

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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RAPPER DMX TO SERVE 90 DAYS IN TENT CITY

(Phoenix, AZ.) Rap star DMX (AKA Earl Simmons) was sentenced moments ago to three full months in county jail after pleading guilty to three felony counts and a misdemeanor stemming from numerous arrests made by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office since May 2007. This marks the first time the rap star has been convicted of a felony charge.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio has ordered that DMX be moved into Tent City, which houses up to 2000 inmates. He will be moved there by 3 PM today.

"This guy has been in our custody for several weeks and has had problems with other inmates," Arpaio says. "Despite that, he's going to do his time in Tent City and be treated like every other inmate. He'll wear pink underwear, a black and white striped uniform, eat the 20 cent meals, won't be able to smoke or drink coffee, watch movies or much TV and if he violates policy, he may end up on a chain gang."

Arpaio says DMX is lucky it isn't summer when the temperature inside the tents can get as high as 140 degrees but the Sheriff admits that nights in tents this year have been brutally cold.

Simmons was arrested on five different occasions by Sheriff's deputies for animal abuse, drug possession and defrauding the Mayo Clinic of about \$7500.00 worth of medical services.

Deputies confiscated a number of the rap singer's pit bull mix dogs which currently are being cared for by female inmates inside the Sheriff's air conditioned First Avenue Jail.

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