

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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SHERIFF'S FEDERALLY TRAINED DEPUTIES MAKE 40 MORE ARRESTS OVER FOUR HOUR PERIOD

(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff's federally trained deputies (under the 287g agreement) last night arrested 40 illegal aliens during a human smuggling saturation patrol in the North Valley over a four hour period. The arrests were made during four separate traffic stops near Anthem Way.

Sheriff Arpaio stated that his human smuggling deputies arrested 25 illegal aliens during the investigation on state felony human smuggling charges which is a class four felony.

Those arrested last night on state human smuggling charges admitted to paying between \$1,000 and \$5,000 for illegal entry into the United States from Mexico.

The remaining 15 illegal aliens arrested were processed by sheriff's deputies and turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Last night's arrests bring the total booked under state felony human smuggling charges by sheriff's deputies to 1,637 since the law was enacted.

Sheriff Arpaio commented on recent reports that claim the flow of illegal aliens has slowed down into the United States but every time his deputies have gone out they have had no problem making numerous arrests in short periods of time.

These same human smuggling deputies arrested four Chinese illegal aliens originating from Beijing less than a week ago at the exact same location. They also appeared to be using Mexican smugglers to gain illegal entry into the United States through Mexico.

Sheriff Arpaio stated that a decision has not yet been made on whether or not the controversial 287g contract will be renewed as the deadline for signing is rapidly approaching.

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