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Thomas E. Perez  
Office of the Assistant Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Civil Rights Division  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Re: United States Investigation of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

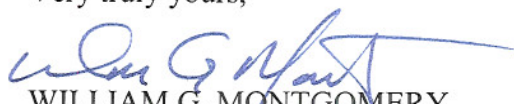
Dear Mr. Perez:

I write in response to your letter of today, December 15, 2011, in which you have conveyed very serious allegations arising from the Civil Rights Division's investigation into alleged civil rights violations by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

As you know, the counsel of record for the Sheriff's Office in this matter is William R. Jones, Jr. of the firm Jones, Skelton & Hochuli, P.L.C., whom you have copied on your letter to me. You have noticed the wrong party. I urge you to promptly notify Mr. Jones promptly.

Many of these very same matters are currently pending before an Article III court, the United States District Court, for the District of Arizona in *Manuel de Jesus Ortega Melendres, et al. v. Joseph M. Arpaio* (No. CV 07-02513-PHX-GMS). The Court has been thoroughly briefed and is poised to act. I would be loath to make recommendations in the short time frame provided and with the limited detail provided in your letter when a more prudent course would be to allow the Art. III Court, which has been weighing these allegations for nearly five years, to complete its constitutional duty. I would expect counsel for the Sheriff's Office to more than likely require the benefit of the Court's findings before it can productively help guide these very serious allegations toward resolution based on their own review and analysis.

Very truly yours,

  
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