

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ARREST 13 MORE ILLEGAL ALIENS ON STATE FELONY CHARGES TOTALING 61 IN LAST SEVEN DAYS

Arpaio To Continue to Arrest Illegal Aliens Regardless of Federal Interference

(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio today said his human smuggling deputies arrested 13 more illegal aliens late last night on state felony charges, which brings the total number to 61 illegal aliens arrested by his deputies in the last seven (7) days.

“Recent reports have come out saying the number of illegal aliens coming into Maricopa County are actually decreasing,” Arpaio says. “Yet almost every time my human smuggling deputies are on the streets, they catch load vehicles full of illegal aliens being smuggled in.”

Last night's stop was made for a speeding violation on I-17 near Anthem Way. Sheriff's deputies investigated and determined that each person found in the vehicle paid between \$1,500.00 and \$2,800.00 for illegal entry into the U.S.

Arpaio has been the recent target by local politicians and by federal authorities at the highest level in Washington D.C. They have been openly critical of his enforcement on illegal immigration. Arpaio's agreement to enforce federal immigration laws outlined by the 287G agreement with ICE (Immigrations and Customs Enforcement) is under threat of revocation should he not adhere to new, stricter federal guidelines outlining who can and cannot be arrested for breaking immigration laws.

“The law is the law,” Arpaio says. “As long as it's on the books, I'll enforce it.” END

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