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This Just in from the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.....

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Earl Simmons (DOB 12/18/70), also known as the rap artist DMX, has been sentenced to 90 days in jail plus 18 months supervised probation after pleading guilty to three felonies and one misdemeanor in connection with three criminal cases.

On December 30, 2008 Simmons pled guilty to

- Theft, a class three felony
- Possession or use of Narcotic Drugs, a class four felony
- Possession or use of Marijuana, a class six felony
- Animal Cruelty, a class one misdemeanor

Simmons was sentenced on January 30, 2009 before Commissioner Phemonia Miller. Simmons is scheduled to be released from jail on April 30th, 2009. As part of his probation, Simmons is not permitted to own any animals or possess any firearms. He was also ordered to complete an animal offender treatment program. If he violates probation, Simmons could be sentenced to more than 10 years in prison.

Deputy County Attorney Tony Church prosecuted the case.

County Attorney Andrew Thomas stated, "After several run-ins with the law Mr. Simmons is finally being held accountable for his actions. We will continue to prosecute aggressively all cases involving cruelty to animals."

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