



# ARIZONA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

## Trooper Report for Incident I21020387

**Nature:** 30 DAY IMPOUND  
**Location:** M18

**Address:** I-10 MP 159; WB @ RAY  
PHOENIX AZ 85044

**Offense Codes:** HTIS

**Received By:** CHAVIRA,S

**How Received:** O

**Agency:** ADPS

**Responding Officers:** FARLEY,C, SANDERS,J, SMITH,T, SORENSEN,D

**Responsible Officer:** SMITH,T

**Disposition:** CLO 04/16/21

**When Reported:** 06:17:13 04/16/21

**Occurred Between:** 06:17:13 04/16/21 and 06:17:13 04/16/21

**Assigned To:**

**Detail:**

**Date Assigned:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

**Status:**

**Status Date:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

**Due Date:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

### Complainant:

**Last:**

**First:**

**Mid:**

**DOB:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

**Dr Lic:**

**Address:**

**Race:**

**Sex:**

**Phone:**

**City:** ,

### Offense Codes

**Reported:** IMPV Impounded Veh

**Observed:**

**Additional Offense:** HTIS HUMAN TRAFFIC INVOL  
SERVITUDE

### Circumstances

#### Responding Officers:

#### Unit :

FARLEY,C

M752

SANDERS,J

M753

SMITH,T

1810

SORENSEN,D

1813

**Responsible Officer:** SMITH,T

**Agency:** ADPS

**Received By:** CHAVIRA,S

**Last Radio Log:** 07:53:45 04/16/21 CMPLT

**How Received:** O TROOPER REPORT

**Clearance:** 11 CITATION

**When Reported:** 06:17:13 04/16/21

**Disposition:** CLO **Date:** 04/16/21

**Judicial Status:**

**Occurred between:** 06:17:13 04/16/21

**Misc Entry:** 22180100

**and:** 06:17:13 04/16/21

**Modus Operandi:**

**Description :**

**Method :**

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**Involvements**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Relationship</b>
04/16/21	Name	MENDEZ, PEDRO JOSHUA	Offender
04/16/21	Vehicle	2009 CHEV EXPRESS AZ	Offender Vehicle
04/16/21	Cad Call	06:17:13 04/16/21 30 DAY IMPOUND	Initiating Call

## Narrative

On 04/16/2021 at 0620 hours, I was driving west on I-10 near Chandler Blvd. when I noticed a white full size passenger van also traveling west at this location. The vehicle was in the #2 lane and then switched to the #1 lane as I came up on its right side. As I was now next to the van, I looked over and saw the front seat passenger staring straight ahead, avoiding eye contact. The driver was doing the same. I noticed the passenger was wearing camo style clothing and continued to look straight ahead. I noticed the driver had slowed down while in the #1 lane and was now traveling at 60mph in the posted 65mph zone. Other traffic was passing the van and my patrol car to the left and right. Traffic had been traveling at about 70mph before the driver slowed down in the high speed #1 lane. Due to the traffic violation of Impeding Traffic, I activated my police lights and the van began moving to the right. The van continued and then pulled over at the Ray Rd. off-ramp on the I-10 main line.

I exited my patrol car and approached the passenger side of the van. The passenger window was rolled down and I immediately smelled an odor that was consistent with the smuggling of illegal aliens from past experiences. Once I was at the passenger window, I noticed numerous persons in the van and the driver looked scared. I told him the reason for the stop and asked for his information. The driver identified himself with a Arizona Identification card as Pedro Joshua Bustos. I asked where he was headed to and he said to Phoenix. Bustos said he transports people to the farms to work. I asked where he was coming from and he said Tucson. I asked who the van belonged to and he said he didn't know. He said he doesn't work for a company and is paid under the table cash. I told him to come back to my patrol car.

Once back at my car, I told dispatch to send another unit and to contact BP or HSI for me. I saw a Chandler PD Officer exited the Ray Rd. off-ramp so I waived him over for help. While waiting for more officers to arrive, Bustos admitted that he picked the passengers up in Tucson at a Home Depot and is taking them to an unknown location in Phoenix. He said to the farms several times but could not provide a name, address or location of any farm.

Bustos pulled the cell phone out of his pocket and began to text on it. I told him to hand me the phone and he pulled it away and said no. I told him he was now being detained for my safety. Through my training and experience, I know that smugglers work with heat vehicles and other persons involved in the cartels activities. These persons have crashed into patrol cars and other unsafe acts to free their partners from law enforcement. He was secured in the rear of my patrol car.

I called the Border Patrol Station in Casa Grande and spoke to Agent Marca (C285). I gave him the information and he told me to stand by while he talked to his supervisor. A short time later, he got back on the phone and stated they would not be coming out. Immigration and Customs Enforcement called me while I was speaking to the Agent so I told him I would talk to ICE. I spoke to Agent Koblinski and he stated ICE would not coming out due to the President's orders/policies. I told the Agent that the illegal aliens would be released at the scene to walk off the highway and how that would look. The agent said if we found any of the persons were aggravated felons they would come out and get them.

Trooper Sorensen used his MORPH Unit to fingerprint all the persons in the van. There was no record of any of the occupants. The occupants were released at the scene and told to walk up the Ray Rd. off-ramp to safety.

Due to the Bustos having a suspended drivers license, and no record of having a valid drivers license, the van was towed per 28-3511. No evidence or papers were found in the van.

I read Bustos his rights per Miranda (0650 hours) and told him I had a couple of questions for him. He said he understood his rights and would answer my questions. During questioning, Bustos admitted that he drove to the desert near Douglas Arizona and picked the males up. He said he was taking them to Phoenix and he receive a call once he got there of where to take

the persons. Bustos said he doesn't have a job and that he was going to make about ten thousand dollars for transporting the persons.

Bustos was transported off the highway to Warner Rd. and released. He was issued a citation for driving suspended and no insurance. This ended my contact in this matter.

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## Vehicles

**Vehicle Number:** 365535**License Plate:** U315943**State:** AZ**Vehicle Year:** 2009**Make:** CHEV Chevrolet**Color:** /**Vehicle Type:** PVAN Passenger Van**License Type:** PC Regular Passenger Automobile**Expires:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\***VIN:** 1GAHG35K591165911**Model:** EXPRESS**Doors:** 3**Value:** \$0.00**Owner:****Last:****First:****Mid:****DOB:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\***Dr Lic:****Address:****Race:****Sex:****Phone:****City:** ,**Agency:** ADPS ARIZONA DEPT OF PUBLIC  
SAFETY**Date Recov/Rcvd:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\***Officer:** SMITH,T**Area:****UCR Status:****Wrecker Service:****Local Status:****Storage Location:****Status Date:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\***Release Date:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\***Comments:**

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**Name Involvements:**

**Offender :** 399787

**Last:** MENDEZ

**First:** PEDRO

**Mid:** JOSHUA

**DOB:** [REDACTED]

**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]

**Address** [REDACTED]

**Race:** L      **Sex:** M

**Phone:**

**City** [REDACTED]