



# *Cochise County Sheriff's Office Information Alert*

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## **Sheriff Dever Responds**

Sheriff Larry Dever was interviewed by a Fox News affiliate on March 31, 2011 at which time he relayed information that he has previously discussed in relation to Border Patrol apprehensions. This news created a revised interest in the situation and Sheriff Dever had this to say today:

“I do not make this stuff up. I did respond to questions from a FOX news affiliate who apparently had received information pertinent to the discussion. That said, I can unequivocally say what I have told you comes from Border Patrol agents who work the problem every day and other federal government officials from various organizations. Some of it is 3 years old, some of it is current. The honorable men and women of the Border Patrol, I.C.E. and other federal agencies and their efforts are not to be disparaged, period. I do contend that their leadership needs direction and a serious dose of reality. When we hear from upper echelon federal officials that our border is "more secure than ever", we have to ask, "how long is ever?" because we have been here that long and know better. The border is more dangerous than ever before. This has nothing to do with the huge increase of assets dedicated to the fight, but everything to do with the determination and dangerous nature of the people we are fighting. So don't confuse "secure" with "safe". Agents, deputies, cops on the ground, working day and night, will affirm that we have a long, long way to go to achieve "secure". In the meantime, we all, Border Patrol, Sheriffs, police officers, will continue to work our butts off to keep you safe.”

*Larry Dever*

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