

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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HUMAN SMUGGLING ARRESTS SPARK PLANS FOR NEXT CRIME SUPPRESSION OPERATION WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sheriff's Patrol Deputies Arrest Eight More Illegal Aliens on State Human Smuggling Charges

(Maricopa County, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff's Office patrol deputies made eight more arrests on state felony human smuggling charges again last night. Human smuggling arrests by patrol deputies are on the rise since Sheriff Joe Arpaio recently initiated a program to provide all 900 sworn deputies training on the detection and arrest of illegal aliens.

Deputies have arrested 77 illegal aliens this past week in the act of human smuggling and Sheriff Arpaio said that this is good reason for another crime suppression/ illegal immigration operation to be conducted within the next two weeks.

The 77 arrests were the result of four traffic stops and one drop house discovered by deputies earlier this week.

The Sheriff's new training program was initiated after Washington made the decision recently to strip 100 deputies of their authority to act as federal immigration agents.

Sheriff Arpaio stated that despite new interest by the Obama Administration and activist groups on the illegal immigration problem, he will not be deterred and will continue enforcing immigration laws.

Since state human smuggling laws were enacted, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has arrested and booked over 1,900 illegal aliens on felony human smuggling charges. The sheriff's office continues to be the only law enforcement agency enforcing all aspects of state human smuggling laws.

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