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### CHURCH BURGLARIES - ARRESTS

**\*\*\*UPDATE – JUNE 17, 2015\*\*\***

The Tucson Police Department Burglary Unit began an investigation into thefts from local churches and synagogues back in March of this year. Mr. Andrew Hoke and Ms. Bridget Baker were arrested on various felonies related to those incidents and remain in the Pima County Jail. The detectives continued the investigation to locate and return the stolen property to the rightful owners. They learned additional information that linked Mr. Hoke and Ms. Baker to a residence outside of Tucson. Today, the detectives served a search warrant in Santa Cruz County and were able to recover several rosaries, cups and other property. The detectives are in the process of returning the items to the churches and synagogues. Additional property may still be outstanding. Anyone with additional information is asked to call 88-CRIME.



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Sergeant Kimberly Bay – June 17, 2015

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**\*\*\*UPDATE – APRIL 2, 2015\*\*\***

Detectives from the Tucson Police Department Burglary Unit have continued the investigation into local area church and synagogue burglaries. On February 22, 2015 a synagogue in the 2400 block of E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. reported several items stolen. Today, detectives located some of the property belonging to the synagogue. They were able to link Mr. Andrew Hoke and Ms. Bridget Baker to the incident. The property has since been returned to the synagogue.

Mr. Hoke and Ms. Baker were each arrested for one count of Trafficking in Stolen Property, one count of 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Burglary and one count of Criminal Damage related to this incident. They remain in custody at the Pima County Jail. The investigation is ongoing and anyone with additional information is urged to call 911 or 88-CRIME.

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During the month of March, officers from the Tucson Police Department responded to several reported burglaries or larcenies at different area churches. The churches worked proactively with members of the community, officers and Neighborhood Crimes Detectives to locate the person or persons responsible. On March 24, 2015, Ms. Steff Koeneman, Director of Communications with the Diocese of Tucson, along with the Tucson Police Department, provided video footage to the local media. The video depicting a male and female possibly involved in one of the incidents was played during several newscasts and was available online.

On March 25, 2015, just before 10:00 a.m., officers from Operations Division East responded to the 1800 block of N. Camino Pio Decimo to a report of the male and female from the newscast possibly being inside the church. Multiple officers arrived on scene within minutes but learned the male and female had left. Thirty minutes later, the officers received a second report of the male and female behind a church in the 1300 block of S. Camino Seco. The officers arrived on scene and detained the female without incident. She was identified as 55-year-old Bridget E. Baker. The male fled the area but was located a short distance away and apprehended. He was identified as Ms. Baker's son, 29-year-old Andrew W. Hoke. Both are not Tucson area residents.

Detectives responded to the scene to continue the investigation. They were able to determine both Ms. Baker and Mr. Hoke removed property from one of the churches today. The detectives were also able to link Ms. Baker and Mr. Hoke to incidents occurring on March 16, 2015 in the 1800 block of S. Kolb Rd. and on March 21, 2015 in the 300 block of S. Tucson Blvd.

Mr. Hoke and Ms. Baker were each booked into the Pima County Jail on one count of Trafficking in Stolen Property and three counts of 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Burglary. Their booking photographs are provided below. The investigation is ongoing and additional charges may be added at a later date. Anyone with additional information is urged to call 911 or 88-CRIME.



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**Andrew W. Hoke**



**Bridget E. Baker**

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