

# 2022 VIOLENT CRIME PROJECT

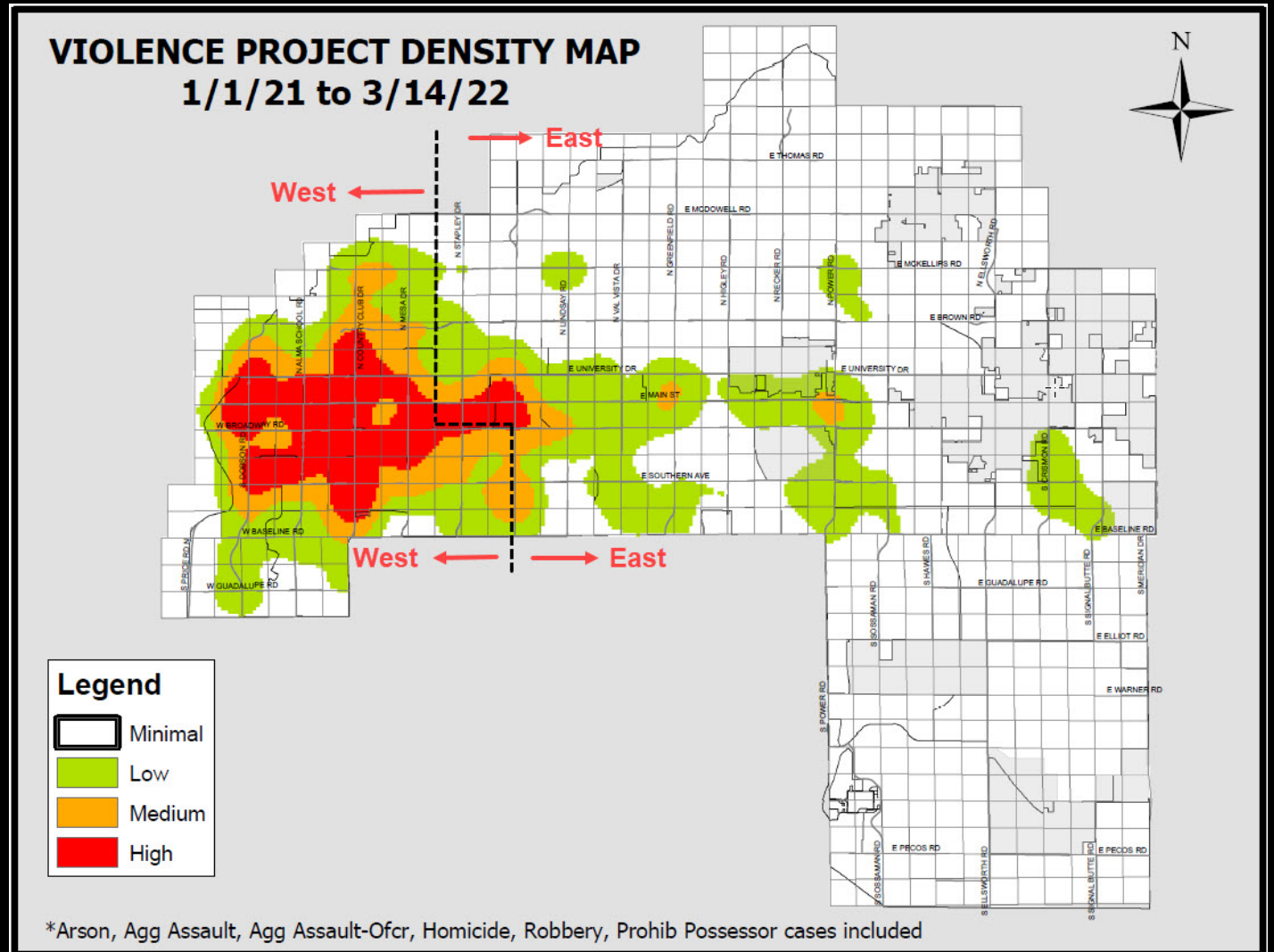




# The Mission

*The City of Mesa experienced a mildly elevated level of violent crime in 2022. To combat this increase, the Mesa Police Department conducted quarterly high enforcement projects involving various units for intelligence-driven effort focused on violent crime in targeted areas.*

*This was a team effort with units working together on high enforcement, area saturation missions, or on specific apprehensions of known violent offenders.*



