



# City of Casa Grande Police Department

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## **Silent Witness Tip Leads to Arrest**

**Casa Grande, AZ** – On September 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:31 p.m., the Casa Grande Police Department responded to Fry's Food Store, located at 1385 East Florence Boulevard, regarding a shoplifting in progress. Upon arrival, store employees reported a male subject attempted to leave the store with food items without paying. Store employees confronted the subject and he brandished a handgun, told them to back off and fled the store on foot. Officers searched the area for this subject, but he was not located at the time.

Based on witness statements, photographs and descriptions, Officers were able to identify the subject as 38 year old Francisco Figueroa. Figueroa did not have a current home address and was believed to be homeless.

Based on direct information provided by a Silent Witness tip, Officers were able to locate Figueroa in the 1100 block of East Love Street around midnight on September 19<sup>th</sup> and took him into custody. The firearm was not located at that time. The next day, Officers retraced the path believed to be taken by the suspect and, along with another witness' statement, discovered a CO2 cartridge air pistol matching the description of the firearm used in the armed robbery.

Silent Witness is a non-profit program created to give citizens the opportunity to assist law enforcement in solving crimes. Citizens remain completely anonymous and are paid cash rewards of up to \$1,000 when the information they provide leads to an arrest or indictment.

The Casa Grande Police Department is forwarding Robbery charges to the Pinal County Attorney's Office for review. ###