

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES TAKE NOTE OF DROPHOUSE ACTIVITY LOCATIONS;

GEARING UP FOR ANOTHER CRIME SUPPRESSION OPERATION

(Maricopa County, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies arrested eight illegal aliens during a traffic stop made in the northeast valley Tuesday night. The traffic stop led deputies back to a suspected drop house located at the 3800 block of Oregon Avenue in Phoenix where four more illegal aliens were arrested.

The latest arrests come within days of the discovery by deputies of a forgery operation also located in Phoenix that was providing illegal aliens with false identification in order to gain employment illegally in the United States.

Information received from the Sheriff's illegal immigration hotline resulted in the seizure of hundreds of false id's, manufacturing equipment, and the arrest of five illegal aliens after an in depth six month undercover investigation by deputies.

Sheriff Arpaio stated recent human smuggling activity has shown to be directly connected to numerous drop houses in and around cities in the Valley that often end up being the center point for violence.

"My deputies have taken notice of where in the Valley these drop houses have been in operation, and we intend to conduct another crime suppression operation in the very near future to address those areas of concern," Sheriff Arpaio stated.

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office continues to be the only law enforcement agency in the state to enforce all aspects of federal and state illegal immigration laws.

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