

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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Sheriff's Human Smuggling Deputies Arrest 14 More Illegal Aliens in the North Valley

(**Maricopa County, Arizona**) Maricopa County Sheriff's Deputies arrested 14 more illegal aliens during a traffic stop in the North Valley on Interstate 17 and Daisy Mountain Road. The arrests bring the total number of illegal aliens arrested to 112 since the Sheriff Office lost its federal authority to act as Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents, on October 15, 2009.

Deputies last night arrested eight of the 14 illegal aliens on state human smuggling charges, a class four felony. The remaining six were turned over to ICE without incident on suspicion of being in the country illegally.

Sheriff Arpaio stated that he will not back down on the enforcement of illegal immigration laws or be intimidated by politicians, activist groups, the Department of Homeland Security, or the U.S. Department of Justice.

The Sheriff's Office continues to be the only law enforcement agency to enforce all aspects of federal and state immigration laws, involving approximately 3500 Human Smuggling arrests.

Arpaio also stated that another crime suppression operation is imminent and his deputies and posse volunteers will be in full force. <END>

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