

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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### Sheriff's Detectives Arrest Murder Suspect In Cave Creek Homicide

(Phoenix, AZ) Late Monday night, Maricopa County Sheriff's detectives went to the Cave Creek home of Justin Wade Lunsford, 26, and arrested him in the first degree murder of Mary Elisabeth Polgar.

Polgar, who was 29, was brutally murdered in her home in Cave Creek on Tuesday, July 8, 2008. Her murder was discovered after neighbors called in a house fire at her address, 5563 East Seven Palms Lane in Cave Creek.

Sheriff's detectives found her body in an unburned portion of the home. She suffered extensive knife wounds, according to homicide detectives.

The investigation indicates that Polgar she was last seen alive on Monday night, July 7, leaving a local Cave Creek bar with Lunsford. On Tuesday, her burned vehicle was found in the vicinity of her home. Following that discovery, the Sheriff's Office responded to the house fire around 8PM on Tuesday.

Motive for the murder is still under investigation.

Arpaio says, "Our investigation indicates that the victim just met the suspect hours before. The murder serves as a reminder to everyone to be careful who you leave a bar with."

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