

Phoenix Police Department

Public Affairs Bureau 620 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: April 11, 2022 Incident: 2022-534202

Location: 7th Avenue and McDowell Road

Suspect: Toby Manuelito, 20-year-old male, MCSO Booking# T770850

Police Arrest Repeat Graffiti Offender

Phoenix, Arizona (April 11th, 2022): The Phoenix Police Department has made an arrest of an individual responsible for more than 314 incidents of graffiti damage resulting in approximately \$38,000 in damage. This was accomplished by a joint effort between officers in the Central City and Mountain View Precincts and Property Crimes detectives.

Since 2020, the Phoenix Police Department has been investigating reports of graffiti tagging over several neighborhoods including the downtown and Roosevelt Row areas with the moniker "MEYOE." The city of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department responded and facilitated the cleaning of these vandalized areas for the past two years.

Through multiple investigative efforts and surveillance, investigators developed sufficient evidence for the arrest of Toby Manuelito. Investigators obtained evidence of these crimes which included hundreds of pens/markers and spray paint cans.

Victims in this case reported the vandalizing of multiple residential properties, commercial businesses, city and state property, and artistic murals.