have booths where kids can play games, answer age-appropriate safety questions and win small prizes. Our Community Affairs Coordinators will also be giving presentations based on nationally-recognized programs from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Through this program, kids learn the importance of making good choices and avoiding risky behavior.

It's very important, especially this time of year when kids are not occupied by school work and activities, for parents and caregivers to pay attention to their child's use of social media and multi-player game devices such as Xbox. Know who they are communicating with. It is through these avenues that predators or bullies are able to access your kids. Tell your kids not to allow someone they don't know to participate in a multi-player game or

engage in chats with someone they don't know. Check in yourself to see who else is participating in games or who your kids are talking to. Let your kids know, that if someone online makes them feel bad or uncomfortable, they should come to you right away. For more on this topic, you can see my remarks from a recent press conference on our MCAO TV page at: [youtu.be/wdhhZ21vUWs?t=130](https://youtu.be/wdhhZ21vUWs?t=130)

Have a safe summer, but most of all, enjoy this time with your family.

*Bill Montgomery*

Bill Montgomery, Maricopa County Attorney

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## Summer heat is here ... and so are increased opportunities for crime

As summer heats up the sand around our saguaros in Maricopa County, there is something else that increases – sometimes faster than the outside temperatures – and that is criminal activity. The Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that rates of certain household crimes are higher in the summer than any other season of the year.

Nationally, aggravated assault rates are higher during the summer. Arson, burglary and sexual offenses are also higher during June, July and August than in the winter months. Tourists and travelers, away from their normal routines and locales, often run greater risks of having bags and valuables stolen or their homes vulnerable to break-ins. The extreme heat of Valley temperatures is often to blame for aggressive behavior, including assaults and domestic violence. With school books closed for the summer, teenagers and pre-teens have more time for laptops, tablets and gaming systems. Children will be spending more time than usual on the internet, which means that law enforcement and parents must be extra diligent during the summer to monitor and protect kids from online dangers, including predators.



Last year, “Crime in Arizona,” the official crime statistics compilation for the State, reported that the highest number of violent crimes was in July, with aggravated assaults accounting for the largest number of incidents. Even though we are experiencing historic lows in numerous categories of crime, the need to remain vigilant continues. Fifty-seven homicides were reported in Arizona last year during July and August, the second and third highest months all year. Burglaries accounted for 16 percent of the total index offenses in Arizona and July recorded the highest number of these burglaries for the year at 3,320; with a third of them occurring between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. June recorded the highest number of arsons all year at 116.

Faith Ritchie, MCAO Community Affairs Coordinator reminds everyone that crimes of opportunity can be prevented. “Tools, bicycles, strollers and outdoor objects are stolen every summer from side yards, porches and open garages. Preventing these kinds of crimes isn’t always convenient, but it’s worth the extra effort.” Faith and teams of MCAO volunteers will be reinforcing and coaching young kids at our [2017 Safe Kids Summer](#) events to help strengthen messages about crime and drug prevention. “Teaching

kids about basic summer safety in a fun environment like the neighborhood swimming pool helps them know the difference between safe and unsafe situations.” You can hear Bill Montgomery talk more about Safe Kids Summer on MCAO TV at: [youtu.be/wdhhZ21vUWs?t=423](https://youtu.be/wdhhZ21vUWs?t=423)

Remember these important tips to keep summer crime to a minimum:

1. Be aware of what’s going on in your neighborhood this summer. Stay up-to-date with your neighbors and participate with them to keep the community safe.
2. Remind your kids about privacy when using the computer. Kids shouldn’t share information like their name, birth date, home address or telephone numbers with strangers online.
3. Stop all deliveries of mail and newspapers when you are on vacation.
4. Keep all first floor doors and windows closed and locked.
5. Lock or secure your bikes; don’t leave them in your yard or driveway for long periods of time.
6. Put timers on your lights, when you are on vacation and even when you are home. Lights always give the impression that someone is home.
7. Keep your vacation plans off social media; don’t let others know you are leaving town. Post vacation photos only after you return.
8. It’s tempting to keep the windows down, but roll up your car windows when you leave your car.
9. Keep your garage door closed and foliage in front of your house trimmed.
10. Be sure your house number is clearly visible.

