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Suburban Family Man-Turned Convicted Felon Exposes Horrors behind Corrupt Leaders

PHOENIX – Maricopa County, Arizona is a place where first-time DUI offenders can find themselves facing 30 years in prison, where parents can find themselves woken up in the middle of the night, their bedroom filled with armed men, their home invaded after the County Attorney suspects their child of viewing porn.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio and County Attorney Andrew Thomas of Maricopa County are the two most controversial lawmen in the United States. With Thomas accused of manufacturing violent criminals out of ordinary citizens and Arpaio under assault for human-rights violations, both of their departments are fraught with lawsuits and investigations of wrongdoing.

58-year-old husband, father, and CFO Daniel Horne is a victim of this corrupt system and he shares his experience in his new memoir, *Accidental Felons*.

Involved in a DUI automobile accident in 2005, Horne was charged with violent felonies that carry a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years, and a maximum of 30 years, in prison. For the first time, Horne tells the details of the accident and its result. In *Accidental Felons* he describes what caused the accident and his experience with Maricopa County justice. He tells why he pled guilty to becoming a violent felon even after he discovered how two common medical conditions were behind his unintentional intoxication and lapse of consciousness that night.

Having never been arrested, Horne was sentenced to three years of probation, and served one torturous year in Arizona's notorious outdoor jail, known as Tent City. In his book, Horne reveals for the first time his near-death experiences, his encounters with shameless jail employees, and his efforts to help others who were similarly victimized by the run-away system of justice in Maricopa County. He discovers that the physical and emotional trauma he encountered while in jail happen to residents on a regular basis. With his experience over, Horne now exposes this dangerous abuse of political power. He hopes to stop the human-rights abuses and bring justice back to the legal system in Maricopa County and throughout America.

“This isn't just about me. Most people aren't aware of the danger they face because these corrupt practices are hidden from the public,” says Horne. “Politicians who prey on people, disrupting and ruining lives in wholesale fashion to create a political resume, are a danger to all of us .”

Having had his health damaged and his career destroyed by his experience, Horne is currently self-employed. He lives in Maricopa County, AZ with his wife and two young children.

Accidental Felons by Daniel Horne (June 2009, ISBN: 978-0-9820634-0-8, \$16.95)

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