MCSO Detectives Seize Ten Pounds of Heroin

Task force takes over $125,000 worth of drugs off Arizona streets

Detectives with the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office Drug Suppression Task Force (MCDST) recently collaborated with their partners at the Phoenix Police Department to seize over ten pounds of heroin potentially headed for distribution in Arizona. The drugs have a presumptive street value of over $125,000.

On Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 1am MST, Phoenix Police stopped a vehicle around 3500 West Maricopa Freeway in an assist to MCDST Detectives. Probable cause was established to search the interior of the vehicle, and in the rear passenger compartment of the vehicle, MCSO detectives located a plastic bag which had a soda box inside of it. Inside of the soda box were five sealed packages, which all contained heroin. The two subjects in the vehicle were placed under arrest and transported to a local police station for questioning and booking.

The Maricopa County Drug Suppression Task Force’s primary focus is cartel-led drug transportation organizations (DTO’s), and money laundering organizations (MLO’s). They work to identify, disrupt, degrade and dismantle these organizations with the goal of stopping the distribution and sale of dangerous drugs throughout Arizona and the U.S.

Law enforcement agencies from across the entire Maricopa County area are a part of the Task Force, including prosecutors from the State Attorney General’s Office and agents from the DEA.