

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



## **Maricopa County Sheriff's Deputies Seize Thousands of pounds of Marijuana and Arrested Several Illegal Aliens**

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(Maricopa County, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies last night arrested two more illegal aliens in Glendale following an investigation into drug smuggling and illegal aliens at a local residence. This arrest culminated from the weekend long operation in southern Maricopa County on the I-8 corridor and seizure of nearly 1000 pounds of marijuana at two residences, one in Avondale and one in Glendale.

Sheriff's Deputies arrested 2 more illegal aliens, Manuel Leon (DOB 05/22/1975) and Ricardo Adame (DOB 12/13/1982), and seized nearly 1000 pounds of marijuana in Glendale and Avondale. This investigation brings the total amount of marijuana confiscated over 4 days to more than 5-thousand pounds which appeared to be destined to the east coast is worth an estimated street value of nearly 7.5 million dollars and the arrest of 11 Illegal Aliens.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio says "It appears Drug trafficking and human smuggling has not slowed down in Maricopa County and continues to spread throughout the nation. Regardless of the recent public disapproval from local activists groups and some politicians for enforcing illegal immigrations laws, I will not be deterred. I should be commended by those activists for arresting illegal aliens trafficking drugs into this

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country.”

Sheriff Arpaio, former director of U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in Mexico, states he has plans to reduce the illegal aliens and drugs coming into the county by activating his Air Posse, Jeep Posse and Armed Posse to help deputies locate smugglers/illegal aliens operating in the desert of Maricopa County.

Sheriff Arpaio says “I also intend on making sure that all of my deputies and posse are well armed for their own safety to include the use of our .50 caliber machine gun.”

The Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office has already seized 27,000 pounds of marijuana so far this year, most of which has been funneled through the Vekol Valley, which has become a primary drug corridor.

The following are the names and booking numbers of those arrested by the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office:

Cruz Ramirez P821008	Felipe Trinidad P821009
Francisco Amparana P821014	Francisco Cuevas P820637
Jose Jimenez P821015	Juan Lopez P821013
Miguel Garcia P820635	Roberto Chaira P820638
Uriel Parra P820636	Manuel Leon P821735
Ricardo Adame P821731	

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