

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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Illegal Alien Suspect Shot and Killed by Maricopa County Sheriff's Deputies

**Felipe Ramirez Castellanos in possession of
massive fire power aiming an Ak47 at deputies just
prior to being shot**

(Maricopa County, AZ) The suspect who threatened Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies Friday night with an AK47 assault rifle died from gunshot wounds early this morning at the Maricopa County Medial Center.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio states the deputy did an outstanding job protecting himself and the public. Because of the suspect's irrational conduct and his massive amount of firepower and ammunition, the deputy stopped what could have been the potential harm of numerous people.

The Investigation determined that 43 year old Felipe Ramirez Castellanos, an illegal alien, was in an argument with his wife and left the residence in his vehicle. While driving away, Castellanos fired several rounds from a handgun in the air. After a few minutes Castellanos returned to the residence to grab the Ak47 rifle. As Castellanos was leaving in his vehicle, a deputy arrived. The deputy contacted Castellanos who acted in an irrational and threatening manner. He pulled out the assault rifle and pointed it at the deputy. The deputy fired his handgun at Castellanos and struck him in the hip and head.

Castellanos was found to have a total of 120 rifle and handgun bullets in his possession as well as a bowie knife. It is not known what Castellanos was planning to do with all of the weapons and ammunition.

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