

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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SHERIFF'S ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATORS COME ACROSS A HEARTBREAKING CASE

DEPUTIES SAY IT'S ONE OF THE WORST ABUSE CASES THEY'VE SEEN

(Phoenix, AZ.) Maricopa County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested a 33 year old Queen Creek man on a warrant for probation violation/assault and charged him with one count of felony animal cruelty charges late last night. He was booked into Fourth Avenue Jail.

The arrest of William White, DOB 8/5/74, came two days after deputies went to White's residence at 19701 East Canary Road and found the dog scavenging for food in a neighbor's yard.

The dog, an Irish Wolfhound, was severely malnourished (photos attached) and infested with ticks. The dog was so thin, the hip bone pushed through the skin causing an open wound.

This breed should weigh between 120 and 140 pounds. This dog weighed in at only 32 pounds.

The Sheriff's animal cruelty investigators took the dog to a contracted vet clinic in Phoenix for treatment where it remains today in guarded condition.

"My policy is to book directly into jail those arrested animal abuse, regardless of whoever the suspect might be," says Sheriff Arpaio. "I will continue to crackdown on people who abuse animal."

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