

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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### **MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES** **ARRESTS 4 MORE ILLEGAL ALIENS AND SEIZE** **1800 lbs OF MARIJUANA**

**5 TONS OF MARIJUANA SEIZED OVER COURSE OF 10 DAYS.**

**ARPAIO TO MOBILIZE AIR POSSE**

Date: December 3, 2011

(Phoenix, AZ) On Thursday and Friday Maricopa County deputies seized 1800 lbs. of marijuana and arrested 4 illegal aliens. In the last 10 days, Maricopa County deputies with the assistance of other agencies have arrested a total of 13 illegal aliens, who are booked into the Maricopa County Jail, along with seizing approximately 5 tons (10,000 lbs) of marijuana which is in the possession of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

Arpaio, the former Director of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in Mexico, indicates the trafficking of drugs from Mexico seems to be increasing especially with the involvement of illegal aliens.

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Arpaio says, “The drug trafficking involving illegal aliens has not slowed down in Maricopa County as evidenced by the latest arrests and seizures. The Maricopa Sheriff’s Office has so far this year seized over 30,000 lbs of marijuana and arrested over 2,500 illegal aliens involved in human smuggling and continues to be a serious problem.”

Arpaio plans to continue efforts to arrest illegal aliens coming into the United States smuggling drugs. He will soon mobilize his volunteer air posse, jeep posse and other resources such as the office’s .50 caliber machine gun to fight the illegal aliens and drug smuggling coming into Maricopa County from Mexico.

The Maricopa County Sheriff’s office has investigated, arrested on the streets and in the jails over 50,000 illegal aliens.

Arpaio says “I will continue the crackdown on illegal immigration despite the threats and intimidation of my critics and certain politicians. We will enforce all the illegal immigration laws by raiding private businesses, human smuggling and crime suppression operations.” Arpaio goes on to say, “My next illegal immigration operation will be within a week in the East Valley.”

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