

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



Date: July 29, 2010

SHERIFF'S JAILS AND DOWNTOWN HEADQUARTERS BRACE FOR CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

(Phoenix, AZ) As thousands of protestors and detractors converge on the downtown Phoenix on July 29th, the day that the new state immigration law known as SB1070 takes effect, Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's Office is braced for action and ready to arrest anyone who tries to disrupt the Sheriff's jail operations.

Intelligence from various law enforcement sources tell Sheriff's officials that protestors plan to conduct a large scale sit in at 9 a.m. on the streets which surround the Sheriff's downtown administrative offices. Several dozen people are expected to participate and organizers say that 25 people will commit acts of civil disobedience to force their arrest by law enforcement.

In addition, another protest of sorts is planned for the Sheriff's jails, which are mere blocks away from headquarters. The Fourth Avenue Jail, where all valley agencies bring arrestees for booking, is expected to see massive numbers of protestors there to hear a music concert called "Day of Non-Compliance-Jailhouse Rock" an event specifically designed to interrupt jail operations and bookings.

"Not going to happen," says Sheriff Joe Arpaio. "These irresponsible individuals plan to create so much congestion around the jail that we cannot accept prisoners will end up being prisoners themselves. My deputies will arrest them and put them in pink underwear. Count on it."

As a security measure inside the facility, Sheriff Arpaio cancelled public visitation on Thursday. Only legal visits will be permitted. About 1400 medium and maximum security inmates are housed at Fourth Avenue Jail. They will be on 24 lockdown beginning at 9am Thursday.

100 West Washington, Suite 1900, Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Phone: (602) 876-1801 Fax: (602) 258-2081

Media Contact: MediaRequest@MCSO.Maricopa.Gov

Also on Thursday, Sheriff Arpaio will conduct the 17th crime suppression/ illegal immigration operation and protestors are expected to disrupt the command center and operation. Extra security measures to protect Arpaio and staff have been implemented. This move was made even more necessary by information made known to the Sheriff today from federal investigators that Arpaio is again the target of a million dollar assassination contract by a Mexican drug cartel. END

100 West Washington, Suite 1900, Phoenix, Arizona 85003
Phone: (602) 876-1801 Fax: (602) 258-2081
Media Contact: MediaRequest@MCSO.Maricopa.Gov