



David P. Gonzales, United States Marshal

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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO HOLD AUCTION OF FORFEITED VEHICLES

Phoenix, AZ – The United States Marshals Service, District of Arizona, will be holding an auction of numerous vehicles forfeited to the United States Government. The auction will be held at Apple Towing at the address listed below on **Saturday, October 8, 2011 starting at 9:00 a.m.** The public may preview these vehicles at Apple Towing on Friday, October 7, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

David P. Gonzales, United States Marshal for the District of Arizona, will be available for interviews during the preview on Saturday, October 8 from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

WHEN: Interviews: Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Preview: Friday, October 7, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. &
Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Auction: Saturday, October 8, 2011 starting at 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: Apple Towing
5720 East Mineral Road
Guadalupe, AZ 85283
Phone: (480)839-5555

A map can be found at:

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=5720+east+mineral+85283&ll=33.363732,111.961029&sspn=0.009032,0.027165&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=5720+E+Mineral+Rd,+Guadalupe,+Maricopa,+Arizona+85283&ll=33.353043,-1.960297&spn=0.017565,0.027509&t=h&z=15

WHY: The United States Marshals Service Asset Forfeiture Program plays a vital role in managing and disposing of \$3.9 billion worth of assets for items such as vehicles, watercraft, real property, and jewelry that are seized and forfeited by federal law enforcement agencies and the U.S. Attorney's Office. The program has become a key part of the federal government's efforts to combat major criminal activities by stripping criminals of their ill-gotten gains. Proceeds generated from asset sales are used to compensate victims, supplement funding for federal law enforcement initiatives, and support community programs. Under the Equitable Sharing Program, funds are often shared with state and local law enforcement

agencies that participated in the investigation leading to the forfeiture of the asset, allowing those agencies to provide enhanced law enforcement initiatives within their respective communities.

The following are just a few of the items being auctioned, and were forfeited to the United States Government as the result of criminal investigations involving violations of Title 21 USC Controlled Substances Act:

2004 Mercedes-Benz SL600 Roadster:



1955 Chevrolet 3100 Pickup:



2005 Porsche Cayenne:



2003 Ford F150:



2006 Manac 48' Flatbed Trailer:



2005 Toyota Camry:



Photographs of all vehicles included in the auction, as well as pre-registration and payment requirements, are available on the following websites:

www.usmarshals.gov
www.appletowing.com

NOTE: *Media interested in covering the press event should arrive by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2011.* ALL media MUST PRESENT GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO ID (such as Driver's License), and be prepared to show VALID MEDIA CREDENTIALS. Press inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to Matt Hershey at (602) 920-4841.

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