

From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
To: Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG); Monaco, Lisa (ODAG); Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO)
Sent: 5/24/2011 2:09:48 AM
Subject: Fw: Revised Media - Congress plan in Cruz Samuel Ortega-Ruano and DEA seizure of drugs and 51 ATF Fast and Furious weapons.

We should discuss in the morning. DEA received an inquiry from the Hill on this

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From: Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ)
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 08:38 PM
To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Cc: Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Morrissey, Mike (USAAZ); Scheel, Ann (USAAZ)
Subject: Revised Media - Congress plan in Cruz Samuel Ortega-Ruano and DEA seizure of drugs and 51 ATF Fast and Furious weapons.

Matt and Colleagues:

We have unsealed this case in part (Complaints still sealed as they contain ATF information).

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The precise number of guns tied to F and F has been verified by our trial team and case agents Friday. By “tied to” we mean a charged F and F defendant bought the guns, or a purchaser bought the guns who is a suspect and who is likely to be charged in the second round of F and F indictments.

The numbers are these: 44 of the 46 guns recovered from a BMW car stop were from Fast and Furious as defined above, 4 of 7 guns recovered from Hazelwood House search warrant were from Fast and Furious, and 3 of the 7 guns recovered from the San Miguel Search warrant were from F and F as defined above, **for a total of 51 out of 60 guns** recovered in the Phoenix Metropolitan area the week of April 11, 2011 in the DEA Cruz case were from Fast and Furious purchasers. These weapons were purchased mostly in Nov and Dec of 2009, and consist of 50 assault type weapons and one pistol from our review of the ATF spreadsheets.

Of course we will be asked that question by our local media and

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From: Burton, Faith (SMO)
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 2:18 PM
To: Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ)
Subject: RE: DEA seizure of ATF Fast and Furious AK-47s.

Ok, thanks. We'll stand by - FB

-----Original Message-----

From: Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ)

Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 4:54 PM

To: Burton, Faith (SMO); Hoover, William J. (ATF)

Cc: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); [REDACTED] **DEA**; Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Scheel, Ann (USAAZ); Morrissey, Mike (USAAZ)

Subject: RE: DEA seizure of ATF Fast and Furious AK-47s.

Faith: I will propose a solution in a moment.

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Always a balancing act

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From: Burton, Faith (SMO)

Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 1:15 PM

To: Hoover, William J. (ATF); Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ)

Cc: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (SMO); [REDACTED] **DEA** (DEA-US)

Subject: RE: DEA seizure of ATF Fast and Furious AK-47s.

Thanks, Billy. I think we're awaiting word from the USAO about their views on disclosure of info on this. More shortly.