

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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Parents Cited for their Childs Crimes in Fountain Hills

(Phoenix, AZ) After appearing before a Fountain Hills town meeting where 200 concerned citizens gathered to discuss a recent slew of racially divisive graffiti, Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio made two announcements: the arrests of three suspects in the crimes and he also promised that the suspect's parents would be held responsible for their children's actions.

Arpaio made good on his word as his detectives cited the parents of the two minors arrested for the racially provocative crimes committed in Fountain Hills two weeks ago.

Susan Jensen and Jan Gorman were both cited by Sheriff's detectives for one misdemeanor count of defacing public property, the same charge both juveniles now face.

The charge is a Fountain Hills town code enacted by the town council several years ago. The parents of both children now face fines and/or penalties ranging from \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 dollars and/or community service.

The fines stem from a September 9, 2009 incident in which Ryan Jensen and Kevin Gorman, both juveniles were arrested for defacing public property by writing racially inciteful graffiti on property and vehicles in Fountain Hills.

Arpaio says, "There's a lesson in here for all us – parents and children. Disparaging others because of their race, religion or sexual preference is not appropriate behavior."

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