

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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DMX Locked Down for Threatening Detention Officers (Earl Simmons placed on bread and water)

(Phoenix, AZ) Last night Earl Simmons, aka DMX, was removed from the Tent City Jail and placed into lockdown status for threatening to assault Sheriff's Detention Officers.

"DMX will be treated like any other prisoner in my jail and I will not tolerate him threatening my staff," says Sheriff Joe Arpaio. The Sheriff ordered that Simmons be placed on a special diet that is a form of bread and water.

Simmons refused to report for work when called upon by detention officers and became verbally abusive stating that "I already have a job and don't need this (expletive)."

Later that same day, Simmons failed to report for his medication and then told detention officers that he might assault somebody to get some respect. When spoken to by a detention officer supervisor, Simmons continued to use vulgar language and stated that the officers should expect to be spoken to in that manner.

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