Visit: [SafeKidsAZ.org](https://SafeKidsAZ.org) for more prevention information and the 2017 Safe Kids Summer schedule.

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## Be Here For Kids



On May 25<sup>th</sup>, MCAO participated in the ‘Be Here for Kids’ event hosted in partnership with state and local law enforcement, community groups and the United States Attorney’s Office. This event, created by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) is designed to help parents and others teach children how to be aware, alert, and cautious to potential threats and to provide steps that

children can take to stay safe, both on the internet and in daily life.

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## **MCAO Public Safety Programs Win Two National Achievement Awards**

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office received two Criminal Justice and Public Safety awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo) for its innovative Restitution Specialist and Sex Assault Backlog programs.

"It is an honor to be recognized for the work we've accomplished in these areas, and we will continue to establish innovative programs that positively impact our community." said County Attorney Bill Montgomery.

### **Restitution Specialist Program**

The Arizona Victims' Bill of Rights was created in 1990 giving rights to crime victims, including the right to receive restitution. However, navigating the court process to secure restitution can be difficult and time consuming. Cases may include multiple victims, with each having their own wage loss, medical bills, property repair or counseling fees. The creation of the Restitution Specialist program/positions within MCAO's Victim Services Division provides assistance to victims in seeking the restitution owed to them. Restitution Specialists collect and assemble restitution information, coordinate with attorneys, victim advocates and staff members, and prepare any supporting documents required for court.

### **Sex Assault Backlog Program**

More than 4,000 untested sexual assault kits consisting of evidence collected from victims have been identified in Maricopa County. Concerns that this backlog could discourage victims from coming forward and potentially give serial rape offenders the opportunity to commit additional sex crimes, led the Office to create a sexual assault backlog program. MCAO formed a multidisciplinary team to develop a victim-centered Sexual Assault Protocol for investigations, forensic medical exams, victim notification and prosecution of sex offenses. In its first year the program had almost 2,000 kits sent for testing, leading to five sex assault charges being filed and thus far, one conviction.

MCAO is also a proud collaborator in another program honored with a NACo achievement award. Juvenile Probation's "Juvenile Court, County Attorney, and Juvenile Probation Expedited Case Process" won an achievement award in the category of Children and Youth.

The NACo Achievement Awards were started in 1970 to recognize innovative and effective county government programs that enhance services for residents. MCAO has earned 68 NACo Awards since 1990, 14 of these under County Attorney Bill Montgomery.

You can see the County Attorney talk about the awards from a recent press conference on MCAO TV at: [youtu.be/sriPifN4h9Y?t=303](https://youtu.be/sriPifN4h9Y?t=303)

## MCAO Remembers



On Memorial Day weekend, MCAO joined with community members and groups from across Arizona to place American flags at the headstones of our veterans buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. This is a long-held tradition to remember and honor our fallen heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation.

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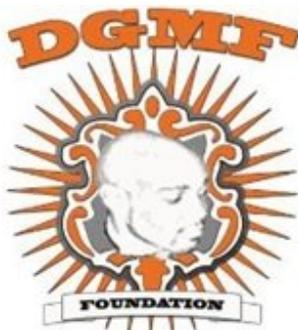
## Damion Gosa Foundation: Serving Families in South Phoenix

Damion Gosa grew up in Phoenix and was known as an outstanding local athlete. He played basketball at Carl Hayden High School and went on to pursue a sports career in college. In June 2009, at the age of 35, this father of three was murdered during a violent home invasion.

In the years following this horrific tragedy, his mother, Cynthia Lazaro, founded the Damion Gosa Memorial Foundation in his honor with the mission to empower, encourage, motivate, and inspire at-risk youth to rise above the challenges of their environment.



Damion Gosa



The Foundation's key programs include an after-school program called E.M.P.L.O.Y., which stands for "Encouraging & Motivating Positive Leadership Opportunities for Youth." The program provides tutoring, financial and computer literacy education, drug prevention and alternatives to becoming involved in gangs.

"Drawing hope out of a devastating loss, the Damion Gosa Foundation is bringing its community together to support young people as they navigate the difficult

circumstances of their environment,” said Bill Montgomery. “We want to highlight the dedication of Foundation staff and community partners as they continue this important work of positively impacting youth in the Valley.”

