

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



TWO SMUGGLERS APPREHENDED IN LAST 48 HOURS FOUND TO HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY DEPORTED 27 TIMES

SHERIFF ARPAIO STATES FEDERAL SYSTEM CONTINUES TO BE BROKEN

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(Maricopa County, AZ) Sheriff Joe Arpaio reports that the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Human Smuggling Unit arrested 12 illegal aliens involved in smuggling operations last night in the north valley, including the smuggler Ivan Lara-Roque who has been previously deported from the United States 13 times and has been permanently banned from entering the United States.

Through interviews conducted with those arrested, it was determined that the illegal aliens had paid amounts ranging from \$1000 to \$3000 each to be smuggled into the United States. The majority of those arrested reported to be heading to locations in the east, such as Mississippi, Virginia, Florida, Georgia and New Jersey.

Monday evening, Maricopa County Sheriff deputies arrested 5 illegal aliens for violations of state smuggling laws including a smuggler that had been previously deported 14 times and just as recently as a week ago from Colorado. The smuggler also admitted to five other illegal crossings into the United States without being apprehended.

Sheriff Arpaio says, "We must put an end to the revolving door involving the arrest and deportation of illegal aliens entering our country. These arrests point out what a sieve our border security and enforcement really is. My deputies are risking their lives. They keep deporting illegal aliens and they keep coming

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back.”

To date the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office has arrested, investigated and detained over 50,000 illegal aliens including over 2600 in human smuggling violations, over 1500 in crime suppression operations and over 550 in Criminal Employment operations. Just recently, the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office during several separate incidents seized six tons of Marijuana. All of the 13 smugglers were illegal aliens.

Arpaio says “I will continue the crackdown on illegal immigration despite the threats and intimidation of my critics and certain Democrat politicians such as Raul Grijalva who previously asked for a boycott of Arizona and does not agree with my illegal immigration operations and wants me to resign.”

Arpaio states that a previous planned operation will be conducted this week. Also in the near future Arpaio will mobilize his Air, Jeep and Armed Posse to locate drug smugglers and illegal aliens that have come into our country illegally. Sheriff Arpaio will continue to make sure that all of his deputies are well armed, including the use of a .50 caliber machine gun.

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