

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Joe Arpaio, Sheriff
News Brief

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**Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Human Smuggling Unit
Arrests 29 more Illegal Aliens**

(Maricopa County) In recent days, The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Human Smuggling Unit arrested 29 more illegal aliens in the North Valley.

Detectives conducted three investigations leading to the discovery of the illegal aliens with vehicles that showed signs of human smuggling load vehicles. The illegal aliens agreed to pay between \$1,200 and \$3,500 for entry into the United States. Their destinations include New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Of the 29 arrested, 17 were booked for human smuggling. The rest of the suspects were turned over to the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Sheriff Arpaio says "Regardless of the recent changes in the President's immigration policy, I will continue to enforce State and Federal laws. And I will be conducting another crime suppression operation in the near future somewhere in the North East Valley or Phoenix."

Arpaio says, "Regardless of some elected officials and critics in Phoenix who do not support my crime suppression operations and arresting illegal aliens in the workplace, I will continue to crack down on these crimes on a continuous basis.