\*\*\* Data from RMS. May contain some degree of error



# Areas of Focus: Westside



## Fiesta District:

- Country Club Corridor: Broadway – Baseline
- Broadway Corridor: Extension – Mesa Drive
- Kleinman, Guerrero and Reed Parks
- Alma School/8<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Stapley/8<sup>th</sup> Avenue

## Central District:

- Alma School / Main Street
- Horne / Broadway
- Mesa Drive / Brown
- North Spring: McClellan - McKellips





# Areas of Focus: Eastside



## Red Mountain District:

- Gilbert Corridor: Southern – Baseline
- 4400-4800 East: Caballero, Cicero and Covina.
- Horne / Brown Road.
- Main Street Corridor: Horne – Gilbert
- Broadway Corridor: Horne – Gilbert

## Superstition District:

- Power Road Corridor: US60 – University
- Main Street Corridor: Higley – Power
- County Island Corridor: Hawes - Meridian
- Desert Sands Residential:
  - Southern – Baseline, Sossaman - Hawes



# Highlights



- **Violent Criminal Apprehension:**

- *On 03-23-22, officers were actively searching for a violent criminal. He was wanted for two outstanding warrants for misconduct involving weapons out of Maricopa County and Pinal County. He had a history of burglary, warrants, DUI, weapons violations, narcotics, and various other violations. He had served five years in the Department of Corrections and was believed to be driving a stolen vehicle listed as a felony vehicle from Phoenix. When the subject was located, he was observed in the stolen vehicle at Ellsworth and Main St in Mesa. He started to flee from officers in the vehicle and ultimately stopped at a residence near University and Ellsworth. The house was known as a drug house and a haven for violent offenders in the Superstition District. As officers surrounded the residence, approximately 14 people came out of the residence, including the wanted subject. Ultimately four subjects were taken into custody. A search warrant was later completed, resulting in the seizure of drugs, money and several replica weapons.*



# Highlights



March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022   Near Dobson and University

A two-month investigation into illegal drugs sales, which plagued the Central District, culminated in the arrest of 8 individuals. The collaborative efforts yielded the following:



## Seizures

- Search warrants: 4
- Arrests: 8
- Charges:
  - Felony Drug Charge Counts: 29
  - Felony Theft of Firearm: 1
- Methamphetamine: 80 grams
- Fentanyl Pills: 3,435
- Marijuana: 510 grams
- Weapons Seized: 5 handguns (1 stolen)
- Taser X-26: 1
- Vehicle: 1 2003 Chevy Trailblazer
- U.S. Currency: \$29,555.53



# Highlights



On two separate dates, two suspects committed multiple aggravated robberies and commercial burglaries at Circle Ks in the Fiesta District. Probable cause was established to arrest them.

On 03-24-2022, Fiesta SCU was able to locate both subjects in Phoenix. Multiple units responded to surround the residence and after approximately 20 minutes of negotiation, the two surrendered without incident.

Charges included Burglary in 3rd Degree, Trafficking in stolen property, Aggravated robbery and possession of burglary tools. One subject was held on a \$75,000 bond and the other on a \$2000 bond.







# Highlights



Detectives learned a subject had been released from custody from a previous case they completed on him. In the past case, the subject kidnapped his girlfriend and assaulted her and when he was arrested, was was violent and assaulted detectives.

The subject is violent, known to carry firearms and does not comply with police officers. After his recent release from custody, the subject stalked and harassed the victim (his now ex-girlfriend) at her home and work. He was located at a home in Chandler and observed leaving in a vehicle with two other males. The male was driving and detectives attempted to stop him. He accelerated, spinning his tires, and tried to ram his way out. When he was not successful, he stopped his attempts and was taken into custody without any further incident.

The two passengers were also detained and arrested on felony warrants. In the driver's side, near where the subject was seated, a Glock pistol was located. While in custody at the MPD Jail, one of the arrested passengers was observed on camera removing a baggie of pills from his anus. The pills were confiscated, and he admitted them to be Fentanyl pills.





# Highlights:



## Subject #1

## Subject #2

*While working the Violent Crime Project, Fiesta patrol officers learned of drugs being sold at a location near Mesa Drive and Broadway. After probable cause was developed through investigative techniques, a search warrant was granted for the address, which resulted in the seizure of drugs, weapons and information leading to the service of a second search warrant at a location in Phoenix. Pictured above are the combined locations seizures of:*

14 weapons (2 stolen), 2950 grams of M30 Fentanyl pills (blues), 43 grams of Heroin, 37 grams of Methamphetamine, 4 grams of Cocaine and \$9690 cash.

