

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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Sheriff's Office Arrests 65 More Illegal Aliens Since the March 10th Letter Advising Sheriff Arpaio of a DOJ Investigation

(Phoenix, AZ) Two more traffic stops in the north valley resulted in the arrest in 20 illegal aliens last night. Of the 20 illegal aliens arrested, 14 were arrested on state human smuggling charges, which is a class four felony. The other six were turned over to ICE for being in the country illegally under the 287-g enforcement program.

Since the March 10th letter from the Department of Justice and upcoming congressional hearings, Sheriff's deputies have arrested 65 illegal aliens. Of the 65 recent arrests, 29 have been charged with felony human smuggling charges and eight were charged for felony ID theft and forgery charges.

Sheriff Arpaio says "I am not backing down on the enforcement of both state and federal immigration laws and I plan on conducting another coordinated crime suppression operation in the near future."

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