

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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SHERIFF'S HUMAN SMUGGLING UNIT ARRESTS NINE MORE ILLEGAL ALIENS BRINGING TOTAL TO 2,495

RETURN OF HUMAN SMUGGLING/CRIME SUPPRESSION OPERATION IN WORKS

(PHOENIX, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff Arpaio continues his crackdown on illegal immigration with the recent arrests of 74 illegal aliens arrested within the last 30 days, including nine last night. In this 30-day period, 46 of the 74 arrested have been booked into County Jail on class four felonies. In addition, 28 illegal aliens arrested were processed and transferred to ICE.

In recent weeks, the Sheriff has sent three news releases out publicly on these arrests without any coverage by the press. The information disseminated is to act as a deterrent and the Sheriff is reaching out to the media to deliver his message, "If you come through Maricopa County illegally, you will go to jail".

Last night the Sheriff's Human Smuggling Unit deputies were patrolling the area near Interstate 17 and Table Mesa Road when they arrested nine illegal aliens. During the arrest, six were determined as human cargo, one a human smuggler, and two illegally in the Country.

"We are not going to give up on enforcing all aspects of the State and Federal Illegal Immigration laws," says Arpaio. "In fact, I am planning another Human Smuggling/Crime Suppression Operation, utilizing numerous resources and the volunteer Posse within the near future".

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office continues to be the only law enforcement agency enforcing all aspects of the State and Federal Illegal Immigration laws. The Sheriff appreciates County Attorney Andrew Thomas for prosecuting these cases and obtaining the 90% conviction rate.

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