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## **Press Release:**

### **Suspicious Fire**

Cottonwood Police and Fire Departments responded to a suspicious fire in the 800 Block of S.12<sup>th</sup> Street early Saturday morning. According to Police reports, a residential building under construction was heavily damaged and a Heavy Duty Construction Vehicle was completely destroyed by fire. Windows on a nearby pickup, also belonging to the construction company who is building the residential building, was also damaged. Police and Fire Investigators are stating the fires are "Suspicious" and the cause of the fires are still under investigation. The total cost of damage is unknown at this time.



### **Drug Paraphernalia**

On Sunday Morning, 08/30/15, at around 10 AM, Cottonwood Police were called to the 400 Block of S. Main Street for a female subject who was slumped over in her vehicle. As officers arrived on scene they observed 48 year old Cottonwood resident, Anna Benson, sleeping in the front seat of her vehicle. As officers contacted Benson to inquire if she was having any medical issues, they observed a "Meth pipe" in plain view next to her. When asked about the pipe, Benson stated it was not hers but she had "Probably" smoked from it. After some questioning Benson admitted to officers the pipe was used to smoke Methamphetamine. While placing Benson under arrest officers further located a piece of tin foil with burnt gray residue which she also stated was used to smoke "Meth". Benson was cited and released on Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

### **Cocaine found during traffic stop**

On Sunday evening, 08/30/15, at about 8:45 PM, Cottonwood Police conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of S. Main Street. Officers contacted the driver, 28 year old Cottonwood resident, Ryan Leturgey, at which point they observed him to be very nervous and attempted to hand his debit card to the

contacting officer as he approached. While making contact with Leturgey, officers stated they could smell marijuana emitting from within the vehicle. While questioning Leturgey about the smell officers observed Leturgey looking down toward the floorboard of the passenger seat of his vehicle. When asked if there was marijuana in the vehicle, Leturgey stated there might be as he had a bunch of different friends in the vehicle recently. Leturgey also admitted to smoking marijuana earlier in the day. Due to Leturgey's odd behavior officers asked him if there was marijuana in his vehicle where would it be. Leturgey stated, "Probably under the seat". The officers then asked Leturgey if he had placed the marijuana under the seat to which he stated he had.

Leturgey was removed from the vehicle and officers located a bag of marijuana under the front passenger seat. After placing Leturgey into custody a further search of his vehicle revealed a Marlboro cigarette pack which contained 10 clear plastic baggies with a white powder inside later revealed to be Cocaine. Field weight of the Cocaine (including baggie's) totaled 12.845g. Field weight of the marijuana (including baggie's) totaled 5.281g. Leturgey was transported to the YCSO Jail where he was booked on 10 counts of Transfer/Sell of a Narcotic Drug, Possession of a Narcotic Drug, 2 Counts of Possession of Marijuana, 9 counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Open Container in a Vehicle.