

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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CONYERS' CALL TO NAACP PROVES HEARINGS ARE POLITICAL THEATER

NAACP PRESIDENT REFUSES TO TESTIFY AGAINST ARPAIO

(Phoenix, AZ.) The Maricopa County Sheriff's office has learned that Congressman John Conyers' office contacted the president of the local chapter of the NAACP in an attempt to get the African-American group to bolster the congressman's portrayal of Sheriff Arpaio and his deputies as "racial profilers" during hearings yesterday on Capital Hill in Washington D.C.

The attempt was unsuccessful however, as the NAACP head had no complaints about the Sheriff's Office or local law enforcement about racial profiling. Subsequently, representatives from the NAACP were not invited to testify at the hearings. In fact, the only people from Arizona who testified at the hearings were critics of Arpaio's.

Conyers, Chairman of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, is the Democratic congressman from Michigan who recently spearheaded a federal investigation by Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Attorney General Eric Holder claiming Arpaio's deputies are routinely violating the civil rights of Hispanics in Maricopa County.

"Conyers' phone call to the NAACP office right before these hearings convened was a blatant attempt to stack the deck against me and this office. It proves how hollow and corrupt this entire process is," Arpaio says.

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