

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Joe Arpaio, Sheriff
News Brief

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The following is a brief media advisory from the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office for Wednesday, December 2, 2009.

Please find attached to this advisory, four separate complaints issued to the Arizona Judicial Conduct Commission by Maricopa County Chief Deputy David Hendershott against Maricopa County Superior Court Judges Gary Donahoe, Barbara Mundell, Anna Baca, and Kenneth Fields.

These complaints were issued yesterday simultaneously to the announcement by County Attorney Andrew Thomas and Sheriff Joe Arpaio of the federal lawsuit alleging racketeering charges against the forenamed judges as well as various private attorneys, all current members of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and some county managers.

The complaint against Judge Mundell centers on matters related to the Don Stapley investigation, the improper assignment of Judge Fields to the Stapley case, and her impedance into the investigation of the court tower construction project.

Against Judge Donahoe, the complaint alleges possible obstruction of justice, stymieing a criminal investigation, and open hostility towards courtroom staff.

Against retired Judge Fields and Judge Baca, the complaints center on their actions involving the Stapley investigation from lack of impartiality to open hostility towards the prosecutor's office.

For comment on these filed complaints, please contact Chief Deputy David Hendershott of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.