

No conclusions yet on sheriff

By Letters to the Editor

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I had not intended to comment on the Grand Jury's investigation regarding Sheriff Ed Prieto until the conclusions of all investigations. However, I am concerned that the board's prior press release, as well as subsequent public statements, may have inadvertently created the impression that the Board of Supervisors agrees with the allegations made against Prieto.

I can only speak for myself, but I wanted to clarify that I have reached no conclusions regarding serious but undocumented allegations contained in the Grand Jury's report. The matter is under investigation. The sheriff, like any other citizen, is entitled to due process of law. Our Board has attempted to remain impartial throughout this process.

In my view, the Grand Jury should take appropriate action if the most serious allegations can be proved. If not, it should clear the sheriff's name and focus instead on its recommendations to improve the department.

I appreciate the time and effort that the Grand Jury has dedicated to this difficult matter and thank Sheriff Prieto for his cooperation.

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