
From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
To: Reich, Steven (ODAG); Ramirez, Monica (ODAG)
Sent: 6/29/2011 4:04:47 PM
Subject: FW: DEA seizure of ATF Fast and Furious AK-47s

Fyi.

From: Burton, Faith (SMO)
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 11:29 AM
To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Subject: FW: DEA seizure of ATF Fast and Furious AK-47s
Importance: High

Matt, please see below. We've been advised by the USAO that they don't want serial numbers to go because 1) specific numbers tie the guns to a particular seizure and we don't know which guns are tied to indicted individuals and which ones are tied to individuals not yet indicted; and 2) more generally, providing a list of serial numbers presents the risk of public disclosure, which bad guys could use the numbers to for criminal purposes. That said, we can circle back to the USAO on this, but at the moment, it doesn't appear that we're comfortable producing a list of serial numbers.

Also McMahon was asked about whether F & F was covered in the 4/10 Issa briefing and he said, yes, it was covered.

From: Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep) [mailto:Brian_Downey@judiciary-rep.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 10:16 AM
To: Gaston, Molly (SMO)
Cc: Burton, Faith (SMO); Shoemaker, Sheldon R. (DEA-US); Leavitt, Tristan (Judiciary-Rep)
Subject: RE: DEA seizure of ATF Fast and Furious AK-47s
Importance: High

Molly,

Can DOJ please provide the serial numbers of the guns recovered.

Thanks,

Brian

From: Gaston, Molly (SMO) [mailto:Molly.Gaston@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2011 6:49 PM
To: Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep)
Cc: Burton, Faith (SMO); Shoemaker, Sheldon R. (DEA-US); Leavitt, Tristan (Judiciary-Rep)
Subject: RE: DEA seizure of ATF Fast and Furious AK-47s

Brian,

Based on information we've received so far, on 4/12/11 and 4/13/11, DEA conducted three enforcement actions that resulted in the seizure of 60 firearms in the Phoenix, Arizona area. Subsequent tracing of these firearms and coordination with ATF has revealed that 52 of the recovered firearms can be associated with targets of Operation Fast and Furious. It is important to note that many of the 52 firearms were purchased before the purchasers became targets of the investigation.

Thanks,
Molly

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From: Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep) [mailto:Brian.Downey@judiciary-rep.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 03:47 PM
To: Shoemaker, Sheldon R. (DEA-US); Leavitt, Tristan (Judiciary-Rep) <Tristan_Leavitt@judiciary-rep.senate.gov>; Cooper, Mary Irene (DEA-US)
Cc: Burton, Faith (SMO)
Subject: Re: DEA seizure of ATF Fast and Furious AK-47s.

Sheldon,

Any update on this? Thanks

Brian

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From: Sheldon R. Shoemaker
To: Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep)
To: Tristan (Judiciary-Rep) Leavitt
To: Cooper, Mary Irene
Cc: Burton, Faith (SMO)
Subject: RE: DEA seizure of ATF Fast and Furious AK-47s.
Sent: May 19, 2011 3:46 PM

Brian,

The press release following the press conference is attached.

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From: Shoemaker, Sheldon R.
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 3:26 PM
To: 'Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep)'; Leavitt, Tristan (Judiciary-Rep);
Cooper, Mary Irene
Cc: 'Burton, Faith (SMO)'
Subject: RE: DEA seizure of ATF Fast and Furious AK-47s.

Brian,

We are coordinating with appropriate personnel relative to your initial question. Relative to a press conference, a media advisory was announced yesterday:

News Release
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 18, 2011

Media Advisory

Thursday

Breakup Of Major Drug-Smuggling Organization To Be Announced

MAY 18 - (PHOENIX, Az.) - Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Acting Special Agent in Charge, Doug Coleman and Chief Joe Delgado from the Tohono O'odham Police Department will announce tomorrow in a press conference the details of a 9-month investigation that targeted the activities of a major drug trafficking organization based out of Mexico.

Event Information:

What: Press Conference to Announce Breakup of Major Drug-Smuggling Organization

When: Thursday, May 19, 2011
11:00 a.m.

Where: Tucson District Office
3285 E. Hemisphere Loop
Tucson, AZ 85706

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