

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



SHERIFF'S OFFICE RAIDS MEXICAN RESTAURANTS 6 SUSPECTED ILLEGAL ALIENS ARRESTED FOR IDENTITY THEFT

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(Maricopa County, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a raid this afternoon at two valley Mexican restaurants. Deputies arrested 7 employees at Moreno's Mexican Grill located at 760 E. Broadway in Mesa and 601 N. Arizona Ave. in Chandler.

Maricopa County Sheriff's detectives were acting on information received by sources claiming the business has hired 14 illegal aliens who were using false identification to work in the United States.

Sheriff Arpaio says, "My job as Sheriff is to continue to enforce all the laws of this state. Recently, the Supreme Court had upheld the Arizona Employer Sanctions Law, which penalizes businesses for knowingly hiring workers who are here illegally. Also, August 4th, the U.S. Department of Justice dismissed its lawsuit against me and last week a federal judge ruled there was no racial profiling by my Office in a workplace raid involving illegal aliens."

Arpaio adds that not only does the enforcement of Employer Sanction laws help deter Arizona employers from hiring illegal workers for their cheap labor, but he says they also help open up jobs for legal U.S. citizens.

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office will continue to enforce all aspects of federal and state immigration laws, which includes crime suppression and human smuggling operations and employee sanction and false ID investigations in business establishments.

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Sheriff Arpaio says The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has arrested and investigated 50,000 illegal aliens on the streets in Maricopa County and in our jails, including illegal immigrants who have infiltrated city, county, and federal agencies in the work place.

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