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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

April 16, 2013—The City of Cottonwood is pleased to announce the final conclusion of the lawsuit brought against the City and various City officials by David and Amy Carl in April of 2010.

The lawsuit was based primarily on the execution of a search warrant at the Carl's residence and place of business, the Wild West Express, on July 20, 2009, and in part on the enforcement of the City's zoning regulations in a matter that was unrelated to the criminal investigation in which the search warrant was issued.

On March 5, 2012, the Yavapai County Superior Court granted summary judgment in the City's favor. The Carl's appealed, and on February 19, 2013, the Arizona Court of Appeals affirmed that ruling. The time to petition the Arizona Supreme Court for review of the appellate court's decision has now passed, and so the matter is now concluded.

The results of this case confirm the City's longstanding view that its actions toward the Carl's with respect to both the criminal and zoning matters were at all times both lawful and appropriate.

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