

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WILL NOT SLOW DOWN ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT DESPITE SB 1070 CONTROVERSY

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(Maricopa County, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies last night arrested 11 illegal aliens on human smuggling charges. The arrests were the result of a traffic stop and investigation conducted by the Sheriff's Human Smuggling Unit in the North Valley.

The Sheriff's Office has arrested 155 illegal aliens on state and federal charges since July 29, 2010 when the main provisions of SB1070 were blocked by a federal judge.

Sheriff Arpaio, who is a supporter of SB 1070, has long said that the new law would be another beneficial tool for law enforcement officers but that his deputies have always been able to enforce other state and federal immigration laws.

Sheriff Arpaio says, "My deputies have continued enforcing state and federal illegal immigration laws as they were before the main provision of SB 1070 was partially blocked by a federal judge. Although the new law would have made law enforcement's job easier, there is no reason for all other illegal immigration laws to be ignored."

Sheriff Arpaio will continue through crime suppression operations, work place enforcement, and human smuggling investigations to enforce federal and state illegal immigration laws. The Sheriff is in the works of planning an upcoming crime suppression operation in the near future.

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