

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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### **HORSE TRAINER/ SEXUAL ASSAULT SUSPECT RE-ARRESTED WHILE ON COURT-ORDERED ELECTRONIC MONITORING**

#### *More Victims Come Forward*

(Phoenix, AZ) 63 year old horse trainer Ralph Carr was arrested again this morning by Sheriff's detectives after a judge released him last week without bond and ordered that he be placed on electronic monitoring. Three more victims, one adult and two children, have come forward prompting today's arrest increasing the total number of victims to five. Carr is now being charged with two more counts of sexual abuse, one count of attempted sexual abuse, and one count of aggravated assault.

"I hope that the judge decides to keep this guy in jail on bond to give my detectives an opportunity to pursue more leads in this case. We believed last week that there may be more victims and were hoping Carr would remain in custody while they could explore those possibilities. It turns out we were right." Sheriff Arpaio says.

Carr was initially arrested on August 11<sup>th</sup> and charged with six counts of sexual abuse after Sheriff's detectives received information from the parents of a 13 year old girl. The girl alleged that Carr had inappropriately touched her both over and under her clothes during horse riding lessons. The investigation led detectives to another 12 year old girl with surprisingly similar allegations.

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Detectives are learning from victims that Carr may have been fondling children after their riding lessons in the horse stable or equipment sheds where victims were out of site of their parents. Carr admitted that he has trained between 30 and 40 people over the past five years at the Moon Reach Ranch in Peoria.

Sheriff's Detectives are encouraging additional victims or anyone with more information to contact the Sheriff's Office Special Victim's Unit at 602-876-3858.



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