

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



SHERIFF ARPAIO CONTINUES TO CRACKDOWN ON SUSPECTS USING FALSE ID'S

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(Chandler, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio says subsequent to an investigation involving serious crimes of ID theft, his deputies conducted the 56th employer sanction/identity theft operation this afternoon when they executed a search warrant involving 10 suspects using stolen identification, a felony, in a Chandler Restaurant.

A tip led to the investigation of the Si Senor Restaurant located at 600 N. Alma School Rd in Chandler. The restaurant was suspected of currently employing numerous suspects, all using false identifications. One of the suspects was using the identity of a Gilbert teenager who died in May of this year. Sheriff's Deputies arrested 5 suspects during the course of the operation.

Today's investigation was started when information received by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office stated the management was not only aware some of the employees were using false fictitious names, but may have also solicited the assistance of others to provide usable names and/or social security numbers. The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has been enforcing this law the past 3 years with the arrest of 557 suspects.

In the previous 55 employer sanctions/identity theft operations, 100% of all suspects found to be committing identity theft to gain employment were illegal aliens.

Arpaio says "illegal aliens are stealing identities of U.S. citizens to gain employment while causing problems for citizens who did nothing wrong. This will not be tolerated and we will continue to enforce the illegal immigration laws by continuing to raid private businesses, human smuggling and crime

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suppression operations.” Arpaio goes on to say “one of the benefits of these employer sanctions/identity theft operations is that they open up job opportunities for legal citizens.”

Sheriff Arpaio states illegal immigration and drug trafficking continues to be escalating as evidenced by the recent seizures of approximately 6 tons of marijuana and arrests of 13 illegal aliens. Over the past 30 days, deputies have arrested 50 illegal aliens who have crossed the border illegally. Two of the illegal aliens arrested have been previously deported 27 times.

The Maricopa County Sheriff’s office has investigated, arrested on the streets and in the jails over 51,000 illegal aliens.

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