

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

News Brief for December 11, 2008:

**Another human smuggling load stopped
by Sheriff's Office**

**Nearly 80 Illegals Arrested Making Illegal entry into County in
the Last 30 Days**

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Human Smuggling Unit stopped another load vehicle late yesterday, this one with 12 people inside a Chevy Astro, including the coyote.

The stop was made on I-17 near Anthem Way after deputies spotted the vehicle travelling with a rear brake light out.

Human smuggling detectives interviewed the occupants and determined that each agreed to pay between \$700.00 and \$1500.00 for illegal entry into the U.S. The illegals were destined for California and Mississippi.

Of those found in the vehicle, four (4) were booked into jail on state smuggling and co-conspirator charges, a class four felony. The remaining were juveniles who were turned over to Immigration and Customs officials.

Sheriff Arpaio says the time for another crime suppression operation is drawing near. "We are readying deputies and the posse for a big upcoming operation," Arpaio says.

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