

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



Official statement from Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio regarding published report by Worldnet Daily about a request to Arpaio to 'investigate' President Obama's birth certificate:

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Yesterday in my office I met with a Tea Party group who presented me with 242 signatures from Maricopa County citizens asking me to consider launching an investigation into whether President Obama's official birth certificate, presented on the White House website, is authentic or a forgery.

Their concern is that if the document is a forgery, as they claim many 'experts' suspect, the President's name cannot be placed on the 2012 election ballot in Arizona.

What I have agreed to do, contrary to some publish media reports, is simply look at the evidence these people have assembled and examine whether it is within my jurisdiction to investigate the document's authenticity.

I indicated in this meeting that I will also consider whether there is a more appropriate Arizona agency to determine the document's veracity and ultimately whether the President's name can lawfully be entered onto the 2012 election ballot.

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