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Paul Babeu, Sheriff

Thousands of Criminal Illegals Being Released

Pinal County, Ariz – Sheriff Paul Babeu blasted the Washington gridlock regarding the “*Sequester Budget Battle*” and says it is already harming public safety in Arizona by ICE’s mass release of hundreds of illegals and plans for the release of nearly 10,000 more criminal illegals from prison.

Many of these ICE detainees are held at private facilities, which are contracted to house criminal illegals. ICE reportedly plans to reduce their available beds to 25,700 from their current 34,000. Sheriff Babeu said, “*Clearly, serious criminals are being released to the streets of our local communities by this mass budget pardon. These are illegals that even President Obama wants to deport. This is insane that public safety is sacrificed when it should be the budget priority that’s safeguarded.*”

ICE agents were paid overtime Saturday and Sunday to release over 500 detainees in Pinal County alone. These criminal illegals were scheduled for deportation, yet now they receive a pardon and once again become the problem of local law enforcement and a burden to the state of Arizona. The President predicts a doomsday scenario and his plans are already being implemented.

Sheriff Babeu concluded, “*President Obama would never release 500 criminal illegals to the streets of his home town, yet he has no problem with releasing them in Arizona. The safety of the public is threatened and the rule of law discarded as a political tactic in this Sequester Battle.*”