

BREAKING: US Attorney Sitting on Renzi Indictment Until After Election!

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Remember that [Phoenix New Times article](#) about the land deal that [Rick Renzi](#) was involved in?

Well we have learned that [Rick Renzi](#) was wiretapped presumably by the FBI soliciting a bribe in exchange for introducing a bill for a landswap in Cochise County.

An AP reporter discovered that [Rick Renzi](#) may be indicted for income tax fraud and a related charge to the bribery.

[Rick Renzi](#) has been interviewed by the FBI.

The [U.S. Attorney for Arizona Paul Charlton](#) has decided not to indict Renzi until after the election. The prosecutor assigned to the case is [Howard Sukenic](#). He along with the spokesman for the U.S. Attorneys office is refusing to comment.

The investigation has been concluded, they succeeded in getting a federal grand jury to indict him but are sitting on the indictment until after the election in order to keep the seat in Republican control.

There really is a Culture of Corruption, and it is making its way to the Judicial branch.

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[Craig](#)
Oct 21, 07:42 PM <#>

Actually, as a rule of thumb (I don't think it's a hard-and-fast rule) indictments of political figures up for election don't come down in the 60 or so days prior to an election.

That's mostly to keep the grand jury indictment from being used as a campaign weapon.

It would be very easy for a DA/AG/US Attorney of one party to get an indictment of a candidate of another party, just to nuke their candidacy.

And I'm not sure, but I think the governor gets to choose the replacement if a Congressman resigns/is removed from office. At least until a special election can be held.

I'm at work and don't have the time to look up all of the rules right now, though. Sorry.

2. Eli Blake
Oct 21, 11:45 PM #

Actually, Charlton is one of the better Federal prosecutors I've seen.

I do tend to think the Judicial branch works at its own pace. If this is in fact the case and their decision is to issue this indictment after Nov. 7, that would no more be a 'pro-Republican' decision than the decision by the FBI to raid Curt Weldon's daughter's house last week was a 'pro-Democratic' position. The Judicial process goes at its own pace.

3. donnatella
Oct 22, 12:09 AM #

Who is the AP reporter? Do you have a link to the story?

4. Michael
Oct 22, 02:23 AM #

From Arizona Revised Statute 16-222. Vacancy in the office of United States senator or representative:

B. For a vacancy in the office of representative in Congress, if the next general election is not to be held within six months from the date of the occurrence of the vacancy, the governor shall call a special primary election and a special general election to fill the vacancy. The special primary election shall be held no less than seventy-five nor more than one hundred five days after the occurrence of the vacancy, and the special general election shall be held not less than thirty-five nor more than forty-five days after the special primary election.

5. jwildcat
Oct 22, 10:08 AM #

This is crazy. We have a right to know what our elected officials do – whether it's how they vote or what they are being investigated for. Clearly, we've seen too much of this, this year – Delay, Ney, etc. It's been known for some time that Renzi has ties to this very same corruption and now he's

bringing his own disgraceful acts to the public conversations. Clearly, there's a reason why Ney and Delay are out – they're corrupt. You can talk about something being used as a political weapon but that's the wrong tact to take. Ask yourself, do you want a corrupt politician that has broken the law representing you? Obviously, nobody does. And why hasn't Renzi been debating Ellen Simon? He knows that he will be asked if he's being investigated. If you're looking for politically motivated acts, there's one for you. If he broke the law, he needs to be punished. Let's not be naive and demand the truth about Renzi.

6. millstone
Oct 22, 10:55 AM #

This is a guy who went to Congress with financial problems and, after four years, has none. This should obviously be a discussion for debate. He wasn't named one of the most corrupt members of Congress for nothing. If Justice is sitting on it, it's just more evidence that Rove and Bushies have politicized every aspect of government.

7. Woodog
Oct 22, 02:23 PM #

I'm not going to blame the attorney for playing politics with this indictment. I don't envy the position he/she is in regarding the timing of this indictment. But the voters must have this information if they are going to make an informed decision. This story has to break somehow....and soon.

This explains a lot. This must be the reason Renzi has refused so many debates. Because he does not want to be asked the indictment question directly. For such a targeted/tight race in this kind of year, the republicans (and Renzi) have been treating it awfully delicately. Now it's all coming into focus.

8. Don
Oct 22, 04:29 PM #

Yep. Renzi is corrupt.

9. Inspector Gadget
Oct 23, 08:10 PM #

Ron Ober

10. Earl F. Parrish
Oct 23, 10:34 PM #

The United States Attorney is part of the Executive branch of government. He is appointed by the President for a five-year term and confirmed by the Senate.

11. David Schlosser - AZ1 Libertarian
Oct 25, 02:49 PM #

David Schlosser, the Libertarian candidate for Arizona's first district in the U.S. House of Representatives, today made the following statement regarding news reports of two separate Federal

investigations into the political and business activities of incumbent Republican Congressman Rick Renzi.

“Americans deserve a higher standard from their elected representatives than ‘innocent until proven guilty.’ Voters disgusted by the corrupting influence of money, politics, and special interests in Congress have a real choice in Arizona’s First District.

“By choosing the change and leadership represented by my commitments to smaller and limited government, simpler and fairer taxes, term limits, donating special-interest contributions to charity, and rejecting Congressional raises until we balance the Federal budget, voters can send a clear message that they no longer tolerate politics as usual.

“Reports of Federal investigations into Congressman Renzi’s business and political activities demonstrate the importance of informed voting. Congressman Renzi has refused to engage his constituents in public events during this election. Perhaps he will reconsider his contemptuous refusal to debate now that the Department of Justice is asking the same kind of questions as his constituents.”

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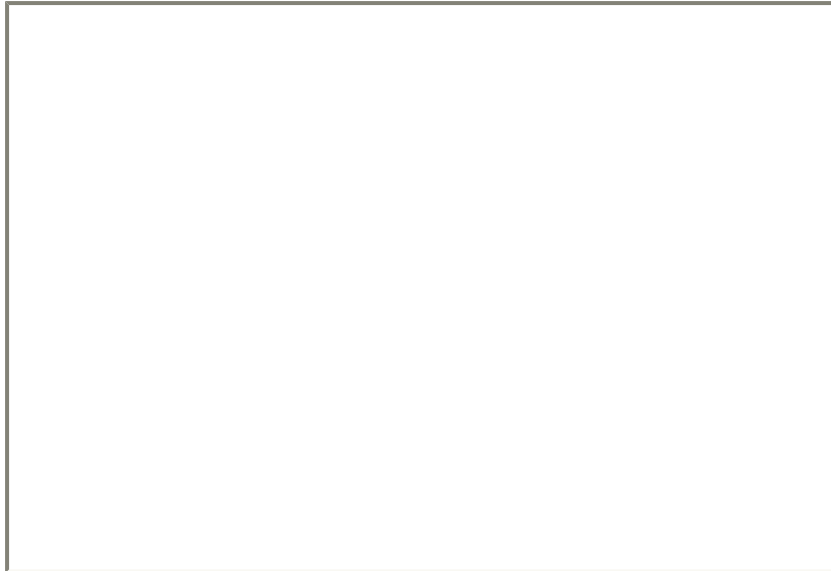
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