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Six-year-old illegal alien arrested the **SAME** day Obama grants amnesty to 800,000 young immigrants

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A six-year-old suspected illegal immigrant was arrested on Friday – the same day President Obama softened the U.S. deportation policy towards young immigrants.

The young girl was arrested with 15 other suspected illegal aliens in Maricopa County, Arizona, as Obama announced plans to allow 800,000 illegal immigrants to stay in the U.S..

The group were believed to be travelling to the Midwest and northeast U.S., according to Maricopa County Sheriff Office spokesman Chris Hegstrom.



Arrested: A 6-year-old girl was arrested with 15 other suspected illegal immigrants in Maricopa County, Arizona, on Friday (file photo shows illegal immigrants being deported from Arizona in 2010)

The girl, who said she was from El Salvador, has been turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) who will try and establish where exactly she is from.

The 15 people she was travelling with claimed to know nothing about her and it is not known where the girl's parents or guardians are, reported [AZCentral](#).

The other suspected illegal immigrants, who told officials they were from Mexico, were booked into jail.

'It was part of a human-smuggling investigation that we've been investigating throughout the Valley,' Hegstrom told [AZCentral.com](#).

Sheriff Joe Arpaio told the website that they are trying to establish where the girl was going and what will be done with her now.

'We enforce the human-smuggling laws here,' Arpaio told the website.

'Every chance I can get to take action on my own without turning them over to ICE, I do. Especially with the new policy the president has,' he added.



Coincidence: The young girl was handed over to ICE the day Obama announced plans to allow 800,000 illegal immigrants to stay in the U.S. A Maricopa County officer said it was a coincidence that the arrest happened on the same day that the President softened the county's deportation policy

On Friday Obama announced that the Department of Homeland Security will stop deportations and grant work permits for students from overseas who meet certain requirements.

The change will affect those who arrived in the U.S. before turning 16, who have been in the country for at least five years, and are under 30.

The President's decision to allow up to 800,000 young illegal immigrants to remain in America has divided Republicans and was met with silence by his 2012 opponent Mitt Romney for nearly six hours.

The Obama administration's announcement that it would stop deporting and begin granting work permits to younger illegal immigrants who came to the US as children and have led law-abiding lives caught Romney by surprise.

Eventually, Romney came out and said that he believed Obama had addressed an 'important matter' with a short-term measure but the way it had been done 'makes it more difficult to reach that long-term solution.

Arpaio told AZCentral.com that the six-year-old being arrested the same day as the President's announcement was purely a coincidence.

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