

# MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*Memorandum*



Joseph M. Arpaio, Sheriff

**To:** Deputy Chief Trombi  
Patrol Resources Bureau

**From:** Deputy J. Brown S1643  
SAU

**Subject:** Traffic Violation

**Date:** May 14, 2008

**Time:** 2115 Hours

**Date:** 05/13/2008

**Incident:** Traffic Stop

**Subject:** Rebecca Marie Jimenez

**Narrative**

**INITIAL OBSERVATIONS:**

On 05/13/2008 at approximately 2115 hours, while conducting routine patrol in the Town of Guadalupe, I observed a burgundy four door passenger vehicle bearing the license plate of AZ AAD 4881 traveling northbound on Avenida del Yaqui, just south of Guadalupe road. I also noticed that the above mentioned vehicle only had one operable headlight.

Due to the fact that I was currently traveling southbound on Avenida del Yaqui, I turned my patrol vehicle around and situated myself behind the aforementioned vehicle (AZ AAD 4881) in order to conduct a traffic stop. The above mentioned vehicle (AZ AAD 4881) conducted a right hand turn on Avenida del Yaqui, onto Guadalupe road, while I drove behind.

I conducted a traffic stop on the prior mentioned vehicle (AZ AAD 4881) utilizing my emergency lights and sirens. The vehicle proceeded eastbound on Guadalupe road and pulled into the "Family Dollar" establishment's parking lot, located on the south side of Guadalupe road, just east of Avenida del Yaqui road.

**CONTACTS:**

As soon as the vehicle (AZ AAD 4881) came to a complete stop, the driver immediately exited the vehicle and proceeded to walk towards my patrol car which prompted me to immediately exit my vehicle. The driver of the above mentioned vehicle asked, "What did you pull me over for?". I responded, "I pulled you over because you only have one operating head light, the other head light is inoperable".

The driver of the vehicle, later identified as Rebecca Marie Jimenez (DOB 12/31/1971) asked, "Is there a town code or something that allows you to pull me over for only having one working headlight?". I replied, "Yes ma'am, there is actually an Arizona statute that allows me to conduct a traffic stop on vehicle's with only one operating headlight".

While still conversing at the back of her vehicle, Jimenez was able to produce her drivers license but stated that she forgot to put her proof of insurance and registration back inside of the vehicle. Jimenez explained that she was just picking the vehicle up and she knew that she did not have her proof in insurance or registration but had to drive he vehicle home somehow. Jimenez stated, "Well, if you have to give me a ticket, just give it to me, I'm just coming back from a town meeting". I asked Jimenez to please have a seat back inside of her vehicle.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

I conducted a registration check on the vehicle and was advised by dispatch that the vehicle was properly registered. I also conducted a standard license and warrant check on the driver of the vehicle and was advised by dispatch that the driver's license was valid and without warrants.

As I re approached the vehicle, Jimenez asked, "Are you going to give me a ticket for the broken headlight?" I answered, "Yes ma'am". Jimenez stated, "Well, I didn't think that Sheriff Joe was going to retaliate against me but I guess that I was wrong". Jimenez stated, "How do you like working for a Sheriff who racially profiles against people of color?" I continued to remain silent.

Jimenez stated, "You seem like a nice guy, you should go work for the Phoenix police department". As I began to explain the citation that I was about to give Jimenez, she stopped me and stated, "You already told me that you pulled me over for my headlight, I'll just have to go to Judge Melton and take care of it, I don' t need you to explain it". Jimenez also asked, "What is your name?", as she read my name tag which was situated on my uniform shirt pocket. I explained that my name is Deputy Brown, badge number S1643 and that my information will also be on the citation.

Jimenez stated, "Well, your name will probably be in the NewTimes and on the News." As I gave Jimenez the citation, attempting to explain the infractions and court date and time, Jimenez stopped me again and stated, "I'm not going to sign the citation, it is my right, I don't have to sign it". I acknowledged that she was correct and wrote "refused to sign" on the citation.

As I was completing the citation, Jimenez stated, "Can you please hurry up? My daughter has to pee and she is only six!" I replied, "Yes ma'am" and gave Jimenez her copy of the citation.

**DISPOSITION:**

Rebecca Marie Jimenez was cited for Registration not in the vehicle (28-2158C), No proof of financial responsibility (28-4135C) and Driving with only one headlight (28-924A).

Citation #A 747329

Nothing further from this Deputy