

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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### **SURPRISE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER ARRESTED BY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES FOR SEXUAL ABUSE**

(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff's detectives today arrested and booked a 39 year old Surprise high school teacher, Marcos Cantu, on one count of Sexual Abuse, a class three felony. Cantu allegedly sexually abused his 13 year old niece.

Cantu was taken into custody this afternoon by Sheriff's deputies at Valley Vista High School located at 15550 N. Parkview Place in Surprise where he currently is employed.

Detectives received information that Cantu fondled the victim's breast over her clothing while he was driving her home from school. The 13 year old victim, who is a student at a nearby elementary school, reported that the act occurred after an inappropriate sexual discussion between Cantu and the victim.

According to information received, Cantu has been a math teacher and a wrestling coach at Valley Vista High School for the past four years. Prior to teaching at Valley Vista High School, Cantu also taught at Peoria and Sunrise Mountain High Schools located in the City of Peoria.

Detectives do not have any information indicating that there may be more victims in this case but encourage the public if there is additional information to contact the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office at:

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