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*Statement*

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**MCSO Statement Regarding Former Sheriff Arpaio's Contempt of Court Trial**

Although the election in November was a statement by this community to put an end to the prior administration's practices, the verdict today by U.S. District Court Judge Susan Bolton is a conclusion to the disservice and distractions caused by former Sheriff Joe Arpaio. We have a great respect for the justice system and the process and responsibility to carry out justice.

As for this office, we remain steadfast in our efforts to serve the needs of public safety, to improve quality of relations with the community and to ensure that the men and women of this organization have the utmost respect for the law and the authority for which we are empowered.