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## **Sheriff Arpaio Orders Mounted Posse to Assist in Search for Missing Dog from Gilbert Boarding Facility . . . Launches Helicopter to Aid in Ground Search**

### **Sheriff to Attend Saturday Vigil for Deceased Dogs**

(Maricopa County, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio says members of his mounted posse patrol unit are in the Gilbert area today aiding in the ground search of 'Valor', a nearly all gray German shepherd mix which may have escaped from the Green Acres dog boarding facility in Gilbert, AZ.

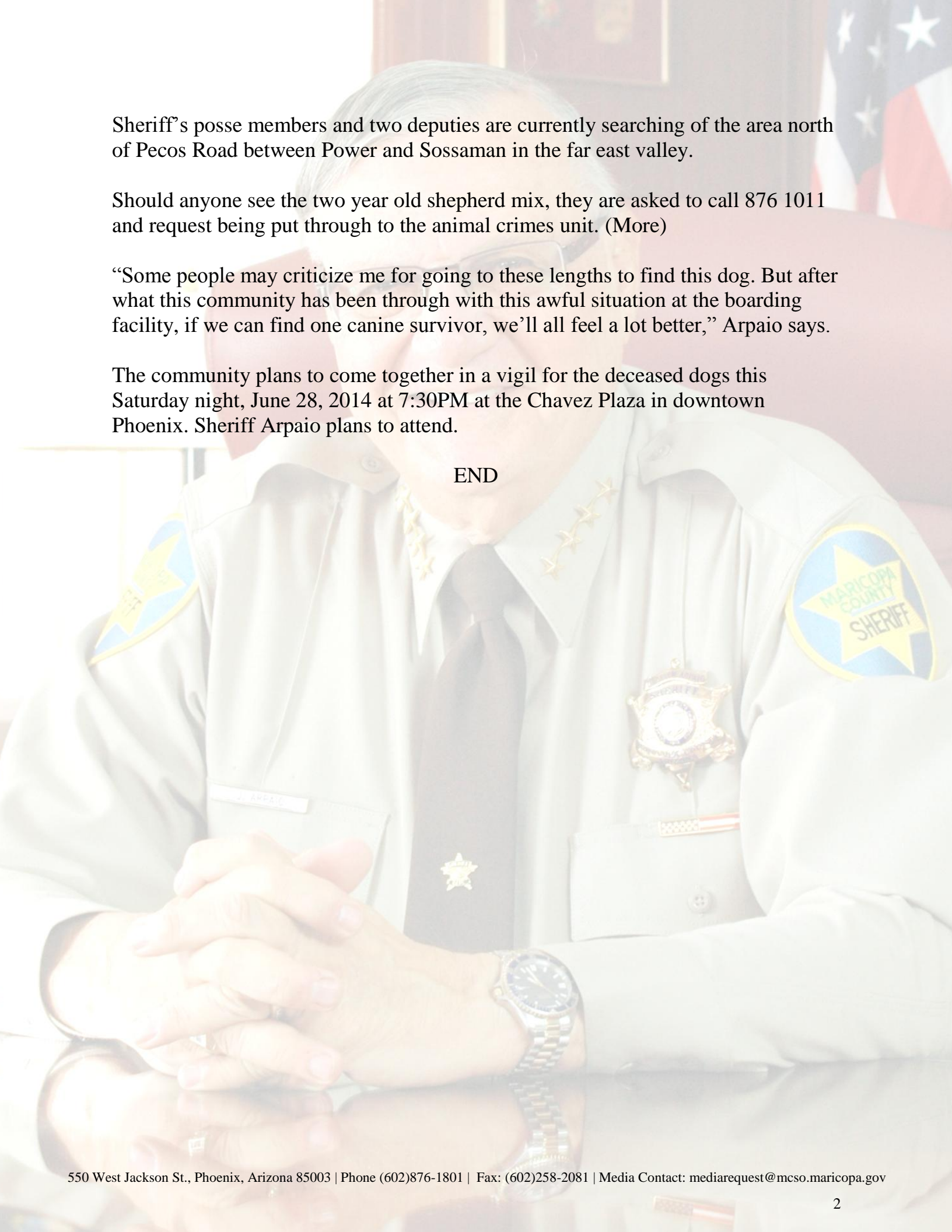
The Sheriff's helicopter, Fox 1, was also just launched around 12 noon to assist the ground search team, Arpaio says.

Green Acres, 15723 East Appleby Road, is the boarding facility currently under investigation by Sheriff Arpaio's animal crimes unit to determine if the owners or caretakers of the business have any culpability in the deaths of 20 dogs there on Friday of last week. Arpaio says he hopes to have the investigation completed soon.

The twenty dogs, of various breeds and sizes, were found dead early Friday morning. The owners/caretakers of the business claim an air conditioning unit broke down after a dog apparently chewed through the a/c wiring in a wall, causing the dogs to overheat and expire.

At least one dog was said to have possibly escaped from the property – Valor –but Sheriff's investigators have no real proof of that. Still Valor's owners, their friends and some area residents have been looking for him but so far to no avail.

Owners hired a scent tracking dog who pinpointed an area in the east valley. The Sheriff sent his posse and helicopter to search the area today. Three mounted

A photograph of Sheriff Joe Arpaio in his uniform, sitting at a desk with his hands clasped. He is wearing a light-colored shirt with a dark tie, a name tag that says "J. ARPAIO", and a badge. He has a watch on his left wrist and a ring on his right hand. The background shows an American flag and a wall with a seal.

Sheriff's posse members and two deputies are currently searching of the area north of Pecos Road between Power and Sossaman in the far east valley.

Should anyone see the two year old shepherd mix, they are asked to call 876 1011 and request being put through to the animal crimes unit. (More)

“Some people may criticize me for going to these lengths to find this dog. But after what this community has been through with this awful situation at the boarding facility, if we can find one canine survivor, we’ll all feel a lot better,” Arpaio says.

The community plans to come together in a vigil for the deceased dogs this Saturday night, June 28, 2014 at 7:30PM at the Chavez Plaza in downtown Phoenix. Sheriff Arpaio plans to attend.

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