

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



Sheriff Conducts 48th Employer Sanction/Illegal Immigration Operation 28 Arrested at Mesa Bread Manufacturer

(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio says after a 2 1/2 month investigation, his deputies conducted the 48th employer sanction/illegal immigration operation this morning when they executed a search warrant involving 31 suspects in a Mesa bread making factory.

A tip led to the investigation involving workers at the Alpine Valley Bread Company at 300 West Southern Avenue in Mesa. The company is one of 10 national manufacturer locations suspected of currently employing illegal aliens, all using false identifications, a class four felony. In the course of this operation two US citizens with warrants were also arrested and jailed.

Today's investigation is the second since the US Supreme Court's decision on May 26, 2011 upholding the rights of local law enforcement agencies to enforce state laws against employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens. The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has been enforcing this law the past 3 years with the arrests of 534. It is believed to be the only law enforcement agency in the state that is enforcing the employer sanctions laws. "I will not be deterred by lawsuits from activists and some politicians," Arpaio says.

Arpaio adds that while his deputies are enforcing the illegal immigration state laws, that could have caused the removal of approximately 1,000 illegal aliens in the work place, which could help the local economy, by opening up job opportunities that occupied by illegal immigrants to legitimate US citizens.

During investigations the Sheriff's Office has arrested numerous illegal aliens who have infiltrated city, county and federal agencies in the work place.

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