



## **The Falcon Initiative**

The current Sheriff's recent immigration sweeps have caused quite a storm of controversy but have not made our Valley a safer place to live. There are those who strongly support the Sheriff's position on illegal immigration, those who strongly oppose it, and many, like myself, who believe there is a better, middle ground. But, there is one thing that we can all agree upon: This County needs a Sheriff who is truly tough on serious criminals, not tough on our community and our wallets.

The current Sheriff thinks he's tough. But his immigration sweeps expose him as a Sheriff that is too careless about the serious crime that endangers our families and businesses. He continues to divert officers and tens of thousands of our tax dollars in search of immigrants, but ignores the nearly 40,000 serious felony warrants that are outstanding in our community. These are the dangerous, violent, and predatory criminals in our midst; the child molesters, murderers, and rapists roaming our County. The Sheriff has ignored this danger, in favor of costly and sensational sweeps that generate a lot of publicity for him but do not make our community safer. It should not surprise us that the crime rate in this County continues to climb. I will announce a plan in the very near future to address crime rates, response times, and arrests rates. The current Sheriff is willing to sacrifice our safety to satisfy his insatiable quest for press coverage.

Concerned citizens must ask: Are these sweeps really worth the cost to our public safety? If there were not serious crime prevention missions being ignored by the Sheriff, I would be hard-pressed to criticize. But, a true "crime fighter" would never expose us to the felons that roam our streets while their 40,000 felony arrest warrants are ignored. I do not condone illegal immigration. Our country depends on protecting our borders and ensuring that those who enter from other countries do so legally. Those who do not should suffer the consequences. At the same time, this County has very limited resources. The current Sheriff has constantly complained about that; yet, he is spending lots of money on these sweeps, as well as diverting the personnel needed to pursue and arrest the felons hiding in plain sight. He knows that he does not have the resources to do both. And given the choice between spending our precious resources to deport day laborers with no criminal record or execute outstanding felony warrants on a murderer or child molester, I would always choose the latter. A sheriff's first priority should be to protect his citizens from criminals, not illegal immigrants.

Let's face it; it is a function of cost. Recently US Marshal for Arizona, Dave Gonzalez coordinated the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Operation Falcon (Federal and Local Cops Organized Nationally) which successfully removed 177 felony fugitives from our streets here in Maricopa County during a 30 day comprehensive round-up effort combining the participation of 41 law enforcement agencies statewide. Also consider Governor Janet Napolitano's recent decision to take away the Sheriff's funding to create VCAT, Violent

Criminal Apprehension Team, an organization whose primary mission is to bring to justice the thousands of wanted felons in Maricopa County and the State of Arizona. In VCAT's first operation, more than 130 Arrest warrants were executed in a 40 day period for a paltry fraction of the price of one of the Sheriff's sweeps. The current Sheriff is one of the few officials in Arizona that does not currently support Operation Falcon or VCAT.

So, we must ask ourselves: Is the current Sheriff really tough? Would tough Sheriff really rather pursue day laborers than bring murderers and rapists to justice? Would a tough Sheriff really rather spend our limited resources on immigration sweeps when so many felons wander our streets? Of course not. We need a responsible Sheriff who is first and foremost tough on serious crime. Our current Sheriff is not.

I have a County-wide vision called the "Falcon Initiative," which is geared to really fight crime in our community. True crime fighting starts with preventing it. Career criminals commit the majority of our crimes. Wanted fugitives from Justice are career criminals. My Falcon Initiative will be an effective and efficient program to achieve measurable results to take dangerous criminals off our streets including dangerous Illegal Immigrants.

This Initiative prioritizes public safety needs and makes the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office a "Regional Resource" to help meet our community's public safety needs. This includes cooperating with all law enforcement agencies and establishing key partnerships to share intelligence and manpower to maximize the apprehension of fugitives and track known offenders to prevent them from repeating their crimes.

The "Falcon Initiative" would commit the following resources immediately to continue the search for the known felony fugitives in Maricopa County who present an ever-present danger to our communities and our quality of life, by (among other things).

