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Paul Babeu, Sheriff

Suspect Arrested Again for Human Smuggling

On Thursday, November 21st, 2013 at 11:17 a.m. a Pinal County Sheriff's deputy stopped a 2003 Dodge Dakota truck after he observed the driver commit several traffic violations. The traffic stop was westbound on Interstate 10 near mile marker 209.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as Monica Estrada (*age 30 of Tucson*). The deputy recognized Monica because he had arrested her on November 13, 2012 for human smuggling. Monica was driving the same vehicle as she was during the last case. With Monica in the vehicle on this traffic stop were four Hispanic males.

Sheriff Paul Babeu stated, "*Monica admitted once again she was smuggling individuals from a house in Tucson but this time instead of taking them to Mesa she was taking them to a location in Phoenix. Monica told the deputy she was getting paid \$200 per person so a total of \$800.*"

The four individuals with her in the vehicle all admitted they were in the United States illegally. The U.S. Border Patrol came to the scene and took the four individuals to their station for processing.

Monica was arrested and booked into the Pinal County Jail for Human Smuggling. Her vehicle was seized and we will request that it be forfeited since it was used for human smuggling.

