



## **SWEO FINDS WALLET IN CUL-DE-SAC IN DISTRICT 6**

Solid waste equipment operator (SWEO) Billy Tijerina was on his usual Wednesday route picking up garbage in the vicinity of Glendale and Central avenues. While servicing a cul-de-sac, he noticed a wallet lying on the ground. Billy immediately checked for an I.D. or address of the owner, but found none. What he did find were personal checks payable to a landscaping company amounting to \$1,000 and four to five credit cards with a person's name.

Billy called his foreman to inform him of his find. Because of lack of proper identification in the wallet, his supervisors needed to do some Google research to find the owner of the landscaping business. After a few clicks and a phone call, the rightful owner was reunited with his wallet with all the uncashed checks and credit cards intact.

"I don't look for recognition or anything like that," Billy said. "Just seeing someone happy is 'payment in full' for me."

"Happy" is not enough to describe what the landscape business owner felt when he was handed the wallet with his hard-earned money. The owner could not say "thank you" enough to Billy and the staff at Public Work's Okemah Center for finding his wallet and making the extra effort to track him down.

"Truthfully, the best part of my job is simply seeing a customer smile," said Billy.

Billy has been a SWEO for the city of Phoenix for 10 years. He has a wife and three kids, ranging in age from 10 to 22.

