

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

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Sheriff's Deputies Bust East Valley Drop House Operation After Arresting Illegals in Transit

Arpaio Praises Hot Line

This morning, while acting on a tip from the newly implemented illegal immigration hotline, Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's deputies who are assigned to detect human smuggling stopped a 2007 white Dodge Durango for a traffic violation in the Wickenburg area. The stop resulted in the in the arrests of nine more illegal aliens under the felony Arizona human smuggling law.

Through the investigation it was determined that the smuggler, Jose Manuel Flores Rubio, had left a residence at 1421 S. Bonarden Lane, Tempe, Arizona, late last night en route to Nevada with his human cargo. When stopped Flores told deputies that several more illegals were being held against their will at the Tempe home. Sheriff's deputies arrived and took eleven additional suspects into custody. Arpaio's deputies are in the process of serving a search warrant at the home.

Sheriff Arpaio praised the illegal immigration hotline for providing the intelligence information that disrupted the transportation and drop house operation.

All 21 suspects were booked into the 4th Avenue Jail on felony charges, including human smuggling and conspiracy to commit human smuggling.

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Spotlited in Several Upcoming National TV Shows

When it rains, it pours and right now the flood lights are on Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio and his Office.

Tomorrow, at 8PM Arizona time, Friday, September 7th is the debut of **Court TV's** new show "**America's Toughest Jail.**" Crews from the network spent several weeks here examining all aspects of the jail system, including Tent City, comparing it to other jails and prisons across the country.

According to Ray Haines, producer of the TV documentary, "The program is a comprehensive look at how much more difficult it is to run a large jail system than even a prison because there is little opportunity for officers to gain a real comfort level with such a transient and often violent population."

Also announced this week is the **FOX** two hour long pilot called "**Smile, You're Under Arrest,**" a reality show centering on the surprise arrests of a number of people with outstanding warrants. That program is slated for this November.

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Other programs featuring the office, its employees, the Sheriff and his policies include a 2008 documentary for the **Women's Entertainment Network** on the female chain gang called "Women in Chains." **National Geographic** plans a late 2007 release of "**Locked Down**" which will examine the unique aspects of the Maricopa County Jail system.

And after getting the networks highest ratings ever, **Britain's Bravo network** plans a return trip to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office for a second show called "**Brits Behind Bars,**" this time featuring 10 females on the brink of doing jail time in Britain. Will a tough jail break them of their criminal ways?

Over the past 15 years, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and Joe Arpaio have been featured in nearly 3500 national and international media stories and profiles.

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