

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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SHERIFF ARPAIO WILL CONDUCT 15th SUPPRESSION OPERATION IN HIGH CRIME NEIGHBORHOOD IN PHOENIX

*Deputies Arrest 15 More Illegal Aliens on Felony Smuggling
Charges*

County Jail Inmate Population Hovers at 20% Illegal Aliens

(Maricopa County, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies arrested 15 suspects last night on state felony human smuggling charges during two traffic stops north of the Valley. Deputies often make these types of arrests as smugglers attempt to transport illegal aliens from drop houses within valley city limits to their final destinations across the country.

Although Sheriff Arpaio is reluctant to give specific details on the location of an upcoming crime suppression operation, he and his staff are currently compiling statistical information on the impact of human smuggling activity and its prevalence in high crime neighborhoods in Phoenix.

The Sheriff recently stated after the last successful crime suppression operation that netted 111 criminal arrests and two large drug seizures that certain areas in Phoenix appear to be hot spots for criminal activity and often harbor illegal alien drop houses.

The 15 suspects arrested for human smuggling will join the over 1,500 illegal alien inmates that currently reside in the Maricopa County jails accounting for 20% of the entire inmate population.

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Despite the fact that open borders advocates often cite that illegal aliens in jail are victims whose only crimes are searching better lives, the numbers show that a large portion of those in Maricopa County jails are for violent crimes.

Sheriff Arpaio reports that currently there are around 100 illegal aliens in his jail for murder charges and hundreds more for other crimes such as kidnapping, assault, robbery, auto theft, and sex crimes,

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has been the only law enforcement agency in the state that enforces all aspects of state human smuggling charges while many other agencies simply turn illegal aliens over to Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) when they encounter them.

To date, the sheriff's office has arrested almost 2,000 illegal aliens on felony state human smuggling charges.

"I will not pass the problem along to other agencies when my deputies already have the ability to arrest illegal aliens by enforcing state laws that are in place. This country would be in a much better place if government spent less time pointing their fingers at others and spent more time utilizing their ability to take action," stated Sheriff Arpaio.

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