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In the morning hours of Tuesday, August 25, 2015, Quartzsite Police Department (QPD) was advised of an Attempt-To-Locate (ATL) of a suicidal subject in Quartzsite, Arizona. This information was provided to the QPD from the La Paz County Sheriff's Office dispatcher via a 911 caller. QPD Officer Weltha and Officer Tanakeyowma knew the subject of the ATL and drove to several locations the suicidal subject was known to be located. At approximately 1040 hours, QPD officers were dispatched to a mile west of Mile Post 114 on State Highway 95, north of Quartzsite. Friends and relatives had located the ATL suicidal subject with a single gunshot wound to the head in his vehicle. QPD and La Paz County Deputies arrived on scene and located the family members and gunshot subject inside his vehicle. QPD did recover two weapons at the scene and one had evidence of being used to commit the suicidal act. The Quartzsite Fire Department arrived on scene and the subject was pronounced dead upon their arrival at approximately 1103 hours. The Quartzsite Police Department, with the assistance of the La Paz County Sheriff's Office, processed the scene with the deceased and a second scene at the residence. Once finished, QPD turned over the deceased subject to the Medial Examiners Office and the Parker Funeral Home.

QPD and family members made notification to the next of kin. The QPD has sadly identified the deceased as **Paul Alan Norris**, who is well known in the Town of Quartzsite. As with all similar situations, the Quartzsite Police Department is vigorously investigating all angles and aspects of this case to verify and determine the situation surrounding the death of Mr. **Paul Alan Norris**. At this time, the death of Mr. **Paul Alan Norris** is still under investigation. However, QPD has located two handwritten suicide notes left at the home and vehicle of the deceased. QPD Detectives will examine all the evidence, compare interviews, forensic evidence with the Medical Examiner's report.

The Quartzsite PD is working hard to inform, protect and serve our citizens. Below is a photograph of the deceased Mr. **Paul Norris**.



Mr. Paul Norris

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