

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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### **SHERIFF'S HUMAN SMUGGLING UNIT ARRESTS 19 MORE ILLEGAL ALIENS ENTERING THE UNITED STATES**

(Maricopa County, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies arrested 19 illegal aliens trying to sneak through Maricopa County and make their way across the country in two separate load vehicles Tuesday night. The Sheriff's human smuggling unit made the arrests on State Route 87 in the far east part of the county.

Of the 19 illegal aliens, 13 were arrested on felony human smuggling charges and the remaining six were turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials in a cooperative effort for possible deportation, Sheriff Joe Arpaio says.

Sheriff Arpaio reiterates his unwillingness to be deterred in this fight on illegal immigration and in fact has plans to expand his resources. The expansion will augment his ability to reduce the number of illegal aliens entering the county, increase focus on the northeast corridor of the county, and will aim to eliminate human smuggling operations.

"My office will begin the operations expansion soon and I look forward to increasing the impact made regarding the illegal immigration problem," said Arpaio.

Despite all the critics, demonstrators, and politicians, the high levels of support shown in recent polls speak volumes for the Sheriff's enforcement of illegal immigration laws.

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**Although ICE revoked the authority of over 100 deputies to act as federal immigration agents in October of 2009, Arpaio's office continues to be the only law enforcement agency in Arizona to enforce all aspects of the state and federal immigration laws. Since the revocation of that authority, 234 people have been arrested by deputies on immigration charges.**

**Over 274,000 people have been investigated by Sheriff's officers in county jails netting over 31,000 of those identified as being in the country illegally which makes them ineligible for release onto the streets of our community. Deputies have also arrested over 3,600 illegal aliens during field operations.**

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