

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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GRUESOME ANIMAL CRUELTY CASE NETS ARREST

(Phoenix, AZ) A Mesa man who tried feeding a six week old kitten to a python snake and then drop kicked it to death, was arrested yesterday by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office for animal cruelty.

Twenty-eight year old Jeremy Tuffly (DOB 10-26-1980) was arrested at his residence located at 6000 block of East Princess Drive in Mesa and booked into the 4th Avenue Jail on one count of animal cruelty, a class six felony.

The arrest came after Sheriff's deputies received a DVD from an unnamed source familiar with the incident which depicted Tuffly throwing the kitten at the python snake in an attempt to get the snake to attack it. After that failed, the video then shows Tuffly drop kicked the kitten across his front yard killing it.

Sheriff Arpaio says, "This is a disgusting act of violence towards a defenseless animal and I have zero tolerance of this type of cruelty."

The Sheriff's Office will make copies of the video available to the media upon request however; please know that the video contains very graphic images, and media should be judicious about what is shown to the public.

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