

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



Date: September 25, 2009

### **HIGH SCHOOL COMPUTER TEACHER FOUND WITH PORNOGRAPHIC IMAGES OF CHILDREN ON HIS PERSONAL COMPUTER**

#### *Maricopa County Sheriff's Deputies Arrest 36 Year Old Alfonso Padilla*

(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies last night arrested 36 year old high school teacher Alfonso Padilla (dob 05/21/1973) on probable cause of ten counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, a class two felony.

The arrest was made at Coolidge High School located at 800 West Northern Avenue in Coolidge, Arizona where Molina is currently employed as a high school computer teacher.

Deputies received Padilla's computer from a concerned source that advised deputies that he discovered some very disturbing images on the computer that warranted their attention.

Upon the execution of a search warrant of the computer, deputies confirmed that there were over 50 sexually graphic images of children under the age of 13.

During an interview with deputies, Padilla admitted that he had been previously terminated from Higley High School approximately three years ago for inappropriate conduct with a minor through the use of a computer.

Sheriff Arpaio stated that he is very concerned about the fact that these types of people keep falling through the cracks and ending up as teachers within our local school system. The Sheriff added that parents need to pay very close attention to what their children are doing on computers and social networking sites.

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Alfonso Padilla is being held in the county jail on a \$63,000 bond.



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