

# Mesa Police Department News - August 17, 2012

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On 08/16/2012 at approximately 0633 hours, Detective McInnis #12881 contacted a pedestrian, later identified as Nikolaus Schmidt, in the area of Crismon and Baseline, Mesa, Arizona. It should be noted, Crismon and Baseline is one of the Traffic Section DDACTS patrol areas identified by Crime Analyst Britani Bearup.

A wants/warrants check revealed Schmidt (a Pinal County Resident) had a felony warrant for 1st Degree Trespassing out of Pinal County Superior Court. After the warrant was confirmed, Schmidt was arrested.

Search incident to arrest, Detective McInnis located numerous items of interest in Schmidt's backpack, including jewelry, an Xbox 360 game console and drug paraphernalia. In light of Schmidt's criminal history (i.e. burglary, residential trespassing, drugs, etc.), Detective McInnis requested assistance from Superstition CIU, including Detective Christopher, in hopes of identifying how Schmidt came into possession of the property

Superstition CIU Detective Christopher conducted a follow up interview with Schmidt. After first providing an untruthful statement, Schmidt admitted to recently burglarizing a vehicle in San Tan Valley, whereas he stole the above noted Xbox 360. Schmidt stated the jewelry belongs to his girlfriend, however, Schmidt's girlfriend denied any knowledge of the jewelry. Schmidt admitted he is a drug user who frequently steals to support his drug habit. At the time of this narrative, Detective Christopher's investigation is on-going to locate police reports linking the property to respective Victims.

I think this arrest illustrates how timely/accurate intelligence, good old-fashioned police work, and follow-up investigation work together to identify and arrest the criminal element.