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## CGPD Recovers Stolen Para-Glider Parachute; Returns to Victim

**Casa Grande, AZ –** In January of 2017, the Casa Grande Police Department Community Response Team participated in a joint operation with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office Crime Suppression Unit that resulted in the recovery of a valuable para-glider parachute stolen from a victim's vehicle in the City of Maricopa. The parachute, belonging to Maricopa resident William Aims, is valued at well over $5,000.00 and was stolen in December of 2016.

Law enforcement officers from both agencies were conducting an unrelated search warrant in the 400 block of West 12th Street in Casa Grande when they noticed the parachute in the backyard of a residence. The homeowner denied ownership of the parachute and, based on additional information regarding recent burglaries in our community, officers were able to seize the parachute and place it into evidence holding. A suspect has not been identified.

A search began for the owner of the parachute and, along with effective communication among local law enforcement agencies, officers were able to identify the owner as Mr. Aims.

Mr. Aims was more than thrilled when he learned of the recovery of his property and wanted to recognize both agencies for their efforts. Today, Mr. Aims and his daughter visited the Casa Grande Police Department, shared stories of their gliding adventures, and asked for photos to share among friends and peers in their gliding associations.

The Casa Grande Police Department is proud of our joint policing efforts and our relationship with members of our community. This serves as a great example of good police work and community partnerships! *###*