

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



Sheriff's Deputies Arrest Phoenix Man for Threatening to Kill Arpaio

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(Phoenix, AZ.) Maricopa County Sheriff's Deputies today arrested a 36 year old Phoenix Man for repeatedly threatening to kill Sheriff Joe Arpaio. The man made those threats to 911 emergency call center operators and separately to Phoenix police officers.

Raul Rentiera Rivera, of 1823 North 40 Street, Phoenix called the 9-1-1 emergency call center twice last Friday, July 27, 2011 saying "My name is Raul and I'm going to kill your racist f*#king Sheriff because he is a racist."

Then over the weekend, when he was arrested by Phoenix police for aggravated DUI and resisting arrest on Sunday July 31, 2001, Rivera reiterated his threat to kill Joe Arpaio to Phoenix police officers.

Lt. Justin Griffin, Public Information Officer, says "Sheriff Arpaio knows these threats are part of doing business. In the future we are going to elaborate on other threats and corruption emanating from foreign countries."

Rivera was booked into 4th Avenue Jail and faces two counts of threatening and intimidating the Sheriff in addition to the DUI/resisting arrest charges. Threatening and intimidating are class one misdemeanors.

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