

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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### **SUPERVISOR DON STAPLEY ARRESTED BY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ON 93 NEW FELONY CHARGES**

(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies this morning arrested and booked Maricopa County Board of Supervisor member Don Stapley on probable cause of 93 new felonies and seven misdemeanors.

Supervisor Stapley was taken into custody in the downtown county parking garage at 9:30 a.m. today. He was arrested, appeared agitated and said to deputies, "You've got to be kidding me."

Stapley was booked into the downtown Fourth Avenue Jail for totally new allegations, unrelated to his previous indictment which is currently up on appeal.

Today's arrest stems from an eight month long investigation by Sheriff's deputies into Stapley's business and campaign accounts. Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio said this new investigation began as a result of information uncovered by his deputies earlier this year.

"Our investigation began in January of this year and concluded just days ago, on September 11<sup>th</sup>. After a brief supervisory review of the investigation, deputies were able to locate Stapley and arrest him," Arpaio said.

The 93 felony allegations against Stapley are all for fraudulent schemes involving his mortgage and loan businesses, campaign account fraud, tax return fraud and campaign fraud which allege Stapley used campaign funds to pay personal bills and pad personal accounts.

The Supervisor is currently in jail and is scheduled for arraignment this afternoon.

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