

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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SHERIFF'S POSSE RESUMES CENTRAL PHOENIX CRIME SUPPRESSION OPERATION

OPERATION NETS TWENTY-SEVEN ARRESTS IN FIRST TEN HOURS, INCLUDING FIVE ILLEGAL ALIENS

(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's volunteer posse members, reserves and deputies resume their crime suppression operation in central Phoenix today.

Arpaio's posse and deputies have been patrolling the area between 16th & 40th streets and Indian School & McDowell roads after area businesses and residents wrote the Sheriff asking for his help in reducing crime occurring there, including property crimes and illegal immigration violations.

Amid the protesting by top pro-illegal immigration leaders, the Sheriff responded, and already 27 individuals have been arrested by deputies. Among those arrests were five illegal aliens. The majority of the arrests were for traffic violations, warrants, and drug charges. One arrest included Israel Correa, according to media a one-time candidate for Maryvale Justice of the Peace. Correa was arrested during a traffic stop after refusing to provide his driver's license, and during his arrest he threatened the arresting deputy by stating he would find where the deputy lived and that the deputy was going to get it. Correa was booked into jail.

Sheriff's vehicles will continue to patrol the area for an undetermined amount, carrying out a zero tolerance operation to reduce crime.

"The problems continue to effect the quality of life for these citizens. Sadly, the protesters who support the illegal immigration movement have not left the area either," Sheriff Arpaio says. Arpaio confronted the hostile demonstrators, at the time of the weekend operation, and told them that he would not be intimidated by their protests and nasty banners disparaging the Sheriff. His answer was "We will return."

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The Sheriff's posse is made up of nearly 3,000 volunteer men and women who provide law enforcement services at little to no charge to taxpayers.

The Sheriff's operation will resume at 5PM today at the northwest corner of 32nd Street and Thomas Road. Sheriff Arpaio will join and brief his staff participating in the continuing operation.

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