

***Maricopa County Sheriff's Office***  
***Joe Arpaio, Sheriff***  
***News Brief***

August 25, 2008

***Illegal Alien Sexually Victimized Twelve-Year-Old Female***

(Mesa, AZ) The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Special Victims Unit arrested and booked into jail 24-year-old Jesus Martinez (DOB 06/15/84) on 1 count of child molestation, a class two felony and on four counts of sexual abuse, class three felonies.

Sheriff's deputies began investigating the sexual abuse and molestation after the young victim's mother found the 24-year-old illegal alien and the child kissing after the twelve-year-old left home, without permission to meet with him, at a late hour.

The victim told her mother that Martinez took her next to a tractor and began kissing her on the mouth and neck. The suspect kissed the victim's breast area, where he left a "hickey". Martinez then asked the child to leave him "hickies" for his ex-wife to see. The victim said she tried to leave several times by telling the suspect she was too young for him.

During the investigation Martinez made admission to the molestation and sexual abuse of the twelve-year-old girl.

"This is the fourth case in the last four months that the Sheriff's Office has arrested an illegal alien, for rape of a young child and sexual abuse," says Sheriff Arpaio. I have been accused by politicians and activists of not going after violent crime and last I checked a child being raped and sexually victimized is a violent crime."

Contact the Media Relations staff @ [sheriffsmediarequests@mcs.maricopa.gov](mailto:sheriffsmediarequests@mcs.maricopa.gov) with inquiries.

<End>