

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

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***Sheriff Joe Arpaio: Illegal Immigration Hotline Continues to Pay-Off***

(Phoenix, AZ) Yesterday, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Illegal Immigration Interdiction Unit (Triple I) acting on a Drop-House tip from Sheriff Arpaio's illegal immigration tip line (602.876.4154), arrested Antonio Tapia Ortiz.

Triple I deputies initiating the investigation arrested Tapia (DOB 9/16/72), an illegal alien, at 444 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Mesa, Arizona. No other suspects were located at the home. During the arrest, Sheriff's detectives seized one-pound of cocaine, a half-pound of a substance used to dilute methamphetamine, and a loaded pistol. Tapia also had an outstanding arrest warrant.

In the past weeks since the illegal immigration hot line was initiated over 80 illegal aliens have been arrested by Sheriff's deputies under state and federal immigration laws. Sheriff's deputies continue to achieve increasing success from information received from the tip line. The Sheriff expects tips to increase after placing 24 billboards, advertising the hot line, on Sheriff's transportation vehicles.

“Those elected officials and activists who criticized me and my Office, stating that it was a ‘throw back to the Third Reich,’ that the illegal immigration hot line would not be a success, and even portraying me as a member of the KKK, might be surprised by our achievements with the tip line,” says Sheriff Arpaio. “I wonder what they might say now.”