

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Joe Arpaio, Sheriff
News Brief

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**SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATES HATE CRIME
NEAR LITCHFIELD PARK**

(Phoenix, AZ) The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office is investigating a hate related burglary of a home near the community of Litchfield Park. Yesterday afternoon, a 25-year-old mother returned to her home in the 12500 West block of Windsor Blvd. to find it burglarized.

The burglary being bad enough was only compounded by the racial slurs and epithets written on the interior walls of the home. The suspect(s) graffiti was directed at African Americans and detailed the suspects hate toward them. The victim is an African American and has lived in the home for several years, without incident.

The hate words were written all in nearly every room, including her young child's bedroom. The graffiti included a swastika drawn next to the derogatory racial epithets and sexual terms.

The only information obtained from neighbors is regarding a primer gray Honda car parked in front of the victim's home the day prior.

"Hate crimes simply cannot be tolerated in our community," says Sheriff Joe Arpaio. "It is critical that anyone with information come forward to speak with my detectives."

The Sheriff asks that anyone with information on this crime call 602.876.1011.

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