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## PINAL COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND MARICOPA POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLD COMMUNITY SHRED-A-THON

**MARICOPA, AZ (3/3/15)** – Identity theft remains one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States. In fact, 9.9 million incidents involving identity theft get reported every year, according to the Federal Trade Commission.

To help keep you and your identity safe, the Pinal County Attorney's Office along with the Maricopa Police Department want you to 'shred-it' at this weekend's Shred-A-Thon.

Shred-It sets up on site to destroy your documents and they shred everything from paper to credit cards, even CD's. In exchange for the shredding services, we ask those who wish, to donate non-perishable food to Maricopa's F.O.R. Food Bank, which will also be on hand at the event.

"The Shred-A-Thon advantages are two-fold. First, it helps prevent identity theft which is a serious crime. With that, Maricopa Police is helping the Pinal County Attorney's Office in preventing identity theft. But, we also partnered with the food bank so together people can shred their papers and at the same time help the needy with food. This is a win-win situation we rarely see," said Maricopa Police Chief Steve Stahl.

"Shredding documents and other personal information remains the easiest and safest ways to protect your identity. So, please join the Pinal County Attorney's Office and Maricopa Police Department this weekend for our shredding event. We want to help you keep your personal information from falling into the wrong hands," said Pinal County Attorney Lando Voyles.

The Shred-A-Thon runs from 9am to noon on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at Maricopa City Hall at 39700 W. Civic Center Plaza.

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