



# *QUARTZSITE POLICE DEPARTMENT*

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In the morning hours of January 20, 2015, Quartzsite Police Department (QPD) received a call from a concerned citizen in the Scaddan Wash area located east to south-east from the Town of Quartzsite. The concerned citizen physically took QPD officers to the skeletal remains found while going on a morning walk in the desert. QPD officers arrived on scene and identified human skeletal remains located approximately one mile south of Interstate 10 in the desert area, east to south-east of the Town of Quartzsite.

After a thorough investigation, the human skeletal remains were removed from the scene by the Parker Funeral Home and sent to the Pima County Medical Examiner's Office in Tucson, Arizona for a scientific medical examination and for identification purposes. This included dental, hair and DNA comparisons.

In the evening hours of January 28, 2015, Quartzsite Police Department's case officer was advised by the Pima County Medical Examiner's Office that the human remains were positively identified as **Eric Paul Stapleton**. Identification was determined from comparison of his dental records.

Quartzsite Police Department has made the next of kin notifications to his family. Mr. **Eric Paul Stapleton** has been a missing person since May 18, 2014 from his residence in Quartzsite, Arizona. Quartzsite Police Department is dedicated to working with the Pima County Medical Examiner's Office and others to determine his method of death.

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