

*Maricopa County Sheriff's Office*  
*Joe Arpaio, Sheriff*  
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RE: Sheriff Arpaio feels President Obama insulted him today on his enforcement of illegal immigration

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio was an apparent subject of a discussion between President Barack Obama and a representative of a national Latino group who asked the President today why there has been no resolution to a three year long DOJ investigation into Arpaio for allegedly racially profiling Hispanics.

According to Sheriff Arpaio, the President refused to directly answer that question but instead, went on to challenge Arizona's new immigration law and Sheriff Arpaio's enforcement of illegal immigration laws. The President says people with Hispanic surnames could be potentially vulnerable to questioning or abused in ways that were not fair to Latino citizens. ([Watch video of Obama's remarks attached here.](#))

"I enforce the law, including state and federal laws, because I took an oath of office as the elected Sheriff to do so. The President of the United States should understand that and applaud me for that effort, not criticize me."

Arpaio feels that the President would be wise to have a personal conversation with him about his immigration enforcement policies, particularly in light of Arpaio's many years as head of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in Mexico, Latin America, Texas and Arizona.

"I would appreciate the opportunity to enlighten the President about the truth of what we are facing here in Maricopa County regarding illegal immigration and how we are dealing with it."

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