

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

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Maricopa County Sheriff's Sergeant Arrested for Theft

(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff's Office detectives today arrested a detention officer Sergeant for felony theft.

31 year old Sgt. Jason Vance admitted to detectives during an investigation that while on duty on Monday evening, he stole over \$7,000 in cash from a safe located inside the Lower Buckeye Jail.

According to investigators, jail supervisors detected a large sum of money was missing from the safe while they were conducting a routine cash count at the end of each shift.

Surveillance video from inside the jail led detectives to determine that Vance was the chief suspect in the theft. Later, in the investigation interview, Sergeant Vance openly confessed to the crime. Detectives stated that Vance was clearly aware he was in view of surveillance cameras and attempted to conceal his actions.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio says, "It is a very sad situation to have to arrest one of my own officers but this is a clear act of a crime and he must be held accountable."

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office is currently in the process of researching new technology that will allow jail personnel to bypass the handling of any cash brought in by inmates or deposited by their families while they are in custody.