

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

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ARPAIO CALLED TO JURY DUTY

Some people dread the notice in the mail calling them to report to jury duty. They will call their friends or ask their coworkers what to say to the judge to guarantee getting them out of serving on a jury. They often complain it's too much time, or too much trouble.

But not Sheriff Joe Arpaio. He was thrilled to receive the call to civic duty earlier this month. On Thursday, December 20, 2007 he will sit with dozens of other citizens in the court at 111 South 3rd Avenue, as he waits for his name to be called and a judge to begin questioning his worthiness as a jury member.

"I have no excuses prepared to get out of serving," Arpaio says. "In fact, I'd love to serve but I seriously doubt that anyone would want me on a jury in this county. Any criminal defense attorney would probably figure I'm little too hard nosed to be considered impartial."