

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



News Release:

ARREST MADE IN THANKSGIVING DAY BOMB HOAX

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(Maricopa County, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff's Deputies have arrested 39 year old Joseph Granillo P824263 in connection with the Thanksgiving Day bomb scare at Walmart in Cave Creek. Granillo, an employee of Walmart, was arrested early this morning without incident and is facing two felony charges.

On Thanksgiving Day deputies were called to the Walmart store located at 34399 North Cave Creek Rd. around 4:30pm after a store manager noticed what appeared to be an explosive device in the employee break room. The store manager evacuated 20 employees and 20 customers due to this serious threat. The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office bomb squad was called in to safely remove the device from the building and the store was reopened several hours later.

Sheriff Arpaio says, "I take all these incidents very serious and that is why I have again this year activated my Mall Posse to keep shoppers safe this holiday season."

Granillo is charged with 1 count of knowingly giving false impression, a class 4 felony and 1 count of misconduct of a simulated explosive, a class 5 felony. Granillo is being held at the Maricopa County Jail on \$27,000 bond.

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