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Mr. Jim Buckmaster
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Dear Mr. Buckmaster:

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office detectives conducted an undercover investigation that spanned several months during 2010 and 2011. This investigation resulted in the arrest of two individuals for conspiracy to commit bestiality. There is an ongoing investigation of several others. *Craigslit* provided the forum for these individuals to post, in a very blatant manner, their intentions. We were able to locate and communicate with these suspects using *Craigslit*.

During the course of the investigation numerous other posts were discovered in the Personals sections of "men seeking men" and "casual encounters". These posts included specific description of criminal acts. They were often accompanied by graphic photographs depicting a fully nude male in various pornographic situations.

It is clear that the "self-policing" protocol *Craigslit* relies upon to prevent this activity is inadequate. While *Craigslit* may not be committing a criminal act, you are undoubtedly providing a mechanism to facilitate obvious criminal activity. Simply posting your "Terms of Use", providing a mechanism for posters to do YOUR job, and claiming that *Craigslit* is "not responsible for the content" is thoroughly disappointing.

As the Sheriff of one of the largest law enforcement agencies in the nation, I am responsible for the conduct of my entire organization. In this regard, I strongly encourage *Craigslit* and you, specifically, Mr. Buckmaster, to accept greater responsibility for your organization.

I ask that you re-evaluate the security measures that you utilize to prevent this type of activity and take the necessary action to improve your procedures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Arpaio", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph M. Arpaio
Sheriff
