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Deputy Michael Canizales

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On June 9, 2009, Deputy Canizales was indicted on felony charges of Sexual Assault, Aggravated Assault and Kidnapping. On June 17, 2009, Deputy Canizales was placed on Administrative Suspension without Pay.

As required by Law Enforcement Merit System Rules, an employee may be Administratively Suspended for up to thirty (30) working days. For extensions beyond thirty (30) days, approval by the Law Enforcement Merit System Council is required.

Today, as required by Law Enforcement Merit System Rules, a motion for extension was requested. The motion was denied by the Law Enforcement Merit System Commission. Effective immediately, Deputy Canizales will be placed back on Administrative Leave with Pay, pending completion of the internal investigation.

Questions regarding the criminal investigation should be addressed to the Pima County Attorney's Office. Other inquiries may be directed to Deputy Dawn Barkman at 548-2530.

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