

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Continues Operation Desert Sky Crackdown.

4 suspected illegal aliens arrested on Forgery and Identity Theft charges.

(Maricopa County, AZ) Sheriff Joe Arpaio continues his efforts to halt the illegal immigration problem in Maricopa County with his 45th workplace operation.

Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies previously received an anonymous tip regarding the business Allied Tube and Conduit in Phoenix for hiring illegal employees. Investigation determined that eight employees were using fraudulent social security numbers or other's identities to gain employment. Today deputies served a search warrant at the business located at 2525 N. 27th Avenue and arrested 4 suspects.

In the three weeks since the Sheriff launched Operation Desert Sky, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, have utilized a volunteer air posse as well as ground units. Sheriff's deputies have made arrests totaling 248, of which 209 are suspected illegal aliens involved in human smuggling activities. Over 3,800 lbs of drugs has been seized during the operation.

Thus far, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has arrested over 2,500 illegal aliens involved in human smuggling. 499 were arrested on Employer Sanctions/Criminal Employment including 342 for ID Theft and Forgery.

Sheriff 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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