

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



### **ZERO TOLERANCE ON CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE... SALVADOR REZA CONVICTION JUSTIFIED, ARPAIO SAYS**

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(Phoenix, AZ.) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio said today he was confident from the start that the courts would find activist Salvador Reza and others guilty today of civil disobedience.

Arpaio said the actions of Reza and his companions July 29, 2010 during the SB1070 immigration law protests were completely willful. Participants like Reza knowingly and willfully broke the law by creating a human chain to prevent officers from entering the downtown jail.

“I am pleased with the court’s decision to convict 12 people, including activists Salvador Reza and the Reverend Peter Morales, for “Failure to Comply with Police Officer” as they relate to the protests against SB1070.

These activists willfully disregarded the law causing a severe disruption to the Sheriff’s Office jail operations and crime suppression operations by creating a human chain to block entrance into the downtown jail. The Sheriff’s Office will not tolerate acts of civil disobedience and other violations of law.

These types of arrests were justified and when they occur again,

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**participants will be arrested and booked into jail,” Arpaio said.**

**Reza is a long-time critic of Sheriff Arpaio’s stance on fighting illegal immigration. Reza shows his discontent by routinely showing up at every crime sweep conducted by the Sheriff’s Office and has been a key organizer of several major protests against Arpaio along with some of his political allies. Reza has even gone to Washington DC along with some elected officials to plea with the President and U.S. Justice Dept. to investigate Arpaio regarding alleged civil rights violations.**

**“He’s a typical activist who wants law enforcement to enforce only the laws of this country that he agrees with and unfortunately for Mr. Reza, that’s not how things are done,” says Arpaio.**

**Reza and others found guilty today, including Peter Morales, a reverend from the Boston based Unitarian Universalist Association, could face jail and/or fines or probation. Sentencing is slated for later this month. END**

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