

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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ARPAIO PREPARES FOR ONSLAUGHT OF ACTIVISTS AS 'PRO-TEXTERS' TRUMPET A CALL TO ACTION

Despite their efforts, Sheriff's Deputies Continue to Enforce Illegal Immigrations laws: Arrest 12 More in North Valley

(Maricopa County, Arizona) Despite recent reports that anti-immigration enforcement activists are organizing communications systems to help illegal aliens thwart detection, an action Sheriff Joe Arpaio calls "**pro-texting**," Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies are continuing to arrest illegal aliens.

The most recent arrest was made last night as Sheriff's human smuggling deputies arrested 12 illegal aliens in the North Valley near Anthem. Eleven of the illegal aliens were booked by Sheriff's deputies into jail on state felony human smuggling charges.

"These are protesters who use text-messaging to further their pro-illegal immigration agenda and that's what I call "**pro-texting**," Arpaio says. "They are doing whatever they possibly can to hinder my ability to enforce the state and federal immigration laws and it just won't work."

Part of that attempt at hindrance is a large scale **protest** planned for January 16, 2010 in Phoenix, Arizona. Information received indicates that the protestors are descending on Maricopa County, are slated to number in the thousands and will be headlined by a number of local and Hollywood celebrities. According to information gleaned from various websites, the human rights rally is being billed as a national day of action aimed at stopping Sheriff Arpaio's deputies from enforcing illegal immigration laws on the streets and in his jails.

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Since October 15th of last year when the U.S Department of Homeland Security took away Sheriff's deputies' authority to act as federal agents, deputies have arrested 169 illegal aliens.

Arpaio stated, "The real story here that is very frustrating to me is that 100 of my deputies spent five weeks being trained as federal agents to help the federal government address the problems facing our country right now."

Recently, Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies arrested four Chinese Nationals originating from Beijing who traveled through Mexico City and illegally entered the United States by crossing the U.S./Mexico border, Arpaio says.

The Sheriff stated that although growing numbers of open borders activists are speaking out against the enforcement of illegal immigration laws, the Sheriff's Office has a job to do to protect Americans by enforcing ALL laws.

Published reports have indicated that Lydia Guzman of Respect/ Respeto has stated that her text-messaging network is likely used to avoid the area of crime suppression operations being conducted by the Sheriff's Office "...so they won't be caught and deported."

"I will not be deterred by pro-activist groups conducting surveillance of my deputies and using other methods to warn illegals of our operations" Sheriff Arpaio stated.

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