

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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Sheriff's Office to Re-Examine Arpaio's Security in Light of Shooting Involving CNN's Lou Dobbs

(Phoenix, AZ) The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office security detail is re-examining the level and methods of security it provides to Sheriff Joe Arpaio in light of news coming out of New York City today that CNN TV host Lou Dobbs may have been the target of pro-illegal immigration activists when his New Jersey home was shot at three weeks ago.

Dobbs' wife was home at the time of the shooting but was not injured.

Sheriff Arpaio and Lou Dobbs were called the "two most unpopular figures with millions of American Latinos" on national television by Fox talk show host Geraldo Rivera this past Saturday, October 24th.

Dobbs is going public today saying it is the media's portrayal of him as a hate monger that is fueling open borders activists to rally against him, even now to the degree of attempting to cause his family bodily harm.

Both Arpaio and Dobbs are extremely vocal and visible on a national level in their beliefs that illegal immigration is a crime worthy of arrest and incarceration.

Arpaio's many national television and newspaper interviews have resulted in daily protests by local open borders supporters. They brandish signs and banners, some even picturing Lou Dobbs and Sheriff Arpaio as fellow KKK members in front of the Sheriff's downtown offices. Such depictions serve to inflame Arpaio's critics.

Lt. Aaron Brown, head of the Arpaio's security detail, says that while he cannot openly discuss the current level of security his unit provides the Sheriff, Brown and others are embarking on close examination of whether more security is now warranted and what changes will be required either at the Sheriff's work location or at his private residence.

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