

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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OBAMA FANATIC THREATENS TO KILL SHERIFF ARPAIO - DEPUTIES ARREST SUSPECT IN TENNESSEE

Suspect May Have Been Incensed by Arpaio's Ongoing Investigation into Legitimacy of Obama's Birth Certificate

(Phoenix, AZ) Deputies in Knoxville, Tennessee working with Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies today served a search warrant and seized computer and other evidence from the home of Adam Eugene Cox, 33, after an investigation into an internet death threat against Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio came to light in October, 2011.

Cox was arrested today and taken into custody on an unrelated warrant for assault and is being investigated as the prime suspect in the Arpaio death threat investigation.

In that threat, Cox stated Sheriff Joe Arpaio and his family would be killed.

His postings read in part: *I plan to kill Arpaio first. He will be filled with a thousand bullet holes before the year is out. I promise you this. He won't f**k with Obama. He will be buried 10 feet under and his whole family will be murdered along with him.*

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The suspect's postings indicate he is an avid supporter of President Barack Obama and that Arpaio's ongoing investigation into the legitimacy of Obama's birth certificate may be behind the threat to kill the Sheriff. The suspect's mother confirms her son is a fanatical supporter of Obama. According to Knox County Sheriff's deputies, Cox has a history of assault.

Arpaio's investigation into the Obama birth certificate question has received a fair amount of press coverage since the investigation began late last year. The case is being handled by the Sheriff's volunteer cold case posse, made up of retired police detectives and lawyers, and at no expense to the taxpayer. Their initial findings are expected to be announced within 30 days, Arpaio says.

Arpaio says, "I will not be intimidated against pursuing this investigation into Obama's eligibility to serve as the President of the United States."

The arrest of Cox is one of numerous death threats made against Arpaio including several different Mexican drug cartels which have threatened the Sheriff's life and placed a contract nearing \$4 million dollars for his execution. Today's arrest, however, is the first death threat involving the Obama investigation.

"Every threat will be taken seriously, and the Sheriff knows that his position often attracts threats but he draws the line when his family is threatened," says Deputy Chief David Trombi whose detectives have overseen the threat investigations against Arpaio.

This particular threat took deputies from Arizona to California where search warrants were served on Google headquarters to Knoxville, Tennessee. At Google, deputies served a separate search warrant involving a different threat against Arpaio related to the recent shooting death of Maricopa County Sheriff's deputy William Coleman.
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