- Possession of Dangerous Drugs
- Possession of Dangerous Drugs intent to Sell.
- Possession of Narcotic Drugs
- Possession of Narcotic Drugs intent to Sell.
- 2 counts Prohibited Possessor.
- 2 counts Misconduct Involving Weapons During Drug Offense

- 1 count MCSO Felony warrant
- 12 counts Prohibited Possessor
- 12 Counts Misconduct Involving Weapons During Drug Offense
- 2 counts Possession of Stolen Property (Firearms)
- Possession of Narcotic Drugs
- Possession of Narcotic Drugs intent to Sell



# Highlights



## Local East Valley & Federal Agency Drug Trafficking Collaboration

- Gilbert PD, Mesa PD and DEA
- Location in Mesa and Phoenix

### Seizures

- Firearms: 2
- Methamphetamine: 2 oz.
- Heroin: 1 lb.
- Fentanyl Pills: 377,000
- Cash: \$17,279
- 5 arrests







# 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Statistics

## 130 DC1

108 Assist Patrol

## 191 Total Arrests

104 Felony Arrest

87 Misdemeanor Arrest

71 Felony Warrants

80 Misdemeanor Warrants

## 397 Traffic Stops

14 DUI Arrests

32 Civil Traffic

## 27 Seized Firearms

18 Search Warrants

## \$62,910 U.S. Currency

Total DC1's	On-View DC1's	Patrol Assits	Patrol Calls	TS	Supps Written	Adult Felony Arrest	Adult Misd Arrest	Juv Felony Arrest	Juv Misd Arrest	Felony Warrants	Misd Warrants
130	128	108	29	397	96	101	82	3	5	71	80

Criminal Complaints	Civil Traffic	FI	GMIC	DUIs	DRE	CI's	Firearms Seized	Property Seized	Vehicle Seized	Drug Para arrest
50	32	12	19	14	7	3	27	4	1	52

Meth (grams)	Marijuana (grams)	Cocaine (grams)	Heroin (grams)	Fentanyl (pills)	Rx Drugs	Money (dollars)	509R	Search Warrants	Knock and Talk	30 day tows
238.39	509.9	4.8	496.592	406289	4	62910.53	1	18	1	1



## \*\$2,081,257 Total Street Value of Drugs Seized

406,289 Fentanyl Pills @ \$5/ea. = \$2,031,445

496.6g Heroin @ \$80/g = \$39,728

238.39g Meth @ \$30/g = \$7,152

4.8g Cocaine @ \$90/g = \$432

509.9g Marijuana @ \$2000/lb. = \$2500

\*Conservative price estimates based on San Diego/Imperial County HIDTA Drug Price List Jan 2022





# Highlights

## Main and Dobson

Undercover officers used investigative techniques to make a deal for the suspect to deliver 1000 M30 fentanyl pills for \$850. The suspect arrived at the agreed upon location and disclosed that he was in a Mercedes and wanted the buyer to get in the back seat of the car to do the deal. Once the suspect was located the deal was cancelled and surveillance on the vehicle was assumed. The vehicle left west bound on Main St. and committed two traffic violations. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle at 2121 W. Main and as the vehicle stopped a large bag of blue pills was thrown from the passenger side of the car. Two subjects were detained from the vehicle, and it was quickly determined that the driver was the same person whom had been arrested in this same car for the same type of deal in the past. The bag that was thrown from the vehicle was located and contained approximately 1005 fentanyl pills. Upon a search of the vehicle, more fentanyl pills were located as well as drug paraphernalia and \$10,091 in US currency. The driver of the vehicle was arrested for possession of narcotics, possession for sale, and transportation of narcotics. The passenger, was arrested for possession of narcotics and hindering prosecution. Once in the jail, the passenger was seen on camera removing more fentanyl pills from his anus and gave several to other inmates including his co-defendant. Searches were done on the inmates and 2 more pills were located on the driver and 5 more on the passenger and they both received another charge for promoting prison contraband. Total evidence seized was: \$10,091 US Currency, 1052 M30 Fentanyl pills, and 2015 Mercedes.