- Provide the U.S. Marshal's Office Fugitive Task Force with 5 full time Deputies, 4 full time Detention Officers, 2 Jail Vans, and 2 Administrative Assistants.
- Provide the existing Illegal Immigrations Task Force known as IMPACT which is coordinated by the Department of Public Safety, Phoenix Police Department, and ICE officials with 5 full time Deputies and 2 Administrative Assistants to support their efforts in combating the violent trend and additional crimes associated with Human Smuggling and Drug Trafficking.
- Provide the Statewide Fugitive Task Force, VCAT with 2 full time Deputies.
- Assign a Deputy Lieutenant to chair a steering committee consisting of representatives from the Governors Office, Legislature, County Attorney's Office, Valley area Police Officials, and Business Leaders. This steering committee will be asked to design, recommend, and create a fair, consistent, and equitable method to enforce the newly created Employer's Sanctions Law throughout Maricopa County.

The statistics have shown the methodology of the IMPACT program has had significant success in a six month period of time by incarcerating 99 Human Smugglers, nearly 500 Illegal Immigrants, and identified 40 drop houses compared to the current method being utilized by this Sheriff which has produced 148 Human Smugglers, 840 Illegal Immigrants, and only 21 drop houses in a 27 month period.

\* Note: DPS/Highway Patrol has arrested 24,000 Illegal Immigrants since 2005.

Currently the Sheriff's Office has no existing Warrant Service Unit and puts no resources towards serving the over 40,000 outstanding Felony Warrants in our county. Nor do they participate in the newly formed Statewide VCAT program.

By reassigning these 13 full time Deputies positions which currently exist in the Human Smuggling Unit there would be no additional funding necessary since these are existing budgeted slots.

This simple reallocation of existing resources will greatly decrease the threat to our communities by these known offenders with a multi-faceted approach instead of a narrowly focused one.

I hope you will join me in this sensible effort to make our County a safer place. As a citizen, you have the power to tell our Sheriff that there must be a change in the way your money is spent and the way your safety is made a priority. If the current Sheriff truly aspires to be tough, then I would ask him to debate me in public about the problems so evident in his current approach.

Until our felony warrant backlog is vastly reduced, I will not conduct these circus shows he calls "sweeps." My Deputies and I will always prioritize the apprehension of dangerous felons over the hapless immigrant that is only guilty of crossing our border and driving a car with a broken taillight.

A truly tough Sheriff fights crime, not mayors, police chiefs, gardeners, and day laborers.

Dan Saban

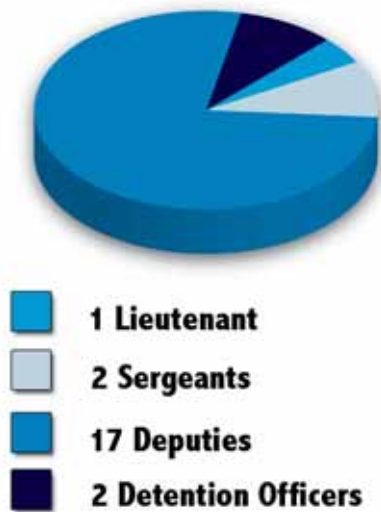
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# CURRENT STATISTICS

## ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

### MCSO's Human Smuggling Unit



- Total Use of Resources:**
- 1 Lieutenant
  - 2 Sergeants
  - 17 Deputies
  - 2 Detention Officers

