

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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### Sheriff Kicks Off Aguila Crime Reduction Program

#### *Operation Nets Arrests of 26 Illegal Aliens*

(Aguila, AZ) Within the first 12-hour operational period of the Aguila crime reduction program, Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's officers, including his Illegal Immigration Interdiction unit, swarmed Aguila, Arizona and the surrounding area, resulting in the arrests of 29 suspects, including 26 illegal aliens under federal immigration law.

Already, ICE trained Sheriff's deputies have arrested 565 illegals under federal law.

Sheriff Arpaio promised an increased presence in the area after some Aguila residents complained about the lack of law enforcement, gaining national media attention. Arpaio developed strategies and then ordered his deputies to begin crime suppression efforts to address all violations of law occurring in the community, including violations of state and federal immigration law.

According to Arpaio, 134 individuals were contacted, a total of 15 traffic citations were issued in nearly 40 traffic stops, six adults received criminal citations, and 12 warrants were worked.

"As promised, my deputies began cracking down on crime," says the Sheriff. "I am sending a message to violators of the law. Anybody who breaks the law will be arrested."

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*The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office is and continues to be the only Arizona law enforcement agency arresting illegal aliens under all aspects of the state human smuggling law, and under federal immigration laws.*

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