

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
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News Brief

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**Maricopa County Sheriff's detectives arrest Anthem Doctor on
child molestation charges**

(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff's detectives today arrested Dr. Don Underwood, NMD, Lac. Underwood, who is a naturopathic doctor and licensed acupuncturist in Anthem, was arrested and booked on seven counts of child molestation and three counts of sexual conduct with a minor, both class two felonies.

Detectives received information from the mother of a nine year old boy who had disclosed to her that he and the doctor played a "tickling game" while they were naked at Underwood's residence located at the 42000 block of North Vision Way, in Anthem. The boy's mother, who is also the complainant, claims to be an ex-employee of Underwood.

During two separate interviews by Sheriff's detectives from the Special Victim's Unit, the nine year old provided very descriptive and graphic information implicating Underwood in several felony child molestation charges.

Underwood admitted to deputies during an interview today that he did, in fact, molest the boy.

Detectives suspect that there may be more victims and encourage the public to call the Sheriff's Office if they have any further information in this case.

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