

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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### **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS NOT SLOWED SHERIFF'S ENFORCEMENT OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION LAWS**

*Deputies Arrest 26 More Illegal Aliens  
Totaling 98 Since Loss of Federal Authority*

(Maricopa County, Arizona) Maricopa County Sheriff's Deputies arrested 26 more illegal aliens during two separate traffic stops in North Phoenix and near Fountain Hills. The arrests bring the total number of illegal aliens arrested to 98 since the Sheriff's Office lost its federal authority to act as Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents less than three weeks ago.

Deputies last night arrested 18 of the 26 illegal aliens on state human smuggling charges, a class four felony. The remaining eight were turned over to ICE without incident on suspicion of being in the country illegally.

Sheriff Arpaio stated that the Federal government's move to take away over 100 deputies' authority to act as federal immigration agents has not deterred his office from enforcing illegal immigration laws.

The Sheriff's Office continues to be the only law enforcement agency to enforce all aspects of federal and state immigration laws.

Sheriff Arpaio stated that pressure from politicians, activist groups, the Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Department of Justice will not deter him and his office from continuing the enforcement of illegal immigration laws.

Arpaio also stated that a wide ranging crime suppression operation is imminent. END

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