

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



ATTORNEYS FOR ARPAIO RESPOND

(Phoenix, AZ) We have just received Assistant Attorney General Perez's letter dated January 17, 2012 in response to our January 4, 2012 letter requesting specific facts and information on which the DOJ based its findings in its Title VI investigation of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. We will digest the details of this letter and respond in the near future.

At first glance, however, we disagree with certain statements and positions contained in Mr. Perez's letter, and are disappointed that the Department of Justice did not agree to provide some of the evidence that we requested, despite statements on December 15, 2011 that it would.

Nevertheless, we are encouraged that the Department of Justice apparently agrees with our position that costly litigation can and should be avoided, as demonstrated by Mr. Perez's invitation to meet within the next 60 days to discuss this matter.

We will respond to Mr. Perez's letter and look forward to meeting with him and his staff, and receiving answers to our questions regarding this investigation and the basis of the DOJ findings.

Only with a clear picture of the evidence can Sheriff Arpaio and the MCSO have a real opportunity to move forward. We look forward to meeting with Mr. Perez and his team within the next 60 days as he proposed in his letter.

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