# Highlights



## 09-15-2022 near Horne and Southern

Fiesta, Red Mountain, and Superstition SCU conducted a high-risk traffic stop on a 17-year old who was a strong lead for three separate shootings, including one at Reed Park. There was an active court order for the male. A firearm was found inside the truck he was driving. Fiesta CIU responded to the scene, towed the truck that contained a bullet hole and conducted an interview. The subject was not truthful and was released to his father pending charges. Evidence in the truck was located; a firearm, two magazines, and five spent shell casings.





# Highlights



## Near S. Alma School and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave

Red Mountain Street Crimes located a subject with 5 outstanding warrants for his arrest. He was taken into custody at 810 South Alma School Road and was in possession of approximately 1,000 fentanyl pills and \$620.00 cash.







# 3rd Quarter Statistics



- 98** DC1
- 85 Assist Patrol
- 99** Total Arrests
- 54 Felony Arrest
- 45 Misdemeanor Arrest
- 33 Felony Warrants
- 65 Misdemeanor Warrants
- 458** Traffic Stops
- 12 DUI Arrests
- 33 Civil Traffic
- 1** Seized Firearms
- 0 Search Warrants

**\$11,385** U.S. Currency



Total DC1's	On-View DC1's	Patrol Assits	Patrol Calls	TS	Supps Written	Adult Felony Arrest	Adult Misd Arrest	Juv Felony Arrest	Juv Misd Arrest	Felony Warrants	Misd Warrants
98	90	85	3	458	18	53	44	1	1	33	65

Criminal Complaints	Civil Traffic	FI	GMIC	DUIs	DRE	CI's	Firearms Seized	Property Seized	Vehicle Seized	Drug Para arrest
22	33	16	15	12	4	3	1	5	1	28

Meth (grams)	Marijuana (grams)	Cocaine (grams)	Heroin (grams)	Fentanyl (pills)	Rx Drugs	Money (dollars)	509R	Search Warrants	Knock and Talk	30 day tows
40	0	7	0	2459.5	11	11385	2	0	3	2

**\*\$13,932 Total Street Value of Drugs Seized**

- 2,460 Fentanyl Pills @ \$5/ea. = \$12,300
- 0g Heroin @ \$80/g = \$0
- 40g Meth @ \$30/g = \$1,200
- 7g Cocaine @ \$90/g = \$432
- 0g Marijuana @ \$2000/lb. = \$0

*\*Conservative price estimates based on San Diego/Imperial County HIDTA Drug Price List Jan 2022*



# Highlights



11-04-2022

Central SCU brokered a deal for 1000 Fentanyl pills to be delivered for \$650. A traffic stop was conducted shortly after the dealer arrived. The driver and passenger were detained by Detectives and the driver admitted that she had set up a drug deal through her social media and text. A lock box was located in the vehicle and when it was opened 1100 Fentanyl pills were found. The driver later admitted that she had picked up the pills just prior to arriving for the deal and that she was just trying to make a profit on the sale. The passenger admitted that he knew what was going on and that he was there for the initial pick up of the pills and was with the driver when she went to sell the pills.



## Driver Charges:

Possession of Narcotics  
Narcotic Sales  
Use of an electronic device in drug sales  
Transportation of narcotics  
Gilbert 10-38M

## Passenger Charges:

Conspiracy of Narcotics Sales



# Highlights



## Near Stapley and Emerald

Fiesta SCU was provided information from MCSO Adult Probation that a subject had an outstanding felony warrant for his arrest, stemming from a prior Aggravated Assault-DV case in Mesa. The victim in that case provided information to the probation officer that the male recently put a handgun in her mouth and threatened to kill her. He had a violent criminal history to include extremely violent domestic violence assault and is a prohibited possessor. Adult Probation wanted to conduct a search of the residence based on the report of him having a firearm.

Detectives located him at his residence. He surrendered and was arrested without incident. Adult Probation conducted a search of the home and recovered a loaded 9mm handgun in his room. He was charged with additional weapons violation charges in addition to his warrant.







# Highlights



## 11.17.22 Near Ellsworth and Broadway

A known, longtime criminal was apprehended. After he was in custody, a probation officer conducted a walk-through of the property. During the walk through, he observed guns and drugs located within the trailers on the property, one of which was reported stolen. There was also a motorcycle on the property with the VIN plate scratched off.