MCAO has been a supporter of the Foundation, participating in its annual Freedom from Violence Walk, and providing grants for E.M.P.L.O.Y. and an annual basketball tournament.

On May 6, County Attorney Bill Montgomery attended a ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony for the Damion Gosa Memorial Foundation House of HELPS (HOH) Community Center. Shea Homes and the Arizona Cardinals joined together to make much-needed improvements to the Foundation’s existing facility to better serve the community. The collaboration was a tremendous example of community groups and businesses coming together to make a difference.

“We are eradicating crime, & violence before it can start,” said Cynthia Lazaro, Founder and Executive Director. “Meaning our youth program is stopping crime, & violence before it can be implanted in our youth. They will no more commit a crime or violent act than you or I would; because it will not be in the fiber of their being to do so as it is not in ours.”

The HOH site is a youth community center designed for community-building events in the neighborhood. It offers kids a place to go where there are caring adults to serve as mentors; activities such as sporting events; a choir; field trips to area attractions; service projects to help them learn to think of others; and education in drug, gang and violence prevention.

Video of the Grand Opening event can be seen at: <http://bit.ly/2sb6boo>

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## Look Before You Lock: Don’t Leave Kids and Pets in a Parked Car

MCAO’s Vehicular Heatstroke campaign is transitioning from a mobile billboard to mobile devices. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, the campaign will transition to an all-digital campaign that will reach County residents on their computers and smart phones. This digital component is a new effort by the campaign to reach even more people in Maricopa County.

Several digital ads will be used for the remaining three months of the campaign, each chosen to be attention-getting for those using mobile devices. The digital ads can be seen by anyone with a connection to the internet, unlike the mobile billboard that can only be seen by those on the roadways.

The change in marketing will hopefully help the Office reach its goal of keeping the number of kids and pets left in hot cars this summer at zero.

MCAO has already seen a good amount of participation with its social media push, getting local kids, teens and pets to make small videos reminding viewers of the slogan and hashtag for the campaign, #DontLeaveMeBehind.



Leaving a child or pet in a vehicle is potentially fatal and, in some circumstances, a criminal offense. During our hot summer months a vehicle's interior can heat up 20 degrees in 10 minutes. Children are particularly vulnerable to heatstroke in hot cars because their body temperature can rise up to five times faster than adults.

If you ever see a child or pet in distress because they are unattended in a vehicle you should call 911 immediately. A law recently signed by Governor Doug Ducey provides protections for those who may need to take action to rescue a child or an animal who has been left alone in a parked car.

Commonly referred to as a "Good Samaritan" law, HB 2494 provides that an individual who enters an unattended motor vehicle to remove a child or domestic animal would be protected from civil liability if a good faith belief exists that the child or pet is in imminent danger of injury or death. The legislation requires the person to notify law enforcement or emergency medical personnel before entering the vehicle and to stay with the child or pet until authorities arrive.

For more information on the Vehicular Heatstroke Campaign, you can visit our Safe Kids AZ website, [SafeKidsAZ.org/vehicular-heatstroke](http://SafeKidsAZ.org/vehicular-heatstroke). The website is filled with information, tips and videos to help spread this important safety message.

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## **MCAO Carries the Torch for Special Olympics**



On May 4<sup>th</sup>, County Attorney Bill Montgomery and members of MCAO staff ran in the Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

Thanks to employee support and participation, MCAO raised over \$4,000 for the Special

Olympics through casual day donations. Those who hit the streets to participate in the MCAO leg of the torch run also helped to raise awareness for Special Olympics and its programs.

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## **MCAO Division Chief Vicki Kratovil retiring after 29 years**



After starting law school at age 30, MCAO Organized Crime Division Chief Vicki Kratovil knew right away she wanted to be a prosecutor. Although prosecution was a second career path— after having spent six years working as a school psychologist—her first years working with students guided her in many ways through her 29 years at MCAO. In her time here, Vicki has been prosecuting some of the worst of the worst. She has worked on major drug crime cases, wiretaps, embezzlement, political corruption and smuggling cases. As she quickly learned, prosecution is not just a job, it is a career requiring particular dedication. “Being a prosecutor is not easy; it takes time and mental and physical energy,” said Vicki. “But the opportunity to protect the community makes it all worthwhile. We are the last line of defense between the officers on the street and the protection of the community.”

