

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

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SHERIFF INVESTIGATES WEST VALLEY ANIMAL ABUSE

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's Animal Cruelty Unit arrested 30-year-old Buckeye resident, Ernest Wilson, and booked him into the 4th Avenue Jail on two counts of Animal Neglect – Failure to Provide Medical Attention & Failure to Provide Shelter.

The arrest of Wilson by Sheriff's Animal Abuse Investigators came after a tip on the Sheriff's Animal Abuse Hotline (602.876.1681) lead deputies to Kane, a black and tan Rottweiler dog chained to a tree at 816 Jackson Street, Buckeye, Arizona.

The bare tree offered no shelter from the inclement weather, because it had no foliage. Kane was covered in mud, and was in extreme, poor physical condition. Investigators found his ribs, spine, and hips were predominant, likely due to a lack of nutrition and care.

Ernest Wilson agreed to surrender the canine to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

Kane was taken immediately to a veterinarian for a physical examination. Unfortunately, because of his poor physical condition, Kane was humanely euthanized by the attending veterinarian.



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