

Uighur Women Whose Husbands Have Been Detained

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In rescinding his findings, Olson explained it was not fair to discipline managers who had taken steps to transfer Armendariz out of the immigration squad, known as the office's Human Smuggling Unit, or HSU. But Olson said they were thwarted by Brian Sands, the sheriff's office executive with oversight over the immigration unit.

Olson said in an interview that any suggestion that the discipline meted out was rigged is false. "There was no pressure put on me by anyone," said Olson, who retired in 2017.

Giaquinto rejected the suggestion that only one official was responsible, finding that six supervisors should have held Armendariz accountable, including Sands and the manager who got the raise.

Sands, who retired in mid-2013, said he was unaware of the depth of Armendariz's disciplinary problems at the time and would have taken serious disciplinary action against if he had been alerted earlier. "It didn't come to my attention," he said.

Although Arpaio wasn't the target of any of the internal investigations, Giaquinto said the entire chain of command at the sheriff's office including Arpaio was to blame for the failure to rein in Armendariz.

Giaquinto wrote that Arpaio "believed that the mission of the HSU the enforcement of immigration laws was beneficial to his public stature and re-election efforts."

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