

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

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Fourth El Mirage Drop House Located Within Five Weeks

Sheriff's Deputies Identify Related Stash Houses On Same Street

(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's Illegal Immigration Interdiction (Triple I) Unit today arrested four more illegal aliens at 11938 West Bloomfield in El Mirage, AZ. Today's arrests result from intelligence information obtained from last week's drop house operation working from a home on the same street.

Last week, Sheriff's deputies processed a residence located at 12250 West Bloomfield Road, in the city of El Mirage. A total of 23 illegal aliens were arrested under state and federal immigration laws. Sheriff's human smuggling detectives have linked the two stash locations and suspects together through intelligence information and evidence.

In addition to today's arrests, Sheriff's deputies seized approximately 50 pounds of marijuana valued at approximately \$37,500. Sheriff's investigators are still searching the home for evidence.

"Illegal immigration brings many other crimes to our community, including drug smuggling," says Sheriff Joe Arpaio. "Human smugglers are connected with drug traffickers and smugglers, as evidence by today's arrests."

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