

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

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News from the Sheriff's Office:

Early this morning Maricopa County Sheriff's Special Victims detectives arrested 39-year-old, James Edward Smith (DOB 09/13/1968). Smith was booked into the Fourth Avenue Jail on two counts of sexual assault and one count of kidnapping; all counts are class two felonies.

The adult female victim told deputies that Smith had beaten, choked, sexually assaulted, and held her against her will in his East Mesa residence. The victim reported that Smith forced sex upon her and when she resisted, he beat her. Once the victim was finally able to leave, she notified the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

While investigating, detectives obtained information which resulted in a search warrant of the crime scene. Evidence was collected and prohibited weapons were found. Smith has a violent criminal history for which he served time in prison.

Smith is currently being held in the Fourth Avenue Jail with no bond.

