

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



**The Headline...** Arpaio is unethical and inefficient Arizona Republic, August 18th 2009

**The Truth...** August 19, 2009

In the letter the writer claims to be a former police officer who is embarrassed by the job that Sheriff Arpaio is doing here in Maricopa County.

The interesting part of this letter is the fact that the writer recites almost verbatim many of the inaccurate claims and misinformation that Arizona Republic writers continue to feed the public regarding the Sheriff such as ongoing investigations and issues like the spending of jail enhancement funds. It appears at first as though a random citizen happens to agree with the Republic on these issues. But is this really just a random citizen writing to the Arizona Republic?

A closer look reveals the fact that this same writer has had three letters to the editor published with the Republic in the past several weeks, all criticizing Sheriff Arpaio. Is the Republic so desperate for critics of the Sheriff that they have to go to the same person three times in such a short period of time? If it weren't for these tough economic times, would this concerned citizen be on the Republic's payroll?

Make the decision yourself on whether or not the Arizona Republic is a non-biased news organization that's only motive is to get truthful information out to its readers or if the local newspaper has an agenda to fulfill...

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