

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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News Release:

Twenty More Illegal Aliens Arrested by Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Human Smuggling Unit

(Phoenix, AZ) The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Human Smuggling Unit arrested twenty more illegal aliens during the course of a human smuggling investigation in the north valley.

The illegal aliens agreed to pay between \$1,400 and \$2,500 for entry into the United States. Their destinations were to be Las Vegas and California. All were booked into the Fourth Avenue Jail on felony human smuggling charges, in lieu of being turned over to the Federal Government.

Sheriff Arpaio says that Operation Desert Sky, launched on March 30th to crack down on illegal immigration and drug trafficking has so far netted 274 arrests (235 illegal aliens, the remainder US citizens) and over 3,800 pounds of drugs.

Arpaio anticipates terminating Operation Desert Sky in the near future and will soon launch another crime suppression operation in cities located in Maricopa County.

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