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Civil Rights Division

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

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Via Electronic and First Class Mail

Sheriff Joseph M. Arpaio
c/o Mr. Joseph J. Popolizio
Jones, Skelton & Hochuli, P.L.C.
2901 North Central Avenue, Ste. 800
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Re: Notice of Intent to File Civil Action

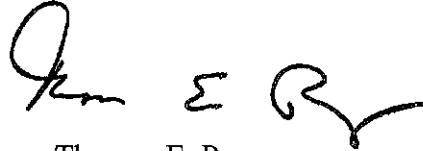
Dear Mr. Popolizio:

This is to advise you that the Department of Justice has determined that the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office's compliance with the Constitution and federal laws identified in our December 15, 2011 Findings Letter, including the nondiscrimination requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., cannot be secured through voluntary means. It has now been more than 100 days since we provided you with our Findings Letter. Despite our requests to do so, we have not met with MCSO counsel since February 6, 2012, to discuss the terms of a consent agreement. Though we provided you with a draft agreement and were prepared to negotiate it, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office made the decision to cancel negotiations.

Based on the foregoing, please be advised that in accordance with the notice requirements set forth in DOJ's Title VI regulations, 42 C.F.R. § 108(d)(3), it is the intention of the Department of Justice to file a civil action against Maricopa County, the Maricopa County

Sheriff's Office, and Sheriff Joseph M. Arpaio in order to remedy the serious Constitutional and federal law violations, including noncompliance with Title VI, as noted in our December 15, 2012 Findings Letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom E. Perez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thomas E. Perez
Assistant Attorney General

cc: William Jones, Esq.
John Masterson, Esq.
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The Honorable Ann Birmingham Scheel
Acting United States Attorney
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