

Pima County Sheriff's Department  
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## Fraud Victims Sought

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The Pima County Sheriff's Department is looking for anyone who may have been the victim of a fraudulent scheme where the caller alleged having transmission or vehicle maintenance issues. The caller identifies himself as a family member or a friend and requests the victim drop off money to the mechanic, or a third person. The drop off locations include restaurants, businesses, and parks primarily in the area of Broadway and Kolb, Palo Verde and Irvington, and Grant and County Club. The suspect is currently utilizing COVID-19 as an excuse not to make face to face contact but has used other reasons not to meet in person in the past.

One suspect, 55-year-old Aloyious Niess has been arrested for his alleged involvement with this fraudulent scheme.

Anyone who believes they may have been a victim of this scheme is asked to call Detective Rivas at [520-351-4430](tel:520-351-4430). You can also submit an anonymous tip, with a potential for reward, by text, phone, or going to [88Crime.org](http://88Crime.org).

For further information contact the Public Information Office at (520) 237-3740 or [pcsdpio@sheriff.pima.gov](mailto:pcsdpio@sheriff.pima.gov).

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