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## **SHERIFF STANEK: TOUGH SPOT OR RIGHT SPOT?**

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*Here's what provoked me:*

*It seems to me that when both sides to a bitter dispute complain about the law enforcement officer in the middle, that maybe he's found the right place to "hang out." What do you think?*

*Here's my response:*

### **Sheriff Stanek: Tough Spot or Right Spot?**

On March 8, a report, "A Really Tough Spot," about Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek quoted County Commissioner Jan Callison sympathizing with Stanek. The Commissioner recognizes the Sheriff has "struck the right balance" but also says "I think Sheriff Stanek is in a really tough spot."

The reference is to the repeated and conflicting reports coming from immigrant advocates and ICE. Both groups seem to be complaining about Stanek. He's repeatedly clashed with Ice enforcement officials while at the same time "been cast by critics as an amenable ally to immigration authorities."

Perhaps Stanek should feel OK with where he's at. Rather than being in a "tough spot," to me it appears he's hanging out in exactly the "right spot" for his own good. And just maybe he's doing his job as effectively as possible given the vicious attacks received from radical immigrant advocates.