

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Joe Arpaio, Sheriff
News Brief

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Pro-Illegal Immigration March Draws Sheriff's Attention

Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies are prepared for any problems which may arise from an announced protest march by pro-illegal immigrant advocacy groups. That march is schedule for 9AM Wednesday morning and will begin at Pruitt's Furniture Store, ground zero for the national immigration debate and end at Phoenix City Hall.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio says his deputies will continue the crime suppression patrols near 36th Street and Thomas despite the protest organizer's demands to remove off-duty Sheriff's deputies from the security detail at Pruitt's where controversy has brewed between Arpaio and pro-illegal immigration activists over the Sheriff's enforcement state and federal illegal immigration laws.

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office is the only Arizona law enforcement agency enforcing all aspects of the Arizona human smuggling law and federal immigration laws across the county utilizing 160 ICE trained Sheriff's officers to investigate, arrest, and jail violators of immigration laws.

Since Sheriff Arpaio's deputies began enforcing immigration law nearly 800 illegals have been arrested and jailed under state law in the streets of Maricopa County, another 550 under federal law. In Arpaio's jails, approximately 7,800 suspected illegal aliens have been identified and processed for deportation by ICE officials.

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