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Suspect Arrested for 1985 Child Molestation

Mesa Police detectives have made an arrest in a 1995 Child Molestation case. On January 5, 2018, Gerald Salcido was arrested in Orem, Utah on three counts of Sexual Conduct with a Minor. Salcido was living in Utah and working as a Deputy for the Utah County Sheriff's Department. He was previously employed as an Officer for the Mesa Police Department from 1980-1986, when he resigned to start a new business.

The original 1995 case went cold when detectives did not have enough evidence to move forward with the molestation charges. Two juvenile victims had reported being molested by Salcido ten years prior in Mesa. In September 2017, a new witness came forward causing the case to be re-opened. With the new information, Mesa Police Detectives conducted follow-up interviews in Utah. The follow up provided detectives with pertinent information that led them to submit criminal charges of three counts of ARS 13-1405A, Sexual Conduct with a Minor, a class 2 Felony, to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

The case was accepted and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Salcido was arrested and booked in Utah, pending extradition back to Arizona for the charges.

Crimes against children are one of the highest priorities for the Mesa Police Department. This is a great example of someone coming forward with new information leading to the arrest of a dangerous sexual predator many years later. This shows that decades after a crime, one piece of information can solve a case.