Five Reasons Why President Trump Was Right To Pardon Sheriff Joe Arpaio

1- Apraio's prosecution was a political "revenge prosecution" initiated by the Obama DOJ to stop Sheriff Arpaio from rigorous enforcement of the immigration laws.



previously reported, the case against Arpaio began with the 2007 traffic stop that resulted in the arrest of Ortega Melendres, a

Mexican tourist who was a passenger in an automobile stopped in Cave Creek, Maricopa County.

Melendres <u>charged</u> the Maricopa County sheriff's officers were "fundamentally stopping brown-skinned people with the pretext of looking for criminals."

The case developed into a class action lawsuit that caught the attention of Tom Perez, then in the Civil Rights division of the Obama Justice Department.

As explained in an article <u>published</u> by the Law Enforcement Charitable Foundation, Inc., the Obama administration unleashed Perez to utilize the 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, authored by then Democratic Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware — a law that gave the Obama administration under Attorneys General Eric Holder and Loretta Lynch a club

with which to "police the police."

That club in the form of "consent decrees" allowed the leftist "open borders" administration of Barack Obama eight years to utilize the Justice Department as a club to intimidate and force any state and local government law enforcement authority attempting to enforce immigration laws to buckle under various charges of civil rights violations.

Thorough court-ordered "consent decrees" the Obama administration Justice Department forced Sheriff Arpaio's office in Maricopa County to accept a consent decree imposed by an Obama-sympathetic U.S. district judge that effectively put the MCSO under the direction of a court-ordered federal monitor.

Arpaio, a target of the Obama administration for years because of his determination to enforce strictly existing immigration laws, was seen by Perez as implementing in the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) a "systematic policy" that set law enforcement rules and procedures to be intentionally discriminatory to the rights of Hispanics.

Perez began his legal career as a LaRaza attorney in Maryland. He currently is Chair of the Democratic National Committee, a major force in moving the Democratic Party in a hard-left direction.

2. DOJ staged prosecution to oust Arpaio from office.

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Throughout the entire case, Perez pursued Arpaio with a vengeance.

On Jan. 5, 2012, when the Department of Justice dropped the initial criminal case against Arpaio in favor of pursuing the civil case, the Department of Justice <u>sent</u> the author an email, explaining, "If MCSO wants to debate the facts rather than fixing the problems stated in our findings, we will do so by way of litigation."

According to information provided the author by a credible whistleblower, while the Department of Justice was prosecuting Arpaio from 2008 to 2010, the National Security Agency conducted electronic surveillance of the various Arizona-based federal judges on the case, as well as on Arpaio, and on the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

At the same time, Department of Justice attorneys under the direction of Attorney General Eric Holder <u>maintained</u> an ongoing telephone back-channel discussion with the federal judge assigned to handle the case.

That the Department of Justice conspired to defeat Arpaio is suggested by the timing of his criminal indictment.

On Oct. 2, 2013, U.S. District Judge G. Murray Snow ruled that Arpaio and his agency had relied on racial profiling and illegal detentions to target Hispanic.

Snow <u>ordered</u> Arpaio to make mandatory changes in MCSO office law enforcement procedures, requiring officers to radio the basis for each traffic stop before contacting people in the vehicle, the video recording of all traffic stops, increased training for and monitoring of MCSO office employees, and the implementation of comprehensive record keeping.

On May 12, 2016, Judge Snow <u>held</u> Arpaio in civil contempt of federal court, ruling that Arpaio an three of his aides violated the judge's 2013 order that was meant to curtail

"racial profiling" by MCSO officers.

In mid-October 2016, with the election approximately three weeks away, the Justice Department <u>announced</u> that lawyers were preparing to file criminal contempt of court charges against Arpaio for his alleged violation of Judge Stone's orders in the Melendres case.

Then, on Nov. 4, 2016, four days before the election, Politico <u>reported</u> Soros had contributed \$2 million to a Soros-funded PAC, Maricopa Strong, to defeat Arpaio.

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3. Charged under the wrong statute and denied a jury trial.

Arpaio's attorney, Mark Goldman, Goldman & Zillinger PLLC in Scottsdale, AZ, sent to Attorney General Sessions a letter dated June 22, 2017, that was requesting the Department of Justice to consider various pleas before the start of the bench trial then scheduled to begin on Monday, June 26, 2017, before U.S. District Judge Susan R. Bolton, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Several efforts were made to contact Attorney General Sessions directly and through trusted intermediaries in an effort to get Justice Department attention to Goldman's letter.

Attorney General Sessions was insolated within the Justice Department so that all attempts to communicate with him failed.

Ultimately, Goldman's letter was ignored, and with the Justice Department's failure to intervene in the case, Judge Bolton began the bench trial against Arpaio as originally scheduled.

That letter, included here in the <u>Scribed.com</u> file below, went unanswered.

<u>Arpaio Sheriff Arpaio 2017 06 22 Letter to Att. Gen. Jeff</u> Sessions

"The criminal contempt allegations stem from an alleged failure of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Offices (MCSO) to comply with an Order of the Court (preliminary injunction) dated December 23, 2011," Goldman's letter read.

