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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

Manuel de Jesus Ortega Melendres, et al.)	NO. CV07-02513-PHX-GMS
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Plaintiffs,)	
)	DEFENDANTS JOSEPH M. ARPAIO
vs.)	AND MARICOPA COUNTY
)	SHERIFF'S OFFICE'S NOTICE
Joseph M. Arpaio, et al.,)	REGARDING COMPLETION OF
)	INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS
Defendants.)	

Pursuant to the Court's Order during the evidentiary hearing (Day 2, p. 427 and Day 4, pp. 1012-1013), Defendants provide a date certain when all internal investigations will be completed that include Deputy Armendariz, Cisco Perez and any allegations related to the subject matter of the lawsuit.

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

A. Professional Standards Investigations

On May 1, 2014, a search warrant of Deputy Armendariz's home revealed property and evidence to include identification cards, money, drugs, video tapes and seized property not properly impounded. As a result of this discovery, the Professional Standards Bureau (PSB) began investigations on May 2, 2014. PSB

1 initially pulled an investigation number for one investigation. This one investigation
2 which was focused on former Deputy Charley Armendariz created an additional
3 sixty-two investigations. These investigations required over 300 interviews. To date
4 forty-one of the investigations are completed and discipline, if required, was
5 administered. Twenty-one investigations remain outstanding. All of these remaining
6 investigations will be completed on or before June 15, 2015. The time required
7 includes the verification of accuracy of over 222 remaining interview transcripts. If
8 the Court determines that verification of accuracy of the interview transcripts is not
9 required, the remaining investigations will be completed on or before June 1, 2015.
10 This date does not include the appeal process that may be affected for those
11 individuals that receive major discipline.
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13 **B. Mr. Don Vogel's Investigations**

14 Because some of the investigations dealt with high ranking officials, and/or
15 members of PSB, four investigations were assigned to an outside investigator to
16 conduct. Mr. Don Vogel began his investigations on November 14, 2014. However,
17 shortly thereafter he was instructed that the monitors wanted him to stop his
18 investigations. Mr. Vogel stopped his investigations until December 8, 2014, when
19 he was informed the monitors approved of his continued investigation. Mr. Vogel
20 submitted his work of two of his investigations, IA# 2014-0542 and IA# 2014-0543;
21 however, MCSO requested some follow-up information that Mr. Vogel provided on
22 April 29, 2015. These two investigations will be completed by MCSO and discipline,
23 where required, will be completed on or before May 18, 2015. This date does not
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1 include the appeal process that may be affected for those individuals that receive
2 major discipline.

3 MCSO was notified on April 28, 2015 at 3:11 p.m. that Mr. Vogel would not
4 conduct the two remaining investigations assigned to him. Therefore, on April 29,
5 2015, these investigations were assigned to Chief Ken Holmes. On May 6, 2015, all
6 documents pertaining to these two investigations were forwarded to Chief Holmes.

7 Chief Holmes will have these two investigations completed, including any
8 discipline, where required, on or before May 18, 2015. This date does not include
9 the appeal process that may be affected for those individuals that receive major
10 discipline.
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12 **DATED** this 7th day of May, 2015

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