

# Exhibit 31



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VIA ELECTRONIC AND U.S. MAIL

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RE: Investigation of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Dear Ms. McCormick:

We appreciate the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office's (MCSO) pledge to cooperate with our investigation, and we renew our commitment to conduct the investigation in a fair, objective and efficient manner. As we discussed, enclosed please find our "First Request for Documents and Information." Also enclosed is a separate letter from Merrily Friedlander, Chief of the Coordination and Review Section, which provides additional details regarding those aspects of our investigation related to the prohibitions against national origin discrimination.

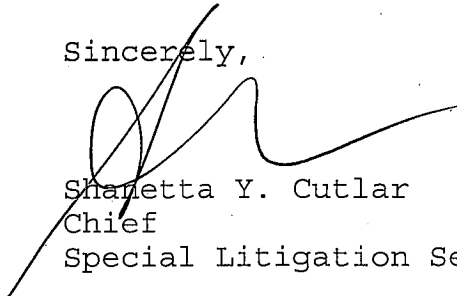
We request that you produce all requested documents and materials by May 1, 2009. As we discussed, please advise if any of our requests is unclear. Please also include any related additional material we may not have requested, but you wish us to consider. Materials sent electronically should be delivered to [Amin.Aminfar@usdoj.gov](mailto:Amin.Aminfar@usdoj.gov). Materials being sent by hard copy should be delivered to us at the following address:

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We reiterate our offer to meet with you and MCSO officials to discuss our investigation. Please let us know if you would like to schedule a meeting. Thank you in advance for your

continued cooperation. If you or MCSO staff have any questions or concerns regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact us. You may reach Deputy Chief Daniel Weiss at (202) 616-6594, or me at (202) 514-6255.

Sincerely,



Shanetta Y. Cutlar  
Chief  
Special Litigation Section

Enclosures