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Press Release:

Harley Kipena Arrested for Child Molestation

On Thursday June 25, 57 year old Cottonwood resident Harley Steele Kipena was arrested for 1 count of Child Molestation with a child under the age of 14. Cottonwood Police Detectives working with Detectives from PANT as well as the Department of Child Safety conducted an investigation which revealed Kipena was having inappropriate relations with a minor child. Through the investigation it was further revealed Kipena was arrested but never convicted of similar charges in Maricopa County in 2006. According to Detective Sergeant Tod Moore it is believed there may be other victims in the Phoenix Metro area as well as the Verde Valley. Anyone who believes they may have been a victim are encouraged to contact their local Police Department. Kipena is currently being held at the Yavapai County Jail on a \$500,000.00 Bond.

