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**Journalists Who Revealed Sheriff Arpaio's Activities Win Pulitzer Prize
Series Reveals Negative Impact of Local Police Taking On Immigration Enforcement**

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Washington, D.C. - Today, reporters Ryan Gabrielson and Paul Giblin of the *East Valley Tribune* in Mesa, Arizona (Giblin is now with the Arizona Guardian) were awarded a Pulitzer Prize for their local reporting on Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio. Over the past several years, "Sheriff Joe" has transformed his police department into an immigration-enforcement agency -- running up costs, conducting large-scale neighborhood sweeps, and neglecting other crime-fighting activities. The award-winning series revealed the Sheriff's "focus on immigration enforcement and how it endangered investigation of violent crime and other aspects of public safety," says the [Pulitzer website](#).

The Immigration Policy Center (IPC) congratulates Giblin and Gabrielson for this deserving acknowledgement. Their public service journalism serves as a model to reporters around the nation. Since the series published, the Sheriff has come under fire from local, state and federal lawmakers, and he is currently under investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice.

IPC produced a fact check highlighting the details about Sheriff Arpaio and his controversial partnership with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), as reported in the *East Valley Tribune*.

- [The High Price of Being America's Toughest Sheriff](#) (IPC Fact Check)
- [The Award Winning Series: Reasonable Doubt](#) (East Valley Tribune)

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