

**Maricopa County Sheriff's Office**  
**Joe Arpaio, Sheriff**



**Date: June 11, 2009**

**FAMOUS CHEF ASKED TO MAKE FIRST  
EVER ZERO COST INMATE MEAL AT  
LEAST PALATABLE**

**ARPAIO'S STAFF SERVES 5,000 POUNDS OF LIVER  
AND ONIONS TO INMATES IN CELEBRATION OF  
SHERIFF'S BIRTHDAY**

(Phoenix, AZ) What would you do if you were on the receiving end of a donation of 5,000 pounds of free beef liver?

If you are Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, you would thank the donator, call your favorite chef, and get him down to the jailhouse kitchen to advise staff on how in the world to make a tasty meal of the stuff for 9,500 incarcerated men and women.

If you're the famous Phoenix Chef Eddie Matney, you got that phone call and told the Sheriff you are definitely up for the challenge.

On Friday morning, Chef Eddie Matney and the Sheriff will be in the jailhouse kitchen as dozens of working inmates defrost, slice, flour, and grill 10,000 pieces of cow's liver while simultaneously caramelizing nearly 1,000 pounds of onions as they begin preparation for Sunday's meal. Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> is Sheriff Arpaio's birthday and liver with onions is his favorite meal.

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The liver was donated to the Sheriff by the University of Arizona's Agricultural Department, who years ago helped Arpaio with a donation of 50 free emus for another inmate meal.

The onions came free from a local Shriner's group.

Sunday's meal will mark the first time in the 17 years since Arpaio has been Sheriff that the 9,500 meals served to inmates will essentially be at a *zero cost*.

"I order a dinner of liver and onions whenever I find it on the menu," Arpaio says. "Generally it's an expensive meal. These inmates are getting it for free - I'd say they're pretty lucky."

The media is challenged by Matney and the Sheriff to join them Friday morning in a tasting of the Sunday meal and watch as inmates learn to prepare liver and onions the "Eddie Matney style."

The cooking will take place in the jailhouse kitchen located at 3150 West Lower Buckeye Road starting at 10AM on Friday, June 12, 2009. Please contact the on call media relations officers to access into the secured facility.

Enter the kitchen area off Lower Buckeye Road on the access road just east of the Lower Buckeye Jail. END

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