

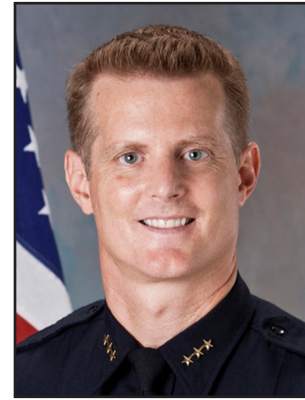
Marana Police Department

Who is in charge: Terry Rozema.

Where he stands: “We have a different job than what immigration does, and a focus on that job is our primary concern. But I don’t think SB 1070 as it exists has in any way negatively impacted us from our primary focus.”

How it’s documented: Created a log in January to track inquiries related to people who are arrested but not booked into jail to ensure the agency checks the status of everyone it arrests. At the same time, created a code for cases involving foreign nationals.

What the Star reviewed: Summaries of cases that involved foreign nationals through Dec. 11, a log of checks done during arrests and the related reports.



Terry Rozema

Overview

Sworn officers: 83

Total documented immigration-related incidents since SB 1070 took effect provided: 6 since January

Share of total incidents: <1%

Findings

- Half of the immigration-related calls since January started as traffic stops. One vehicle was pulled over for having an expired registration, and the officer found an ice chest filled with bottled water, Monster energy drinks, Pedialyte and rubbing alcohol, all associated with human smuggling. The driver showed only a Mexican ID and a Mexican consulate card for identification. Another man was pulled over for speeding, then found to have a suspended license, a questionable work permit and an outstanding warrant, so he was booked into jail.
- The other times officers requested Border Patrol come to the scene, there were signs the person was a recent border crosser. In one instance, a passerby called police about a man wearing a backpack and a bedroll, and when officers arrived, the man asked for a ride back to Mexico. Another man was spotted walking through a remote area carrying a water jug and was able to produce only a Mexican driver’s license. While officers were waiting for Border Patrol to arrive, he took off running. Because he was carrying both a Mexican and an American cell phone, Border Patrol said they thought he was the guide for a group they had caught in the desert earlier.