Although Vicki’s prosecutorial experience has been primarily in Organized Crime, the breadth of her legal career also includes one year as a trained bailiff working for Judge Cates in Maricopa County Superior Court, and ten years as the Special Crimes Bureau Chief where she managed 7-10 prosecutors who were carrying dangerous caseloads prosecuting crimes involving drop houses, auto theft and kidnapping. Her bureau also managed successful prosecutions of several law enforcement officer defendants.

Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery promoted Vicki to Division Chief of the newly

created Organized Crime Division in mid-2014, “Organized crime continues to be one of the most difficult areas of criminal investigation and prosecution. Fast forward 30 years and Vicki’s hard work and dedication have helped make our Office and our prosecutors powerful tools in the battle against drug and organized crimes.”

Under the umbrella of the Organized Crime Division, Vicki manages four prosecution bureaus: Asset Recovery, Drug Enforcement, Fraud and Identity Theft and Special Crimes. This includes more than 40 prosecutors, 20 paralegals and 20 support staff. Peter Spaw, Asset Recovery Bureau Chief, will miss Vicki’s attention to detail and her sense of humor, “Vicki is as focused on forfeiture prosecutions as she is on criminal prosecutions. During discussions considering resolution of some forfeiture case, it is not uncommon for her to look up from the adding machine and tell me, ‘Neither felons nor Franklins walk out of this Office on my watch.’” Peter continues, “She is one of the most caring and devoted prosecutors I have worked with in my nearly 20 years at the MCAO.”

The devastating murder of a paralegal in our office a few years ago had a significant impact on Vicki. She attended the funeral services and arrived to a packed church. There were other MCAO employees in attendance, but among the throngs of people she saw, most were not from MCAO. The service was filled with friends and family members of the paralegal who had all known her outside the office. This was a turning point for Vicki as she started to consider who might attend her own funeral. The past years had been spent working, with little time or interest in pursuing a life outside the Office. From that point forward, Vicki worked hard on balancing her personal and work life - which ultimately culminates in her retirement celebration later next month.

As Vicki prepares to wrap-up her career here at MCAO, she has several plans and won’t be resting ... she will be criss-crossing the country visiting friends and family. After returning, she will be welcoming a new addition to the family as she adopts the first (of many?) rescue dogs and begins giving her time as a volunteer at one of the busy animal welfare organizations in the Valley. Between dog walks and puppy-proofing, Vicki will also make a dent in the stacks and stacks of books she has been waiting to read, and will finish several of the quilting projects she has started, but had no time to complete.

“Being a prosecutor at MCAO has been the best job ever. There is something new and interesting every day, you never stop learning. When I am driving and see the nighttime twinkling panorama of the Valley, I feel proud to be part of the law enforcement community that makes the Valley safe.”

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## Spring Anti-DUI Campaign a Record-Breaking Success

MCAO is excited to announce record-breaking participation during our “Save Lives, Don’t DUI” campaign this spring. Partnering with ride-sharing service Lyft, MCAO offered discount codes for rides home during both the St. Patrick’s Day and Cinco de Mayo weekends. First-time users who downloaded the Lyft app got \$5 off their first 10 rides and those who already had the Lyft app received 5% off two rides, allowing them to get to and from festivities safely.



The campaign was promoted on social media as well as Valley radio stations through iHeart Media, helping to raise awareness about driving under the influence and the

availability of discounted, safe rides. Together, the campaigns provided more than 3,200 discounted rides to people.

During the St. Patrick's Day campaign, discounted rides were offered for several days surrounding the March 17<sup>th</sup> celebrations and a total of 1,467 people used the codes. During the holiday weekend the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) supported a statewide DUI enforcement that had 9,814 total contacts with drivers. Of those contacted, 352 drivers were found to be sober designated drivers compared to 349 drivers arrested for DUI.



The Office saw similar success with the Cinco de Mayo campaign that ran for several days surrounding May 5<sup>th</sup>. A total of 1,792 people used the discount codes and GOHS saturation patrols led to 10,460 contacts with drivers. That weekend, 517 sober designated drivers were contacted and 504 drivers were arrested for DUI charges. The average blood alcohol content (BAC) for those arrested was 0.15—well above the 0.08 BAC that is the presumptive for impaired driving in Arizona.

