

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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### **SHERIFF JOE ARPAIO ASKS CRAIG'S LIST CEO TO RE-EXAMINE SECURITY POLICIES**

*Sheriff's Office used popular website to nab bestiality suspects*

(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio sent a letter today to Craig's List CEO Jim Buckmaster warning him that his popular website provides a "mechanism" to facilitate criminal activity.

Last month Sheriff's detectives arrested two men, one an elementary school teacher and the other a handyman, on charges of conspiracy to commit bestiality. The under cover investigation was launched after detectives became aware of the fact that individuals were using Craig's List to engage in illegal sex acts with animals.

Sheriff's detectives set up meetings through computer communications where the suspects believed they were meeting the owners of dogs to have sex with the animals at a hotel.

Sheriff Arpaio says, "I would hope that Mr. Buckmaster takes my advice seriously and looks into our concerns. I think it is sad that people would utilize technology to take advantage of animals like this."

Although bestiality may not be illegal in other states, Arpaio was instrumental in making this offense a crime in Arizona in 2006 after his deputies arrested a Deputy Fire Chief for attempting to fornicate with a sheep.

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