

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

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Sheriff's Office Arrests Illegal Alien in Work Place

(Phoenix, Arizona) Recently, Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's deputies arrested six illegal immigrants as he continued his policy of cracking down on illegal immigration through strict enforcement, including enforcement of all aspects of the state and federal immigration laws, and now the new Arizona State Employers Sanctions Law.

Late yesterday, Sheriff's detectives arrested Edgardo Alvarado-Navarro (DOB 08/07/78), an illegal alien fraudulently using the identity of a U.S. citizen to obtain employment at a Gilbert tire business. His arrest comes after a retired peace officer called the Sheriff's Illegal Immigration Hotline (602.876.4154) to report an identity theft.

Sheriff's deputies arrested Alvarado at his workplace, Roberts Tire Shop located at 4747 S. Power Rd, Gilbert, Arizona. During the investigation, suspect Alvarado admitted using his victim's identity to gain employment.

When arrested, Alvarado was wearing a uniform shirt with his victim's name patch on it.

According to Sheriff Joe Arpaio, this is the seventh arrest involving five separate investigations into alleged violations of the Arizona Employers Sanctions Law.

The Roberts Tire business cooperated and voluntarily provided employee records through attorney Julie Pace. However, Pace refused to provide all evidence of Alvarado's crime and instructed Robert's Tire to withhold Alvarado's federal I-9 form from the employee records obtained by Sheriff's detectives.

Arpaio believes every business has a right to seek legal counsel, and encourages businesses to cooperate during any investigation.

"My Office will continue cracking down on illegal immigration," says the Sheriff. "Sheriff's deputies will continue to investigate crimes in the work place related to illegal immigration, including violations of the Employers Sanctions Law.

Alvarado was booked into Maricopa County jail for identity theft and forgery, class four felony charges. By law, Suspect Alvarado is not eligible for bond.

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