

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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### **GUTSY MOVE BY ARPAIO UNDERSCORES MESSAGE TO VALLEY POLICE CHIEFS**

#### ***8 x 12 FOOT PHOTO ON DOWNTOWN JAIL ENTRANCE AIMS TO HIRE OFFICERS TO FIGHT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION***

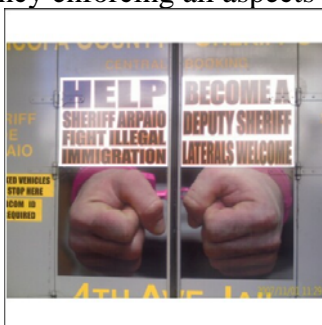
(Phoenix, AZ) Money, job positions and other resources dedicated by Sheriff Joe Arpaio specifically to fight against illegal immigration have caused him to think of unique ways to encourage valley police officers to become sheriff's deputies.

Today, Arpaio unveiled an 8 by 12 foot sign (attached) of hands bound with pink handcuffs adhered to the doors of the Fourth Avenue Jail, the Sheriff's main jail where officers from every local police department and even many from around the nation, come to book and transport arrestees.

According to Lisa Allen, Director of Public and Media Relations, "It's the Sheriff's gutsiest and most 'in your face' move to date to sway valley police officers to transfer to the Sheriff's Office."

The sign is already garnering looks of either amusement or disdain by onlookers. But Arpaio says he doesn't care about public reaction. His hope is the sign will clearly get its intended message across to the 200 to 250 valley officers who enter the jail doors each day as they bring in and average of 300 prisoners daily.

"We've already had a record number of lateral transfers from several local police agencies," Arpaio says. "I think they are coming here because they believe in what we are doing. We are the only Arizona law enforcement agency enforcing all aspects of the Arizona human smuggling laws."



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