

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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### **DMX: On the Lam Again** **Sheriff offers \$5000 reward for information** **leading to his whereabouts**

(Phoenix, AZ.) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio says that rap star DMX (Earl Simmons) is on the lam again. A bench warrant for his arrest was officially issued today, December 8, 2008 for failure to appear in court.

Arpaio, frustrated by the rapper's elusiveness, is now offering a \$5000 reward for information leading to the capture and arrest of the rap singer.

"This guy is a major annoyance to the criminal justice system," Arpaio says. "But we will track him down and he will face a different kind of music - in a court of law."

Simmons is no stranger to law enforcement, especially the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. He has been arrested on five different occasions by Sheriff's deputies for animal abuse, felony drug possession and defrauding the Mayo Clinic of \$7500 in hospital services and criminal traffic violations.

"Either Simmons has no respect for the courts or the courts are not taking his crimes as seriously as they should," Arpaio says.

Simmons, the so-called "king of hardcore rap" allegedly told attorneys that he will not do any time in Sheriff Arpaio's jails, preferring prison instead. Once apprehended, however, the rapper will have to do some time in jail, at least until he assembles a \$120,000 cash bond. Information suggests DMX is currently in Florida. Deputies have travelled there once already, at taxpayer expense, to extradite the singer.

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