

All Pima County incidents designated as hate crimes by police and sheriffs in 2015 & 2016

Incident Number	Details	Protected group	Arresting charge	Indicted charge	Outcome	Hate crime allegation?
TPD 1501230406	On 1/23/15 an assailant beat up a juvenile victim in the bathroom of a high-school while calling him "faggot," "retard," and "bitch." The victim suffered a ruptured spleen, internal bleeding, and a broken clavicle.	Sexual orientation	Two counts of felony aggravated assault	A juvenile delinquency petition was filed alleging the defendant committed one count of aggravated assault, a class 4 felony.	The defendant pled guilty to one felony count of class 6 aggravated assault. He successfully completed probation and the felony was designated a class 1 misdemeanor.	NO
TPD 1508260497 & 1508260543	On 8/2/15 a police officer responded to an apartment complex run by a mental health care provider. One of the residents told the officer that during a group meeting that day he complained that another resident, Mr. H., was taking more than his fair share of food out of the community food bank. After the victim accused Mr. H. of this Mr. H. stormed out of the meeting. The victim went home after the meeting concluded and found the words "fag" and "queer" carved into his door. The victim told police that he suspected Mr. H. was the perpetrator because Mr. H. hated the fact that the victim is gay. When police contacted Mr. H. he claimed he had nothing to do with it. Police left the scene then came back minutes later after they were told Mr. H. was threatening the victim. When police re-contacted Mr. H. he was upset and yelling that if "anyone had a problem with him they could settle it." A third resident in the complex told police that he had seen Mr. H. yelling at the victim after the police left the first time, threatening to "kick the victim's ass for snitching on him," and telling the victim to meet him in the parking lot if the victim had a problem with him. Police re-contacted the victim who told officers that after they had left the first time, Mr. H. yelled at him from the parking lot "you snitch, come down here and I'll fucking kill you."	Sexual orientation	One count of misdemeanor disorderly conduct	One count of misdemeanor disorderly conduct	The defendant pled guilty to one count of misdemeanor disorderly conduct. He was placed in a special court diversion program for people with mental health illness. He successfully completed that program and his charge was dismissed.	NO
TPD 1609140426	On 9/14/16, a black female heard her white male neighbor making noise inside his apartment. She went outside to investigate. When she was outside the male came out of his apartment, called her "nigger," and threw a spatula at her head. The victim called 911. Officers arrived and interviewed the male. He said he took offense to his neighbor asking him to be quiet. He left a copy of "Recoil Magazine," a magazine about firearms, on her doorstep with a handwritten note inside which read "Hang by a tree...it's more comfortable god bless." He admitted to calling the victim "nigger." Officers interviewed another neighbor who confirmed the victim's account.	race & color	One count of misdemeanor threatening and intimidating, and one count of misdemeanor disorderly conduct	One count of misdemeanor threatening and intimidating, and one count of misdemeanor disorderly conduct	Case still pending.	NO
TPD 1502100226	A car was vandalized on 2/10/15. The rear tire was slashed, and a note was left on the car saying, "To: Wetback Faggot. From: Beaner hating white boy. Aprender a conducir usted beaner culo perra. Volver a Mexico que mierda ilegal. Nadie quiere que su culo mojado aqui." ("Learn to drive you beaner dog's ass. Go back to Mexico you illegal shit...Nobody wants your wet ass here.")	race & national origin & sexual orientation	No witnesses. No arrests.	Not applicable (N/A)	No arrests	N/A
TPD 1603310552	On 3/30/16 the victim called police after someone threw a rock through her front door and left a note on her doorstep that read, "You gays disgust me! Fucking homos. I will kill you!" About one month before this. someone threw lightbulbs at her front door. The victim told police she had problems with her upstairs neighbor being noisy.	Sexual orientation	No arrests. The victim told police that she did not want to prosecute.	N/A	No arrests	N/A
TPD 1606150156	On 6/15/16 the victim, who is Syrian, found a note taped to his front door which read, "We don't like you living here! You need to move! You do not respect America or what our country stands for! Please move before danger can happen. You are a Muslim and not welcome. Go away killers. American hates terrorists like you! Cowards! lov 2 all you killed. Shame on you terrorists. May our god forgive you since most people will not. Cowards."	race & national origin	No witnesses. No arrests.	N/A	No arrests	N/A
TPD 1612070385	On 12/7/16 the victim told police he was assaulted in the parking lot of his apartment complex. Three men came up behind him, pulled him to the ground, and kicked in the face and body while yelling "die faggot!" and "freak!" The victim managed to pepper-spray his assailants, and they fled. The victim described the assailants as white men in their mid 20s, with one having a swastika tattooed on his arm. One of the assailants told the victim, "If you tell anyone, we will kill you." Weeks before the assault the victim found notes on his car and apartment door that read "die faggot," "Freak#Trump," "We know where you live," and one note with a swastika on it. He also told police that a twenty pound rock with "fag die" written on it was thrown through his window before the assault. The victim believed he was targeted because he flew gay pride and transgender flags outside his apartment.	sexual orientation & gender	No arrests	N/A	No arrests	N/A
