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## **CGPD Investigates Child Sex Crime**

**Casa Grande, AZ** – In late February of this year, the Casa Grande Police Department assisted Pinal County Adult Probation search the residence of a registered sex offender, 45 year old Albert Thomas Shade. This search was conducted in the City of Casa Grande. During the search, Probation Officers seized numerous items of Shade's property, to include a computer. Albert Shade absconded to the State of Florida and Pinal County Adult Probation issued a warrant for his arrest.

The computer was turned over to the Pinal County Sheriff's Office Forensics Analysis Unit where over 800,000 files of child pornography were discovered. Casa Grande Police Detectives contacted the City of Sebastian Police Department in Florida and requested their assistance in locating Albert Shade. Earlier today, Sebastian Police located Shade's vehicle at a residence and made contact with him. During this contact, Albert Shade committed suicide. Albert Shade's family has been notified and they are aware of the incident and his death.

This remains an open and ongoing investigation. Our Agency will continue to work closely with the Sebastian Police Department and the Pinal County Sheriff's Office Forensic Analysis Unit to process and complete this investigation. ###