

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



SHERIFF ARPAIO RELEASES PRELIMINARY FINDINGS ON OBAMA BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Arpaio suspects forgery

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(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio in a press conference today told reporters, "A six month long investigation conducted by my cold case posse has lead me to believe there is probable cause to believe that President Barack Obama's long-form birth certificate released by the White House on April 27, 2011, is a computer-generated forgery. I do not believe that it is a scan of an original 1961 paper document, as represented by the White House when the long-form birth certificate was made public."

This is the principle preliminary finding of a six-month on-going Sheriff's Cold Case Posse law enforcement investigation into the authenticity of Obama's birth certificate and his eligibility to be president.

Investigators advised Sheriff Arpaio that the forgers committed two crimes: first, in creating a fraudulent document which the White House characterized, knowingly or unknowingly, as an officially produced governmental birth record; and second, in fraudulently presenting that document to the residents of Maricopa County and to the American public at large as "proof positive" of President Obama's authentic 1961 Hawaii long-form birth certificate.

During the six-month-long investigation and after having developed probable cause to believe the long-form birth certificate is a computer-generated forgery, investigators began examining other evidence of President Obama's life history including:

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- President Obama’s Selective Service card is most likely also a forgery, revealed by an examination of the postal date stamp on the document;
- To quell the popular idea that Obama was actually born outside the United States, we examined the Records of Immigration and Naturalization Service cards routinely filled out by airplane passengers arriving on international flights that originated outside the United States in the month of August 1961. Those records are housed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Interestingly, records from the days surrounding Obama’s birth, August 1, 1961 to August 7, 1961 are missing. This is the only week in 1961 were these immigration cards cannot be found.

When and Why Sheriff’s investigators became involved

In August 2011, 250 members of the Surprise Arizona Tea Party, residents of Maricopa County, presented a signed petition asking Sheriff Arpaio to undertake this investigation.

The Tea Party members petitioned under the premise that if a forged birth certificate was utilized to obtain a position for Barack Obama on the 2012 Arizona presidential ballot, their rights as Maricopa County voters could be compromised.

Sheriff Arpaio agreed to accept the investigation and assigned it to his “Cold Case Posse” at no expense to the tax payers for a thorough examination. The Sheriff’s Cold Case Posse, consisting of former law enforcement officers and lawyers with law enforcement experienced, spoke to dozens of witness and examined hundreds of documents, and took numerous sworn statements from witnesses around the world.

Additional findings by investigators

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Suspecting that the long form birth certificate is a computer generated forgery, they now say they have identified persons of interest in the case.

Sheriff's Investigator Mike Zullo says, "We have also determined during the course of our investigation that the Hawaii Department of Health engaged in what we believe is a systematic effort to hide any original 1961 birth records that they may have in their possession."

Sheriff Arpaio added, "A continuing investigation is needed to not only understand more about the creation of the alleged birth certificate forgery, but also to determine who, if anyone, in the White House or the state of Hawaii may have authorized it."

The Matter of the Selective Service Registration Card

Sheriff's Investigators were then led to investigate President's Obama selective service registration card allegedly filled out in Hawaii in 1980.

Investigators compared Obama's card to others filled out in same year and to at least two cards filled out in the same local.

The year stamp that is used on selective service registration cards should include all four digits of the year, for example 1980, the year Obama may have registered with selective service. However, investigators note that Obama's registration card is highly unusual having a year stamp including only two digits, "80" which appears to be an inverted number. Additionally, those numbers are offset by a significant amount suggesting that the stamp was somehow manually manipulated.

Investigators use video presentations to back up the evidence

The Cold Case Posse produced six technical videos to demonstrate why the Obama long-form birth certificate is suspected to be a computer-generated forgery. The videos were designed to display the testing used by the investigators to examine

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various claims made when the April 27 document was posted on the White House website for public dissemination. The videos consisted of step-by-step computer demonstrations using a control document.

They also illustrate point-by-point the investigators conclusion that the features and anomalies observed on the Obama long-form birth certificate were inconsistent with features produced when a paper document is scanned, even if the scan of the paper document had been enhanced by Optical Character Recognition (OCR) and optimized.

Additionally, the videos demonstrated that the Hawaii Department of Health Registrar's name stamp and the Registrar's date stamp were computer-generated images imported from an unknown source into an electronic document, as opposed to actual rubber stamp imprints inked by hand or machine onto a paper document.

“The fact that we were able to cast reasonable suspicion on the authenticity of the Registrar stamps is especially disturbing, since these stamp imprints are designed to provide government authentication to the document itself,” Zullo said.” If the Registrar stamps are forgeries, then the document itself is a forgery.”

“As I said at the beginning of the investigation,” Arpaio said, “the President can easily put all of this to rest. All he has to do is demand the Hawaii Department of Health release to the American public and to a panel of certified court-authorized forensic examiners all original 1961 paper, microfilm, and computer birth records the Hawaii Department of Health has.”

Arpaio further stressed the Hawaii Department of Health needs to provide, as part of the full disclosure, evidence regarding the chain of custody of all Obama birth records, including paper, microfilm, and electronic records, in order to eliminate the possibility that a forger or forgers may have tampered with the birth records.

“Absent the authentic Hawaii Department of Health 1961 birth records for Barack Obama, there is no other credible proof supporting the idea or belief that this President was born in Hawaii, or in the United States for that matter, as he and the White House have consistently asserted,” Arpaio said.

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Conclusive remarks

Sheriff Arpaio stresses that these are preliminary findings and concluded by suggesting a Congressional investigation might be warranted. Arpaio asked that any other law enforcement agency with information referencing this investigation be forwarded to his office.

“I want to make this perfectly clear. I am not accusing the sitting President of the United States of committing a crime. But there remain a lot of questions which beg for answers and we intend to move forward with this investigation in pursuit of those answers, hopefully with the cooperation of all parties involved,” Arpaio said.

Links to the Videos Used during the press conference are below.

1. http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=ID_KfcmG9gs
2. http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=S40WKxKSIHc
3. http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=jzDWmXNBvto
4. http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=yQ0Wvp91JXg
5. http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=3S6O_Ajlln8
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