

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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### **SHERIFF PLANS TWO DAY CRIME SUPPRESSION CRACKDOWN**

*Targets All Criminal Violations Including Drugs, Illegal Immigration,  
and Human Smuggling*

(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio announced today that he will mobilize 200 deputies and volunteer posse members Thursday afternoon. The campaign marks the ninth crime suppression operation that has been carried out in cities throughout the Valley. The Sheriff's Office will be targeting all criminal violations including drugs, illegal immigration, and human smuggling. The operation will be conducted on Thursday and Friday, April 23rd and 24th.

Arpaio says, "I will continue these types of operations despite congressional hearings and local elected officials who have implied that this Sheriff is racist and have viciously compared my deputies to the South in the sixties. The U.S. Department of Justice, Al Sharpton, and open-border activists have misrepresented the facts about the Sheriff's Office enforcement of both state and federal immigration laws."

The west valley area from Buckeye to the western county border remains a critical area of all kinds of violent criminal activity. Sheriff's officials believe much of the activity including 13 homicides can be tied directly to illegal immigration.

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The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has reported that 21 drop houses have been investigated and taken off by deputies in this area. Traffic stops in this area have also netted 245 arrests on felony state human smuggling charges, and numerous drug seizures and saturation efforts.

Arpaio says, "I am concerned about the number of escapes that have occurred in this area during traffic stops involving illegal alien suspects placing deputies and other law enforcement officials at risk."

The Sheriff's crime suppression operations conducted in the past have also been successful at clearing large numbers of outstanding warrants.

The command post will be located at the Sheriff's Office District Two Substation, 920 East Van Buren in Avondale. The Sheriff will brief all operation participants at 5PM on Thursday from the command location.

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