

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Joe Arpaio, Sheriff
News Brief

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**SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ARREST THIRTEEN ILLEGAL ALIENS IN
THE CITY OF MESA**

(Phoenix, AZ)Yesterday, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the City of Mesa after receiving a tip on a possible drop house, located at 339 E. Kenwood Circle. The Sheriff's Illegal Immigration Interdiction Unit found and arrested thirteen illegal aliens hiding inside the residence. One of the thirteen, Genaro Morales-Morales (DOB 09/18/79) was determined to have a felony warrant out of the state of Tennessee for Statutory Rape.

The Sheriff's Office continues to receive intelligence out of Mesa on the illegal immigration problem and at the appropriate time Sheriff Arpaio will go into Mesa for his crime suppression.

"Some elected officials and immigration activists continue to criticize me by saying we only go after cracked windshields." Arpaio says, "In the last thirty days pursuant to my office enforcing all aspects of the illegal immigration law, three rapists, who are illegal aliens, were arrested for sexually assaulting and victimizing minors."

The two day operation in Fountain Hills concluded with twenty-seven traffic stops and twenty arrests, sixteen of them illegal aliens.

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