“This campaign serves as a reminder to our community to plan ahead for a ride home, and it eliminates an excuse anyone has for not having access to a sober driver,” said Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery. “During both of these holiday weekends, local law enforcement agencies reported more contacts with sober designated drivers than DUI arrests. We hope this campaign helps our residents continue to choose a way home that doesn't pose a risk to themselves or others.”

MCAO plans to offer discounted rides again through the “Save Lives, Don't DUI” campaign during the December holidays.

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## Key Criminal Justice Priorities to Become Law on August 9

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office has been working with the Legislature to enact new provisions that will strengthen criminal justice in our State. Here are some key bills that have been signed by Governor Ducey and will take effect on August 9, 2017.

### **HB 2238: Child Sex Trafficking**

Those convicted of Child Sex Trafficking, who are otherwise eligible for probation, may be sentenced to a period of probation up to and including their lifetime if the court determines that it is appropriate for the ends of justice.

### **HB 2239: Incompetent Non-Restorable Dangerous Offenders**

The aim of this bill is to improve communications between the courts and mental health facilities to ensure that public safety is protected when a potentially dangerous offender might be released. By improving notifications and sending defendants back to the criminal court system if they are not progressing in their mental health program, there will be greater assurance that a person won't be released without proper supervision by either a mental health professional or members of the criminal justice system.

### **HB 2240: Alternate Grand Juror (A.R.S. 21-401)**

Under this bill, alternate grand jurors will be sworn in at the time the grand jury is impaneled rather than when they are called to replace another grand juror.

**HB 2241: Endorsement of Victim’s Counsel on Pleadings (A.R.S. 13-4437)**  
Amends A.R.S. 13-4437 to provide that when counsel for a victim has filed notice of appearance in a criminal case, the victim’s attorney will be provided with copies of all pleadings relating to matters involving their client.

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## **MCAO Public Records Request numbers continue to climb**

The demand for information continues to increase as MCAO handled 1,277 public records requests last year, double the number of requests in 2015.

Requests come from a wide variety of sources, including media outlets, defense attorneys, prosecutors from other jurisdictions, prison inmates, students, businesses and members of the public. The types of requests range from case documents to prosecution statistics to historical data, all of which are reviewed by assigned attorneys and processed by two paralegals, support staff and the Custodian of Records. Adding two new twists to the world of public records requests at the MCAO is the Office’s recent digital conversion and the increased use of body camera footage by law enforcement agencies.

In March, MCAO became the largest prosecutor’s office in the country to transition their criminal functions from paper files to digital. The switch to electronic files not only increases the Office’s overall efficiency, but saves time processing public records requests and gives members of the public records team quicker access to materials. In addition, more local law enforcement agencies have adopted the use of body worn cameras in the past two years, increasing the number of public records requests for this material at the same time. Body-worn cameras are a new medium to many agencies and require special technology and expertise in order to review and redact. The Arizona State Library and Archives Law Enforcement Work Group recently concluded a body camera retention schedule which provides guidance on privacy, access, redaction and public disclosure surrounding body cameras.

Local organizations and task forces such as the Arizona Law Enforcement Records Manager’s Association (AZ LERMA) and the Arizona State Library and Archives are keeping up with these changes and offer guidance and training on everything from retention schedules to records management to destruction schedules. The MCAO public records team participates regularly with these groups and others in order to learn more about how other jurisdictions handle requests and pass along knowledge based on our public records experience.

MCAO Public Records Attorney, Mary Ondreyco, attended a recent AZ LERMA meeting hosted by the Scottsdale Police Department. More than 40 attendees convened from all over the state to exchange ideas, and to discuss redaction best practices as well as public records processes. “It was great to collaborate with so many jurisdictions, especially the smaller ones. There are always opportunities for improvement in the public records process – particularly in light of the increased use of digital and electronic technologies such as body cameras. It is nice to be able to learn from and teach each other the ‘secrets to our public records success.’”

In 2016, the Arizona Legislature passed HB 2383. This bill protects a crime victim’s privacy in public records by requiring a requesting party to establish that the public’s interest in disclosure of images outweighs the victim’s (or minor witness’) interests in privacy prior to the release of any record containing the image of a victim or minor

witness. This law also requires the redaction of personal identifying and location information of a crime witness from public records. MCAO will continue to support legislation like this that not only safeguards the rights of crime victims and witnesses, but also helps establish accepted practices for processing public records.

