

**Maricopa County Sheriff's Office response to  
Goldwater Institute Press Release Dated May 21, 2009**

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and the FBI do not know of any FBI policy dictating how law enforcement agencies clear cases. The Goldwater Institute's report cites the FBI's Uniform Code Reporting handbook, which is a voluntary crime-reporting program to compile statistical information and reports. The UCR is not intended for oversight on how law enforcement agencies clear cases.

The Sheriff's Office has its own criteria for clearing cases. We are currently looking into the example case given by the Goldwater Institute. At first glance, it appears that this case appropriately falls under the specified criteria for "exceptionally cleared", however the Office cannot intelligently comment on this case until we have had time to review the facts of the case.

The Sheriff's Office is unclear as to why Clint Bolick of The Goldwater Institute continually criticizes the policies of the Sheriff's Office to the media without the courtesy of consulting the office on these issues. It appears that his reports are politically motivated and that he obtains the majority of his information from the media.

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