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PRESS RELEASE

On November 28, 2016 Quartzsite Police Department responded to a disturbance call in the 900 Block of West Main Street. Upon arrival the officers determined that a male subject had been assaulted with a knife. A witness stated that the suspect, a Caucasian male approximately 6'3" with dreadlocks wearing a camouflage or military style jacket, had been wielding a knife and fled the scene southbound over the I-10 Bridge. Attempts were made to review the store surveillance unsuccessfully at the time of the incident.

Officers immediately initiated a search and began to track the suspect throughout the community. A male subject matching the description was located by QPD Officer Weltha and immediately taken into custody for further investigation. Although officers believed they had the correct person in custody, the victim was unable to positively identify the suspect detained and the individual was released pending further investigation.

On November 29, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. officers returned to the incident scene and made contact with management and were able to positively identify the suspect. An attempt to locate was initiated to all local law enforcement regarding the suspect, identified as Nathan Montalbano, a transient.

After a coordinated effort and search by QPD, La Paz County S.O. and Arizona DPS the suspect was located by QPD Detective Lancaster. Upon contact with law enforcement the suspect fled on foot attempting to evade law enforcement and a foot pursuit ensued. Through the use of a police K-9 Wodan and an aerial drone the suspect was later located on a rooftop and safely taken into custody.

The Quartzsite Police Department would like to give special thanks to all the local law enforcement agencies for their assistance and Russell from Quartzsite TV for the use of his aerial drone. Without the collaboration we would not have been able to apprehend the suspect.