A search warrant was written for the property. Detectives searched the property and collected items of evidentiary value, which included: stolen vehicles, 4 firearms (3 rifles, 1 handgun, 1 of which was reported stolen), 180 grams of methamphetamine, and 120 grams of fentanyl pills



# 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics

**89 DC1**

59 Assist Patrol

**94 Total Arrests**

64 Felony Arrest

30 Misdemeanor Arrest

25 Felony Warrants

35 Misdemeanor Warrants

**315 Traffic Stops**

8 DUI Arrests

63 Civil Traffic

**7 Seized Firearms**

4 Search Warrants

**\$10,341 U.S. Currency**

Total DC1's	On-View DC1's	Patrol Assists	Patrol Calls	TS	Supps Written	Adult Felony Arrest	Adult Misd Arrest	Juv Felony Arrest	Juv Misd Arrest	Felony Warrants	Misd Warrants
89	88	59	3	315	39	64	30	0	1	25	35

Criminal Complaints	Civil Traffic	FI	GMIC	DUIs	DRE	CI's	Firearms Seized	Property Seized	Vehicle Seized	Drug Para arrest
20	63	7	5	1	7	5	7	4	3	31

Meth (grams)	Marijuana (grams)	Cocaine (grams)	Heroin (grams)	Fentanyl (pills)	Rx Drugs	Money (dollars)	509R	Search Warrants	Knock and Talk	30-day tows
310	0	7	0	26737	0	10341	3	4	0	0

**\*\$143,615 Total Street Value of Drugs Seized**

26,737 Fentanyl Pills @ \$2/ea. = \$133,685

0g Heroin @ \$80/g = \$0

310g Meth @ \$30/g = \$9,300

7g Cocaine @ \$90/g = \$630

0g Marijuana @ \$2000/lb. = \$0

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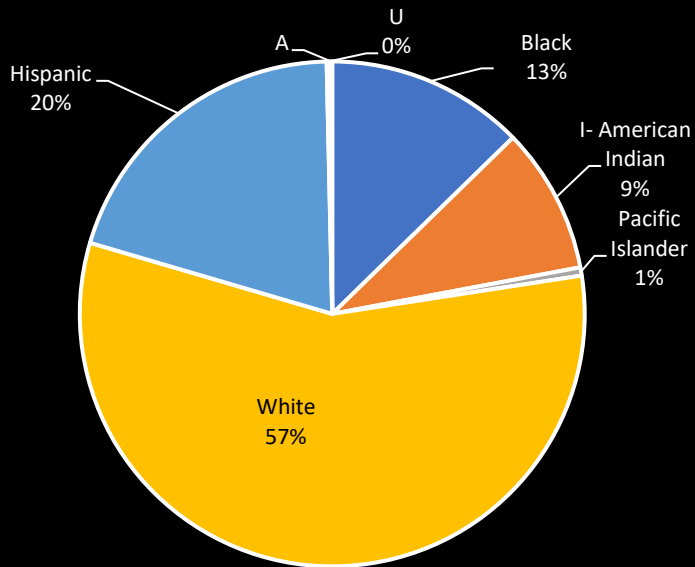


# 2022 VCP YTD Statistics & Arrest Demographics

Total DC1's	On-View DC1's	Patrol Assists	Patrol Calls	TS	Supps Written	Adult Felony Arrest	Adult Misd Arrest	Juv Felony Arrest	Juv Misd Arrest	Felony Warrants	Misd Warrants	Criminal Complaints	Civil Traffic	FI	GMIC	DUIs
385	373	330	43	1441	181	276	188	4	7	174	221	106	152	35	51	36

DRE	CI's	Firearms Seized	Property Seized	Vehicle Seized	Drug Para arrest	Meth (grams)	Marijuana (grams)	Cocaine (grams)	Heroin (grams)	Fentanyl (pills)	Rx Drugs	Money (dollars)	509R	Search Warrants	Knock and Talk	30 day tows
20	12	44	14	5	127	1347.39	510.9	11.8	548.6	442650	26	85239.53	12	24	6	3

VCP 2022: Arrests by Race



**\*\$2,157,467 Total Street Value of Drugs Seized**

- 442,650 Fentanyl Pills @ \$5/ea. = \$2,213,250
- 548.6g Heroin @ \$80/g = \$43,888
- 1347.4g Meth @ \$30/g = \$40,422
- 11.8g Cocaine @ \$90/g = \$1,062
- 510.9g Marijuana @ \$2000/lb. = \$2,251

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Violent Crime Project: 2022 Arrests by Gender

