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## **CGPD Makes Arrests in Jewelry Theft**

**Casa Grande, AZ** – The Casa Grande Police Department has arrested 66 year old Cleveland Armstrong in connection to last week's jewelry theft at Sommers Jewelers. Armstrong's accomplice in the crime, 57 year old Carolin Strange, was located by the Eloy Police Department and arrested as well.

On February 15<sup>th</sup>, Armstrong and Strange entered Sommers Jewelers, located at 503 East Florence Boulevard. Armstrong requested an item from the back that he claimed was being repaired. As the employee went to the back to retrieve the item, Armstrong removed a tray of jewelry valued at nearly \$20,000.00 from one of the display counters. Strange distracted another employee during the removal of the jewelry.

Armstrong concealed the items under his clothing and exited the store to place them in his vehicle. He then re-entered the store to collect his repaired item. Employees noticed the missing jewelry shortly after Armstrong and Strange left the store. At that time, an employee called Police.

Fortunately, Sommers Jewelers utilizes video surveillance and the theft was recorded. Police began searching for Armstrong and Strange, and were contacted by the store the next day when Armstrong returned to have another item repaired. Armstrong was booked in to the Pinal County Adult Detention Center on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Eloy Police Department located Carolin Strange on February 17<sup>th</sup> and she was then booked in to the Pinal County Adult Detention Center by CGPD. Charges of Burglary and Theft are being forwarded to the Pinal County Attorney's Office for review on both subjects. ###