

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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SHERIFF ARPAIO SWEETENS MOTHER'S DAY BY TURNING UP THE HEAT ON DEADBEAT DADS

MOTHER'S DAY ROUND UP HAS VOLUNTEER POSSE SEEKING 1200 DEADBEATS & OTHER CRIMES AGAINST FAMILIES

(Phoenix, AZ.) Maricopa County Joe Arpaio is ordering his volunteer posse and deputies to fan out throughout the county this Saturday, May 7, 2011 seeking to arrest deadbeat dads who refuse to pay child support despite court orders to do so. There are over 1000 warrants for deadbeat parents, one who fled out of state and owes much as \$187,000 in back child support to his family.

“Failure to obey court orders and pay child support continues to be problematic for every community across this country,” Sheriff Joe Arpaio says. “Not living up to parental responsibilities has a far reaching negative impact on society. This is one of my personal favorite operations undertaken by this Office because it helps families get the financial support they need and deserve.”

The Sheriff says the operation will begin in the very early morning hours of May

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7th to insure the likelihood of finding these deadbeats at home and will continue throughout the day.

The operation will also spotlight the top ten male and female deadbeats with a photo line up which will later be prominently featured on the Sheriff's newly designed website in an effort to obtain information on their whereabouts.

As for the warrants operation, Arpaio says, "Officer safety is our first priority since so many law enforcement professionals are hurt or killed serving warrants every year." Of the 65 officers killed in the line of duty in 2011 so far, six died in the nation serving warrants.

Media is invited to follow units while warrants are served, talk with arrested deadbeats and discuss the operation with Sheriff Arpaio on Saturday May 7 at 11A.M. The operation center is the Sheriff's Command Post in the parking lot of the Park Central Mall. Booking and processing the arrested will occur there. Jail wagons will transport the deadbeats to 4th Avenue Jail later in the afternoon.

For more information on this operation, please contact on the on-call PIO at mediarequest@mcs.maricopa.gov.

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