Public records requests can be made by calling the MCAO's Public Information Officer or by completing and submitting an online form: [MaricopaCountyAttorney.org/221/Public-Records-Requests](http://MaricopaCountyAttorney.org/221/Public-Records-Requests).



## Upcoming Events Calendar

### **Safe Kids Summer (SKS) @ Westgate Entertainment District**

**Friday, June 2**

6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**Westgate Entertainment District - Fountain Park**

6751 North Sunset Boulevard

Glendale, AZ 85305

### **SKS @ Rose Lane Aquatics Center**

**Saturday, June 3**

9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

**Rose Lane Aquatics Center**

5003 West Marlette Avenue

Glendale, AZ 85301

### **SKS @ Wickenburg Library & Pool**

**Wednesday, June 7**

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Wickenburg Library & Pool**

164 East Apache Street

Wickenburg, AZ 85390

### **SKS @ Carson Aquatic Complex**

**Friday, June 9**

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Carson Aquatic Complex**

525 North Westwood

Mesa, AZ 85201

### **SKS @ Escalante Pool**

**Saturday, June 10**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Escalante Pool**

2150 East Orange Street

Tempe, AZ 85281

**SKS @ Kino Aquatic Center**

**Tuesday, June 13**

10:00 am – 11:00 a.m.

**Kino Aquatic Center**

848 North Horne

Mesa, AZ 85203

**SKS @ Peoria Sunrise Pool**

**Thursday, June 15**

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Peoria Sunrise Pool**

21321 North 86<sup>th</sup> Drive

Peoria, AZ 85382

**SKS @ Buckeye Aquatic Center**

**Saturday, June 17**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Buckeye Aquatic Center**

207 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Buckeye, AZ 85326

**SKS @ Skyline Aquatic Center**

**Tuesday, June 20**

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Skyline Aquatic Center**

845 South Crismon Rdoad

Mesa, AZ 85208

**SKS @ Peoria Centennial Pool**

**Thursday, June 22**

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Peoria Centennial Pool**

14388 North 79<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Peoria, AZ 85381

**SKS @ Kiwanis Wave Pool**

**Saturday, June 24**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Kiwanis Wave Pool**

6111 South All American Way

Tempe, AZ 85283

**SKS @ Nozomi Aquatic Center**

**Wednesday, June 28**

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Nozomi Aquatic Center**

250 South Kyrene Road

Chandler, AZ 85226

**SKS @ Peoria Pool**

**Thursday, June 29**

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Peoria Pool**

11200 North 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

Peoria, AZ 85345

## **SKS @ Desert Oasis Aquatic**

**Wednesday, July 5**

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Desert Oasis Aquatic**

1400 West Summit Place  
Chandler, AZ 85224

## **SKS @ Folley Pool**

**Monday, July 10**

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### **Folley Pool**

600 East Fairview Street  
Chandler, AZ, 85225

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## **Cases of Community Interest**



### **Dalton Philbrick Sentenced to 12 Years for String of Northwest Valley Home Burglaries**

On May 10<sup>th</sup> Dalton Philbrick was sentenced to 12 years in the Department of Corrections for Burglary, Theft, and Trafficking in Stolen Property.

Starting in January 2015 and continuing until his arrest on January 22, 2016, Philbrick is believed to have committed upwards of 40 home burglaries throughout the Northwest Valley. He claimed responsibility for 16 of

those for which police had specific forensic evidence tying him to the scene.

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### **Arrest Made in 2014 Cold Case Murders of Woman and Unborn Child**

28-year-old Andres Reyes was arrested this week in connection with the 2014 death of 22-year-old Bridget Charlebois and their full term unborn child.

Charlebois, Reyes' fiancée, was confined to a wheelchair after sustaining injuries during her childhood and depended on caretakers to assist her. Reyes began a romantic relationship with Charlebois and moved into an

apartment with her. He had her caretakers fired and took on the role of the victim's care provider. During that time, witnesses say he left her on at least one occasion for 12 hours with no food, water or care. On other occasions he admitted to firing pellets from an airsoft gun at her, knowing she was unable to protect herself from the assault.

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