

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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Sheriff's Office Continues Patrols Near Pruitt's Furniture Store

Four More Illegal Immigrants Arrested – Ten Arrests This Week

(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio ordered his Illegal Immigration Interdiction (Triple I) Unit to continue patrolling the area of Thomas Road near 34th Street today, even after pro-illegal immigration activist gave up protesting his illegal immigration policies on the driveways of the Pruitt's furniture store.

Sheriff's deputies patrolling the area arrested six suspects on various law violations, including four illegal aliens.

In one investigation, deputies arrested a driver and his passenger near 40th Street and Belleview under federal immigration law. According to investigators, the driver was also in possession of a substance believed to be cocaine.

In a second investigation near 28th Street and Taylor, sheriff's deputies, arrested a driver and his passenger under federal immigration law. According to the Sheriff's Triple I unit, the two will also face drug and weapons charges after Sheriff's deputies found them in possession of six small plastic bags of marijuana with two pistols. The passenger provided false information and was later determined to have an outstanding felony warrant for possession of drugs.

"The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office will not go away. Our deputies will continue patrolling the Thomas Road and 34th Street area, and I promise that they will arrest all violators of law, including state and federal immigration law," says Sheriff Arpaio.

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office is and continues to be the only Arizona law enforcement agency enforcing all aspects of the Arizona human smuggling law and federal immigration laws.

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