

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



### AUGUST IS CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

***MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COLLECTS MILLIONS OF  
DOLLARS  
AND JAIL OFFENDERS...***

**Deadbeat Dad with at least Two Families Arrested Today,  
Sheriff Calls him "PosterBoy" of this Very Problem**

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(Phoenix, AZ) As Child Awareness Month in Arizona nears an end, Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio says his deputies and officers have collected over \$1.3 million in back child support payments so far this year from the men and women they have arrested for violating court orders to pay back child support.

In addition this year, deputies have arrested 201 men and women (including today's arrest) on child support warrants as part of the Sheriff's ongoing effort to help families get the money they need from parents or guardians who ignore their court ordered financial responsibilities.

One of those arrested was taken into custody by Sheriff's deputies on Monday, August 15, 2011 inside his Gilbert, AZ apartment. Barry Boyd, 53, has warrants out for failure to pay child support for at least two families and deputies are researching whether there is yet another family in Northern Arizona for which he also has warrants.

"Today's arrest of Barry Boyd is a perfect example of a deadbeat parent who goes the extra mile to avoid child support. His friends tell us he avoids finding work that pays well, instead choosing to marry women of means in order to be

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**financially supported, and even had plans to abscond to Texas to avoid prosecution. Fortunately we got to him immediately and before he could leave the state, thanks to information that came to us just this morning,” Arpaio says.**

**Arpaio, who has conducted deadbeat parent round ups at least once or twice a year since 2002 and usually to coincide with Mother’s Day, Father’s Day or Valentine’s Day, says his organization places a huge emphasis on the problem of child support and deadbeats.**

**“A parent’s failure to obey court ordered restitution to his or her family is inexcusable,” Arpaio says.**

**The Sheriff says he places a heavy emphasis on child support warrants because single parents and their children are already at such a disadvantage financially without the additional assistance of a second parent’s income.**

**“You bring a child into the world; you have a duty to take care of it first and foremost. To shirk that responsibility causes an untold number of problems for not only the family but society as a whole,” says Arpaio.**

**Arpaio’s deputies and volunteer posse members have conducted a total of 10 deadbeat parent round ups, arrested 1739 child support violators, and returned \$14 million dollars to Maricopa County families as a result of these roundups. The next one, Arpaio says, is slated for sometime later this year.**

**In a separate effort to help families, Arpaio also has his detention officers work with officials from the Department of Economic Security to name check every incoming inmate against D.E.S. records to determine whether the arrestee owes any back child support.**

**If a name appears on both lists, the arrestee’s bank account is flagged for a lien payment to the courts.**

**That program has collected just short of \$400,000 for county families since it began in 2007.**

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