

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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### **MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES RAID PHOENIX BUSINESS**

***Detectives Determined That Victim's Identities  
Were Being Used by Ameri-fab Employees***

(Maricopa County, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies today raided Ameri-Fab, a Phoenix-based business located at 2101 West Williams Rd, after receiving a tip from a former employee of the business who claimed that employees were using falsified identification to gain employment.

After a six-month investigation, deputies obtained and served search warrants at the business looking for employee files and records related to the 11 targeted suspects believed to be living and working in the country illegally utilizing false identification.

Sheriff Arpaio reported that upon entry into the business, one employee was discovered that had rolled himself up into a carpet attempting to hide from sheriff's deputies.

Deputies arrested four employees at the business location and obtained addresses for other suspects that had not reported for work. In the process of searching for other suspects at their homes, deputies arrested a suspect who was not a target of the investigation but who presented fictitious identification to deputies.

The Sheriff stated "This is a case where we have real victims whose identities were being used by illegal aliens which can create a lot of problems for people. Somebody should go ask the victims how they feel about my deputies enforcing these types of laws."

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Deputies so far have identified at least five victims whose identities were being used by employees of the Phoenix business to gain employment.

The previous 32 investigations into businesses engaged in identity theft have resulted in the arrest of nearly 400 illegal aliens, many of whom were suspected of identity theft, a class four felony.

Sheriff Arpaio stated that his office will continue to enforce all aspects of illegal immigration laws despite recent efforts by politicians, certain media organizations, and activists who oppose local law enforcement of immigration laws.

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