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Cut Off Finger Left at Scene “Points” Police to Suspect

Glendale, Ariz. – This **Halloween**, you may wonder what the “creepiest” thing is in the Glendale Police Evidence Storage Room. How about a frozen finger? This October, just in time for **Halloween**, a cut off finger has found its way into the Glendale Police Evidence Room. The finger left at the scene of an attempted theft “pointed” police directly to the suspect, and his own finger put him behind bars!

On October 7th, 2013, a Glendale Police Officer was dispatched to a residence for a report of attempted theft from a vehicle. The victim who works for an air conditioning company had his work truck parked in the driveway of his residence. Attached to his work truck were large spools of wiring, to include copper wiring. When he walked out to his work truck the morning of the 7th, he got quite the surprise. What he found was someone had attempted to steal some of his copper wiring off his A/C work truck, valued at over \$300. The copper spool had been pulled out about 20 feet from his truck. As he walked to the end of the spool, his eyes saw something he couldn't believe. At the end of the wiring, he observed what appeared to be a cut off finger that was caught up in the wiring. The victim left the wiring and finger in place and called Glendale Police.

The responding officer retrieved the finger as evidence, and it was sent to the Glendale Police Forensics Unit. Forensic Techs were able to obtain a latent print off the finger and a positive identification. The finger identified the suspect and pointed investigators to Joshua Allen Goverman, a 29 year old resident of Glendale. A little over a week later, detectives with the Glendale Police Neighborhood

Response Squad located Joshua and took him into custody. Detectives immediately observed that Joshua was missing a portion of one of his fingers. Just as an interesting side note, our detectives also found that Joshua had posted a photo of his hand with the missing portion of his finger on Facebook prior to being arrested.

When questioned by Detectives, Joshua related he lost his finger while working on a car. That version slightly changed when Joshua observed the other half of his finger, now residing in the Glendale Police Evidence Room. You might say Joshua's finger had its own version of the story to tell and pointed Joshua directly to jail. Joshua was arrested and booked into the Glendale City Jail for a Class 1 Misdemeanor charge of Theft. See booking photo below.

The Frozen Finger has now become one the "creepiest" things this **Halloween** being kept in the Glendale Police Evidence Room. The Glendale Police Department wishes everyone a Safe **Halloween**. Visit our website at www.glendaleaz.com/police and follow us on **Twitter** @GlendaleAZPD and **Instagram** @GlendalePD for Safety Tips this Halloween!



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