



Phoenix Police Department
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MEDIA ADVISORY

Time frame: Early December 2023 to present
Location: Various locations in Phoenix, Scottsdale, Paradise Valley, Chandler, Gilbert, Peoria
Suspect: Sue Ellen Gutierrez Saez, 20-year-old female, MCSO Booking# G079399
Suspect: Johan Salvo Alacon, 21-year-old male, MCSO Booking# G079398
Suspect: Manuel Eduardo Fuentes Gomez, 25-year-old male, MCSO Booking# G079397

UPDATE: March 14, 2024

Investigators from the Phoenix Police Department Property Crimes Bureau and the Department of Public Safety Major Incident Division continued their investigation and found evidence to link 20-year-old Sue Ellen Gutierrez to seven additional incidents. These incidents occurred between January 24, 2024 and February 12, 2024 in the cities of Phoenix, Mesa and Chandler. Gutierrez will have multiple burglary and trespassing charges added to her booking as a result of this additional investigation. These remain ongoing investigations.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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UPDATE: February 17, 2024

A Collaborative Effort by Valley Agencies Leads to Arrests in Phoenix

(February 17, 2024): Local and federal investigators have continued to work together and share information as they link various burglaries to the South American Theft Groups (SATGs). Equipped with this information, Phoenix police detectives enacted proactive operations to identify and locate possible suspects. Last night, those efforts proved to be fruitful.

Yesterday evening around 7:30 p.m., multiple suspects were seen by surveillance officers in a neighborhood by Camelback Mountain off of 44th Street and Camelback Road. The suspects entered the property of a residential home in what appeared to be an attempt to break-in. For unknown reasons, the suspects left the property and got into a minivan waiting nearby. Officers moved in and blocked the minivan from leaving. The driver rammed unmarked police vehicles, in attempt to drive off, but was unsuccessful. Four suspects inside the minivan got out and ran into the neighborhood. Officers set a perimeter around the area, and later found and arrested three suspects. Officers were able to recover various burglary tools the suspects discarded as they were attempting to escape the area. The fourth suspect was not located.

The driver was identified as 20-year-old Sue Ellen Guterrez Saez who was booked for various burglary charges and aggravated assault on a police officer. The other two suspects were identified as 21-year-old Johan Salvo Alacon and 25-year-old Manuel Eduardo Fuentes Gomez. Both men were booked for various burglary related charges to include a felony warrant for Salvo Alacon. All three suspects were in possession of fraudulent identification and were in the United States on overstayed visas.

Detectives believe there are still several SATGs members outstanding. All Valley agencies encourage the community to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to police. Investigative efforts will continue as detectives work to bring more individuals to justice.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
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Phoenix PD Investigating Burglaries Tied to Other Valley Cities

(February 5, 2024): The Phoenix Police Department is working with other Valley agencies to identify and arrest multiple burglary suspects tied to South American Theft Groups.

Over the past few weeks, Phoenix police property crimes detectives have identified several burglaries which have occurred since early December 2023 related to a transnational organized crime group generally known as a SATG. Suspects committing these types of burglaries are targeting residences later in the week during the early evening hours in an attempt to enter residences when no one is home. This group specifically looks for smaller items, such as jewelry, money, credit cards, and other smaller items with a large cash value.

This particular trend has occurred in other parts of the country in the past couple of years. Investigators throughout the valley, along with the FBI, are working in conjunction to piece together evidence in order to locate and arrest these individuals. Detectives are asking the public to call their local police departments with any tips or suspicious activity. If someone falls victim to one of these types of crimes, officials urge victims to call in immediately so all evidence can be collected and shared with other investigators.

Phoenix police would like to provide some preventative tips to homeowners.

- Report any suspicious activity or individuals in your neighborhood.
- Before you leave your home, make sure to completely close and lock your doors, windows, and garage doors.
- If possible, utilize a security and/or camera systems and make sure they are activated.
- Keep vegetation around your home trimmed and install motion-activated lighting.
- Phoenix police can also assist in providing training to neighborhood watch groups. Contact your local precinct.

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