



Tucson Bear

It was a scene right out of Hollywood: as helicopters roared overhead, police cars, with their sirens blaring and lights flashing, were chasing a black bear as if chasing a criminal. All of that noise and those bright lights sure scared that bear. And so he ran. But the noise and lights followed right behind, compelling him onward—and right into a Tucson neighborhood. Now that bear did not know what all the noise and lights were about, but he certainly wasn't going to stop to find out!

The chase went on for hours. Finally, Arizona Game and Fish officers were able to get close enough to tranquilize the bear. The chase ended when the tranquilized bear fell into someone's swimming pool. He was fished out of the pool and taken to Tucson's office of Arizona Game and Fish.

All of this excitement was a little too much for the bear. It was decided that he should be taken to Southwest Wildlife to be examined, treated for his injuries, and given a good diet to prepare him to be returned to the wild. He spent 19 days at Southwest Wildlife. You can imagine the bill to feed just one big bear for 19 whole days!