

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Human Smuggling Unit Arrests Chinese National

Sheriff to Conduct Massive Operation Targeting Drug Traffickers and Illegal Immigration

(Maricopa County) The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Human Smuggling Unit arrested 9 illegal aliens along the I-17 Highway, one of which was a Chinese national from Sichuan, China. Eight of the nine arrested were being smuggled to various locations back east to include New York, Pennsylvania, and Atlanta.

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office is the only Law Enforcement agency in the state of Arizona to enforce all aspects of the state human smuggling laws, resulting in the arrest of over 2,300 involved in human smuggling. In less than three months this year, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has arrested over 250 people involved in human smuggling within Maricopa County.

Arpaio says "Despite the fact that certain elected officials in Arizona struck down new immigration policies which would have helped combat illegal immigration, I will continue to enforce all state and federal immigration laws. I will also be conducting a massive operation very soon targeting the increasing problem of illegal human and drug trafficking within Maricopa County".

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