

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



Sheriff's Office Stops 28 More Illegal Aliens Involved in Human Smuggling

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(Maricopa County, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio concludes an illegal immigration operation with the apprehension of 28 illegal aliens being smuggled through Maricopa County.

Human Smuggling Unit deputies took twelve illegal aliens into custody in the north valley as they attempted to leave Maricopa County. Sixteen illegal aliens were apprehended in a drop house in Gila Bend.

All of the illegal aliens informed deputies they were from Mexico and agreed to pay \$500 to \$2,000 for entry into the United States.

This operation ended with fourteen illegal aliens booked at the 4th Ave. Jail on serious class 4 felony human smuggling charges.

"I will continue to enforce illegal immigration laws." Arpaio says.

This year the Maricopa County Sheriff's Human Smuggling Unit has arrested over 2,500 illegal aliens involved in human smuggling and investigated over 50,000 in the jails and on the streets in the last three years.

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