### Falcon Initiative Reallocation of Resources

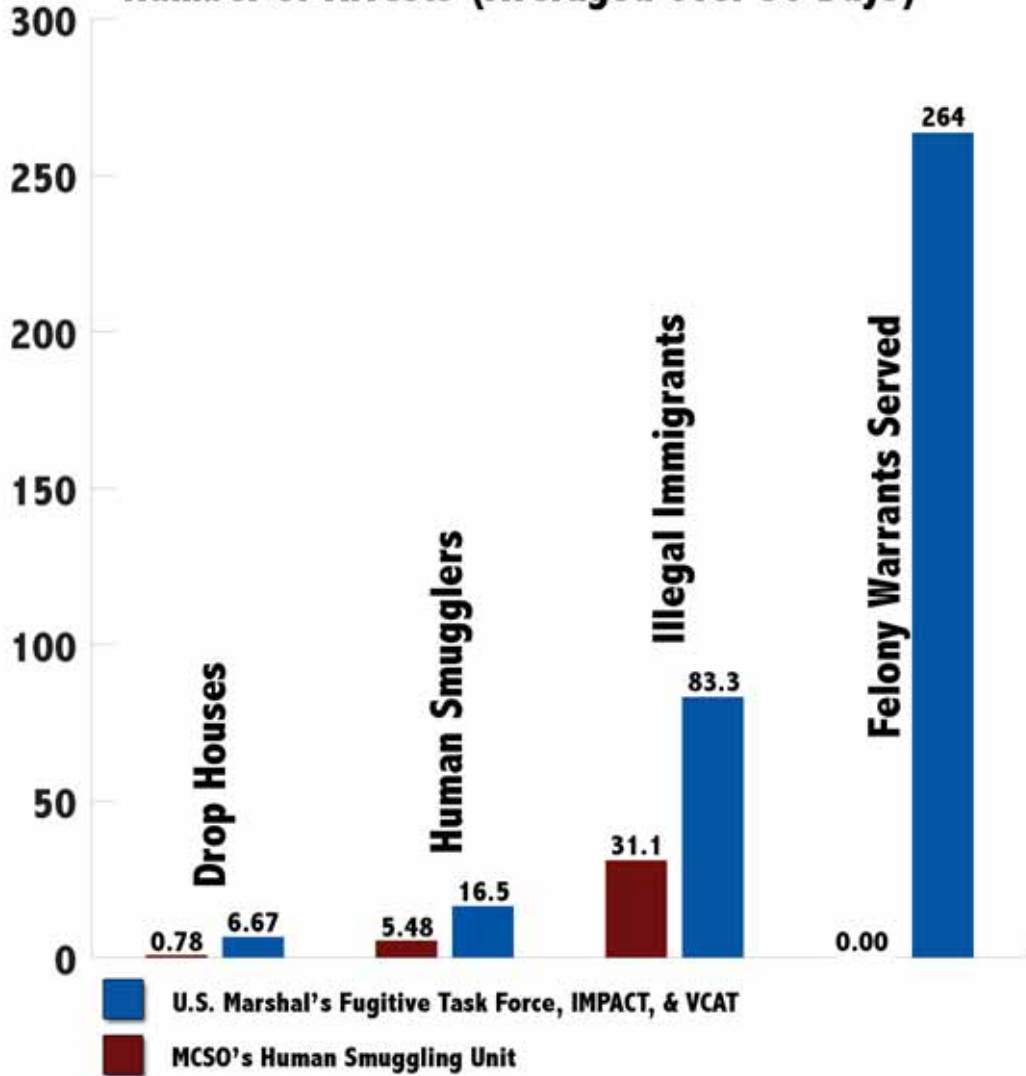


- Total Use of Resources:**
- 12 Deputies
  - 4 Detention Officers
  - 4 Administrative Assistants

# CURRENT STATISTICS

## NUMBER OF ARRESTS

Number of Arrests (Averaged Over 30 Days)



MCSO's Human Smuggling Unit arrests over a 27 month period of operation:

- 21 Drop Houses
- 148 Human Smugglers
- 840 Illegal Immigrants
- 0 Known Felony Warrants served

IMPACT arrests over a six month period of operation:

- 40 Drop Houses
- 99 Human Smugglers
- 500 Illegal Immigrants

U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force arrests over a 30 day period of operation:

- 177 Known Felony Warrants served

VCAT arrests over a six week period of operation:

- 130 Known Felony Warrants served