

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Joe Arpaio, Sheriff
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Immigration Hotline Tip Yields Arrests

(Phoenix, Arizona) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's Illegal Immigration Hotline is credited with four more arrests, as deputies investigate a tip on the Sheriff's Illegal Immigration Hotline (602.876.4145).

An investigation into the identity theft of an El Paso County, Colorado, Deputy Sheriff began after the crime had been reported to several other local law enforcement agencies, but produced no results. The Colorado lawman then called Arpaio's Immigration tip line regarding his identity being fraudulently used by the employee of a local Tempe business, Park West Landscaping (2166 East Cedar Street, Tempe, Arizona.)

Late yesterday, the Arpaio's Employer Sanctions Detectives served a search warrant at the uncooperative business and seized employment records; subsequently, suspect Romairo Martinez-Ramirez (DOB 07/01/79) was identified.

During a separate search warrant operation, suspect Martinez's residence in Phoenix, 2733 East Southgate, #102, was searched by detectives. At the residence, three other suspect illegal aliens were taken into custody for immigration violations.

Sheriff's detectives determined Martinez was already in county jail on an unrelated charge. Romairo Martinez-Ramirez will now face forgery and identity theft charges. (Photo attached)

"This is yet another example of a U.S. citizen falling victim to crimes associated with illegal immigration," says Sheriff Joe Arpaio. This is the eighth arrest related to the Sheriff's Office employers sanctions related investigations. According to the Sheriff his deputies will continue to investigate crimes involving illegal immigration in the work place.

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