

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

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**Arpaio Says Holiday/Religious Music
To Play in All Jails**

(Phoenix, AZ) To celebrate the holiday season, traditional (and not so traditional) Christmas music and holiday hymns will fill the halls and cells of all five Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's jails and Tent City beginning Wednesday, December 17, 2008.

From 6AM until 6PM in the evening, the Sheriff has ordered that inmates be allowed to listen to favorite Christmas tunes sung by numerous performers and played over the jails closed circuit system.

The music should lighten up the jailhouse environment this Christmas season not only for the almost 10,000 inmates housed here but also for the many officers and deputies who work in the jails during the holidays, he says.

Sensitive to the fact that inmates are members of various faiths, holiday music ranging from Arabic and Jewish songs to Christian songs sung in Spanish will be played.

Arpaio personally picked some of the music from Alvin and Chipmunks Christmas Album to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Sings holiday hymns and other holiday favorites from Bing Crosby to Doctor Demento.

"People everywhere deserve a little Christmas cheer," Arpaio says. "Especially those incarcerated during the holiday season."

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