



# COTTONWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Cottonwood Police Department Detective Sergeant Tod Moore Selected as the 2016 Arizona Homicide Investigators Association Investigator of the Year.**

The Arizona Homicide Investigators Association (AHIA) awarded Cottonwood Police Department Detective Sergeant Tod Moore as the 2016 Investigator of the Year. The presentation was held at the AHIA annual conference on October 5th.

Sergeant Moore was nominated for the award by Cottonwood Police Detective James Repp. In the nomination, Detective Repp recounted the numerous supervisory duties conducted by Sergeant Moore. However, it is Sgt. Moore's cold-case investigation of the Marisol Gonzalez homicide case that earned him the recognition.

In 1997 Marisol Gonzalez was shot and killed in an alley here in Cottonwood. She was only 17 years old at the time. She was pregnant with her full term baby boy, Andrew, who died as well. Throughout the years, Cottonwood Police Department had not been able to make an arrest in this case. In 2009 Sgt. Moore re-opened the case. His investigation process included contacting the television network TNT to produce a show called "Cold Justice: First Love" in 2014. This was very helpful to the investigation. Sergeant Moore was able to take the case to the Grand Jury and obtained an indictment against the suspect, Cecilio Cruz. Cruz had been Gonzalez's boyfriend and he was the father of baby Andrew. Cruz was now living in Tucson. Sergeant Moore and Det. Repp traveled to Tucson where Cruz was subsequently arrested and charged in the double murder.

It is due to the hard work and extraordinary measures taken by Sergeant Moore to bring a murderer to justice and give peace to a grieving family that Sgt. Moore was selected to receive this award. Cottonwood Police Department is honored to have Sergeant Tod Moore as a valued member of our department.



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