"This charge relates back to the prior Obama administration and a time when the Sheriff's practices were in direct opposition to the Obama administration in regards to immigration policy," Goldman's letter continued. "The Sheriff was enforcing the law. The Obama administration appears to have been interested in doing the opposite for apparent political reasons."

In the letter, Goldman argued the Obama Justice Department allowed Arpaio to be charged with criminal contempt misdemeanor charges under the wrong statute, precisely because the statute of limitations on the correct statute had run out, and the incorrect statute allowed Judge Bolton to deny Arpaio the right to a jury trial.

Here is what Goldman wrote:

In regards to other aspects of the prosecution, we request that you reconsider the DOJ's prosecution of this matter because it was incorrectly brought under 18 U.S.C. Section 401. Section 401 relates to a simple criminal contempt of a lawful order. The matter should have been brought under 18 U.S.C. Section 402. Section 402 applies to contumacious conduct that is also a separate crime as more particularly

described in the attached Petition. The allegations in this matter compel it to be prosecuted under 18 U.S.C. Section 402 that entitles the offender to a jury trial in accordance with 18 U.S.C. Section 3691. Additionally, Section 402 offenses come with a one-year statute of limitations.

Given that the matter was not charged under the correct statute, and consequently the Department of Justice has deprived Sheriff Arpaio of his jury trial right and the applicable statute of limitations, in the interest of justice we request that you move the Court to dismiss the criminal contempt proceedings or, at the very least, move the Court to stay the trial pending a full review of this matter by your office.

Time is of the essence for the reason that this matter

Goldman also argued the Obama Justice Department had timed various announcement coincident with Arizona voting deadlines in 2016, so as to influence voters to defeat Arpaio's bid for re-election — an effort Goldman claimed was successful.

"The announcements had an undeniable effect upon Sheriff Arpaio's campaign to be elected to a seventh term in office," Goldman wrote. "The impact on Sheriff Arpaio's re-election campaign is clear. He is no longer Sheriff."

4. Obama holdovers in the DOJ Public Integrity Section

The irony of the case is that the criminal misdemeanor contempt charge is being pressed against Arpaio by the Public Integrity Section (PIN) of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice — the section within the Justice Department that holds exclusive jurisdiction over the prosecution of alleged criminal official misconduct.

"How can the Public Integrity Section of the Justice Department prosecute me when all I did was to honestly enforce immigration laws on the books?" Arpaio asked Infowars.com in

an exclusive telephone interview.

"The Public Integrity prosecutors who are still after me are all Obama hold-overs who went so far as to charge me under the wrong statute so they could deny me a jury trial, refusing to drop their open-borders amnesty agenda," he argued.

"If this is Attorney General Sessions' idea of 'public integrity,' then Sheriff Arpaio is right and Barack Obama is still running the Justice Department," Arpaio said.

"How is it that Attorney General Sessions ignored a letter Sheriff Arpaio's attorneys had hand-delivered to his office, when all Sheriff Arpaio requested was that the Justice Department consider insisting the Public Integrity Section would allow me my right as a U.S. citizen to a trial before a jury of my peers?" Arpaio asked.

"It's ironic that Sheriff Arpaio is being persecuted by an Obama hold-over Justice Department Public Integrity Section that thinks denying him a jury trial doesn't implicate them in official misconduct for which they should be charged and criminally prosecuted," Arpaio insisted.

5. Arpaio's attorneys prepare federal ethics charge against District Judge

After filing on Monday, Aug. 14, with the U.S. District Court two motions — one asking for acquittal and the other asking for a new trial, lawyers for Arpaio are preparing to file after sentencing, a federal ethics charge against Judge Bolton.

Arpaio's attorney, Mark Goldman, Goldman & Zillinger PLLC in Scottsdale, AZ, explained to <u>Infowars.com</u> in an exclusive telephone interview and follow-up email that the judge in the case, U.S. District Susan R. Bolton, was so biased against Arpaio that she could have written her opinion before the trial even started, stating her prejudice from the start that

Arpaio was guilty of misdemeanor civil contempt guilty conviction.

"The court, in its findings of fact and conclusions of law totally ignored all of the overwhelming evidence at trial that exonerated the Sheriff," Goldman told Infowars.com.

"Most importantly, there was no testimony or other evidence produced that in any way proved that the order was 'clear and definite' which it must be in order to prove that the order could be disobeyed in the first place," he continued.

"Not only did the government fail to prove that the order was clear and definite, we proved that it was not clear and definite," Goldman insisted. "The government's own star witness, Tim Casey, admitted under cross-examination that the order was 'ambiguous.' Just about every witness testified that the order was misunderstood at the time. No one testified that the order was clear and definite."

Goldman explained that the Obama Department of Justice had charged Arpaio under the wrong statute, both because the statute of limitations had run out on the correct statute and by charging Arpaio under the wrong statute, Judge Bolton could deny him a jury trial.

"There was not testimony that the Sheriff ever told anyone that he was violating or going to violate the order," he said.

"The government had the FBI and the DOJ working on this case, yet they couldn't find one person to state that the Sheriff ever suggested that he'd violate the order," he pointed out.

"Finally, it was proved at the trial that no one at the Sheriff's department understood the voluminous 40-page order while it was in effect," Goldman argued. "Only in hindsight did they learn what the order meant after the Melendres court issued a subsequent order!"

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