TPD 1602250317	On 2/25/16 a man in his late 20s or early 30s with a beard and tattoos walked onto the property of an adult group home in Tucson. He approached two employees of the home and asked them if they were Christians. After they both answered "yes," the man said, "Fucking Christians! I am on a holy war!" He then pulled a Koran out of his backpack and punched one of the men in the face. As the two employees attempted to escort the man off the property, he shouted he would kill them all and yelled, "I have a gun and I am going to pop a cap in your ass!" The man then ran off.	religion	No arrests	N/A	No arrests	N/A
TPD 1510310320	On 10/31/15 the victim was walking to a bus bench when a man he knew came up to him and began calling him "queer" and "faggot." The victim called 911, and the operator heard the verbal slurs and recorded the conversation. When police arrived the victim told officers that several months ago he had been distributing newspapers for the LGBTQ community when this same man began cursing him and calling him "faggot," "queer," and "gay" whenever the victim was at his bus stop. Officers contacted the suspect who confessed to uttering the slurs and admitted to being homophobic. The suspect agreed to stop bothering the victim and leave him alone.	Sexual orientation	No arrests	N/A	No arrests	N/A
PCSD 160511028	On 5/11/16 a Sun Tran driver flagged down a Sheriff's Deputy on patrol and stated he had an unruly passenger on his bus. The Deputy made contact with the passenger, who complained that the driver would not give him a free ride. After the Deputy told the passenger he needed to either pay the bus fare or get off the bus the passenger began cursing at the Deputy, calling him a "punk ass bitch white racist cop." The passenger refused to identify himself to Deputies, and continuously cursed at them, calling them "fucking white cop bitch" and other names.	race & color	No arrests	N/A	No arrests	N/A
PCSD 160513169	On 5/13/16 students approached a Sheriff Deputy working at a High School as a School Resource Officer and asked the Deputy if he had seen a fake web site that some students had published as a senior prank. The web site made fun of the school ID system and the principal of the school. It was later discovered that the website comments section contained a comment that read, "I'm going to shoot up this place," and another comment which read, "Fuck this school, all these niggers need to die." After these comments were discovered the school was placed on lock down and searched by police. Nothing dangerous was found. One student was interviewed about the treats and denied making them.	race & color	No arrests.	N/A	No arrests	N/A
PCSD 151115043	On 11/15/15 a security guard at a High School called the Sheriff's Department after noticing that a rock had been thrown through the cafeteria window. A Deputy responded and found two swastikas drawn on a cafeteria door, along with the letters "KKK."	religion	No witnesses or suspects. No arrests.	N/A	No arrests	N/A
PCSD 160711137	On 7/11/16 a woman called the Pima County Sheriff and reported that someone had written "Fuck Niggers" in black sharpie on the trunk of a car parked in front of the home an African-American man.	race & color	No witnesses or suspects. No arrests.	N/A	No arrests	N/A
PCSD 150407295 & 150407297	On 4/7/15 two men were playing basketball at a park when a caucasian man in a two-toned truck drove by yelling and calling them "nigger." A Deputy reported to the scene and a bystander told him that he knew the teenage boys who were responsible and knew where they lived. At roughly the same time, the Sheriff's department received another report that a truck matching the same description and occupied by three or four teenagers drove by a door-to-door salesman in the area, flipped him off and cursed at him, and threw at rock that hit the salesman above his right knee. (The incident report does not list the salesman's race, but his first and last name is indicative of Middle Eastern origin.)	race & color & national origin	No arrests	N/A	No arrests	N/A
PCSD 150722235	On 7/22/15 a Sheriff's Deputy responded to a town home complex where two women were accusing a third woman of side-swiping their cars. Both parties accused each other of using racial epithets, such as calling one group a "bunch of Mexicans" and telling them to speak English, and calling one woman a "dumb Muslim."	race & national origin	No arrests	N/A	No arrests	N/A
PCSD 151214031	On 12/14/15 a Sheriff's Deputy responded to the home of a man who works for Rosemont Copper Company. During the night someone had spray painted "No gates, no water, no mine, and leave" on his truck.	race & national origin	No witnesses or suspects. No arrests.	N/A	No arrests	N/A
PCSD 150817215	On 8/17/15 a Sheriff's Deputy responded to the home of a man whose trailer was stolen from his backyard. The man also found "Fuck the police" and several swastikas spray painted on his back walls. Deputies recovered a can of black spray paint and were able to lift one fingerprint off of the cap.	religion	No arrests	N/A	No arrests	N/A
PCSD 150509088	On 5/9/15 a Sheriff's Deputy responded to the home of a woman who stated that someone had been distributing Ku Klux Klan fliers to numerous houses around her neighborhood. The fliers were from "The Militant Knights of the Ku Klux Klan" and listed twelve of the group's goals and a website. Deputies took possession of one flier as evidence.	possibly race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender or disability.	No witnesses or suspects. No arrests.	N/A	No arrests	N/A
PCSD 150304278	On 12/14/15 a Sheriff's Deputy responded to the home of a Vietnamese family. In recent months someone had thrown eggs at their home, slashed their car tires, and spray painted "Fuck you, USA" on the back window of their car.	race & national origin	No witnesses or suspects. No arrests.	N/A	No arrests	N/A
PCSD 150517069	On 5/17/15 Sheriff's Deputy responded to a Baptist church where someone had spray-painted, "This is our town," "6-6-6," an upside down cross, and an attempted pentagram on the church doors and walls in red and black spray paint.	religion	No witnesses or suspects. No arrests.	N/A	No arrests	N/A