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A judge has <u>ruled</u> that the state has no right to seize <u>money</u> transfers that originate in other states, dealing a blow to its effort to clamp down on immigrant smuggling <u>money</u>. Judge Kenneth L. Fields of Superior Court <u>ruled</u> that the effort by the <u>Arizona</u> attorney general's office was unconstitutional and that prosecutors had not demonstrated that the Western Union customers in question were involved in crimes. The attorney general, Terry Goddard, said he planned to appeal.

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