

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



The Headline... Sources: FBI Investigating Joe Arpaio Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's Actions 'Absolutely Unacceptable,' Former US Attorney Says Channel 5

The Truth... There were a number of blatantly false and incorrect assertions in Thursday night's incredibly long and laborious TV story on Channel 5 in which the reporter insinuated that Sheriff Arpaio and his office are breaking the law by "investigating anyone who criticizes the Sheriff."

Rather than dignify the reporter and his piece with a lengthy response to assertions made, we will simply respond with a few 'facts' of our own.

Their expert interview who insisted that an indictment be sought against Sheriff Arpaio also said that no where in America should Arpaio's tactics ever be tolerated. His name is David Iglesias. This is the same attorney who was fired in 2006 by the US Attorney General for several different reasons.

Iglesias was criticized for looking the other way in an investigation involving ACORN, an organization that embraces illegal immigration and is currently under intense scrutiny and investigation by the US government for fraudulent schemes.

Paul Charleton, a colleague of Iglesias and was often quoted in the Channel 5 piece, was also a U.S. Attorney fired in that same 2006 house cleaning by the U.S. Attorney General. Now he is the attorney of record for Don Stapley in his fraud investigation which obviously leaves Charleton as an impartial and bias observer of the facts.

Channel 5 has a few reporters and photographers working there who have an axe to grind against this Office. That's fine. But when it shows up as obviously as it did in last night's report, it underscores why many today feel that fair and impartial journalism has gone the way of the dinosaur.

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