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Outrageous Persecution of Sheriff Arpaio Continues

DOJ VS JOE

Holdovers from Obama regime want honest lawman jailed

By Mark Anderson

Gutsy former Sheriff Joe Arpaio's long-awaited trial on outrageous contempt-of-court charges began in Phoenix in the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona on June 26. The case was expected to last eight days, but it's anyone's guess how long it could drag on if the Feds want it to.

The longtime Maricopa County, Ariz. lawman, a bane of the left due to his no-nonsense crackdown on illegal immigration over the years, may face six months behind bars in a trial in which the outcome will be decided by a judge and not a jury, as Arpaio had wanted.

While some observers have said



Retired Sheriff Joe Arpaio is back in court, this time as a defendant accused of disobeying an injunction stopping him from enforcing federal immigration laws.

that jail time seems unlikely for the 85-year-old Arpaio, his lawyer, Mark Goldman, knows what the government wants.

"The government has told me over the phone that as far as prison time for Joe, that's what they're going to ask for," Goldman told this AFP writer. Goldman added that such a scenario is as ridiculous as the government's case itself in

United States of America v. Joe Arpaio.

"Here you have a man who served 55 years in law enforcement and served in the military, and he's being charged with criminal contempt of court. The Department of Justice doesn't have enough time and money to monitor terrorists, but they've got enough resources to [try and] jail Joe," Goldman remarked.

He added there are "three D.C. lawyers, a full-time FBI agent, and lots of other people" working the government's case.

While Arpaio could not yet comment at length, he did tell AFP after the first day of the trial: "As far as we're concerned, we're okay. We'll see what happens."

Goldman also said he's awaiting

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