

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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Sheriff Arpaio Responds to County Attorney Thomas' Statement of Outrage

"I completely understand County Attorney Andrew Thomas' outrage at some of our local media outlets today. My wife Ava and I have also been endangered by the publication of our home address not only on the cover of the New Times but on its website, which is a violation of state law.

Everyone knows the New Times is a garbage paper but for Channel 12 (KPNX) and AzCentral.com to sink to the level of the New Times is despicable and immoral. By providing millions of readers with Thomas's home address, this irresponsible act now puts him, his wife and their four young children in fear for their personal safety.

Attorney Thomas said in his press conference today that he will not prosecute.

Perhaps the public should bring our local media to its collective senses. If this community is as outraged as we are that law enforcement officials and their families were endangered by the media's actions today, then I suggest they do something about it. Scream and shout that the media does not have the right to put people's lives in danger.

My question to the media is: If the roles were reversed, how would you feel?"

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