

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES RAID EAST VALLEY BUSINESS. 6 SUSPECTED ILLEGAL ALIENS ARRESTED FOR USING FALSE IDENTIFICATION.

“Crackdown continues regardless of SB1070 ruling,” Arpaio says.

(Maricopa County, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies served search warrants and raided the Monte Carlo Cleaners, a dry cleaning business located in Mesa at 425 N. Stapley Drive. Six suspected illegal aliens arrested on site for using false identification. Investigators are heading to an additional 5 residence for suspects who failed to show for work this morning, bringing the total of potential arrest to 11.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio states “Today's raid marks the 44th time deputies have investigated illegal aliens utilizing false identification in business establishments. As with the other investigations, this one started as a result of a tip to the Sheriff's Illegal Immigration Hotline.

In two weeks since the Sheriff launched Operation Desert Sky, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, utilizing a volunteer air posse as well as ground units, has had a total of 188 arrests, of which 151 are suspected illegal aliens involved in human smuggling activities. 3,000 lbs of marijuana has been seized during the operation.

“The recent 9th Circuit Appellate Courts ruling regarding SB1070 will not stop enforcement of illegal immigration laws,” Sheriff Joe Arpaio says. “In fact we continue to be the only law enforcement agency in the state enforcing all aspects of the human smuggling and employer sanctions laws.”

Thus far, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has arrested 2,500 illegal aliens involved in human smuggling. 493 were arrested on Employer Sanctions/Criminal Employment including 336 for ID Theft and Forgery.

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