

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



### Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Arrests another Illegal Alien From Jamaica in Latest Drug Operation

(Maricopa County) Last night the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office arrested another illegal immigrant from Jamaica involving 650 pounds of marijuana and seized over \$380,000 dollars in U.S. cash with the arrest of 32 year old Damion March.

This was the third arrest of illegal immigrants from Jamaica within the past two months, to include Operation Special Delivery on June 15<sup>th</sup>. During this operation Sheriff's Deputies' seized 1,000 pounds of marijuana, over \$1 million dollars in U.S. cash and 17 vehicles. These drug traffickers were utilizing UPS and Federal Express drivers to transport their drugs.

Arpaio said, "Even though Jamaica is only 600 miles from the Florida coast, these criminals find it easier to bring drugs in from the Mexican border and ship it 2,100 miles across the United States."

Arpaio went on to say "Our investigations display a growing trend of drug traffickers using illegal aliens from Jamaica to transport drugs through Arizona, a major shipping point for their criminal operations".

An earlier crime suppression operation conducted by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, resulted in the arrest of two Jamaican nationals charged with selling drugs in the northwest valley.

The influx of Jamaican drug organizations involving illegal immigrants vividly indicates that these criminal activities do not only involve Hispanics. Sheriff Arpaio is issuing a warning to these drug organizations and Jamaican illegal aliens, "Stay out of Maricopa County!"

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