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Sent: 6/15/2011 8:11:03 PM
Subject: RE: terry shooting

Yep.

From: Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) [Contractor]
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Can I give this to Anglen too?

From: Burke, Dennis (USAAZ)
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This particular investigation has initially resulted in 20 defendants, many facing much stiffer counts than would straw purchasers, and untold investigative leads. The agent who testified never complained to the U.S. Attorney's Office about this investigation until this testimony and has never met w/ the U.S. Attorney.

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robbie:

all this is nice. but none of this addresses the question of dennis' role in approving the whole fast and furious thing. instead, he's responding to questions about whether the office prosecuted cases, which is not the main focus of the hearing in d.c.

so does he want to respond to what the supervisory special agent says about how burke "agreed with the direction of the case" (meaning operation fast and furious)?

-- howie

Subject: RE: terry shooting
Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2011 16:15:37 -0400
From: Robert.Sherwood@usdoj.gov

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Dennis is not going to be available, so he asked me to give you this statement. (I heard the governor might weigh in. Can you let me know what she says if she does?)

"The U.S Attorney didn't watch the hearing and has been in Tucson all day in meetings with Mexican prosecutors on unrelated cases, as well as meetings with victims of the Tucson shooting. None of the complaints by these ATF agents, which contradict the facts and our statistics, have ever been raised in the past with this office. Indeed, ATF is on record as commending this office for the outstanding work on gun-related prosecutions and the office has won national awards within the last year. We stand by our record of gun-related prosecutions."

On background (in reference testimony to the effect that our office doesn't pursue gun cases. That's untrue on its face)

The numbers below are from the attached fact sheet. From FY 2009 to FY 2010, the U.S. Attorney's office for the District of Arizona increased its gun-related felony cases by 8 percent (156 to 185). In this current fiscal year, we are already prosecuting 113, which is on pace to be a 69 percent increase over just two years ago. Also, very few reporters have taken a look at the correlated ammunition cases, but several of those are also attached. Tens of thousands of rounds of ammo are being purchased, with no reporting requirements, and are also flowing southbound to Mexico.

Guns and ammunition cases by the numbers

Between October 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011:

- 185 gun related felony cases in Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 (up from 156 in FY09)
- 113 gun related felony cases in the first six months of FY11
- Over 82,000 rounds of ammo seized

The award I referred to in the statement was won by AUSA Emory Hurley for his work on the Fast and Furious Case – the 2010 Project Safe Neighborhood Awards under the category of "Outstanding Gun Crime Investigation."

Robbie Sherwood

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thanks. also, you may want to respond to testimony (link below) which says us attorneys office not interested in pursuing gun charges.

also says that operation orchestrated in conjunction with aUSA emory hurley -- and that the person testifying says "i have read documents that his boss, u.s. attorney dennis burke, also agreed with the direction of the case."

so probably need something from dennis since i will be quoting from testimony.

http://oversight.house.gov/images/stories/Testimony/5-16-11_Forcelli_Gunrunner.pdf

-- howie

Subject: RE: terry shooting

Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2011 16:00:29 -0400

From: Robert.Sherwood@usdoj.gov

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Dennis is in Tucson meeting with Mexican prosecutors and with Loughner victims, but I'll try to get you a response.

Manuel Osorio-Arellanes and two unnamed conspirators (who are fugitives) have been indicted. Case is active, ongoing and making progress. Osorio-Arellanes' trial date was moved back from June 17, but exact date is still under

seal while the investigation continues.

Robbie

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hi.

found old story that one person was charged with second degree murder in connection with shooting death of border patrol agent brian terry.

is that the only arrest/charges so far?

what is status of that case?

and does dennis have any statement/position on the whole operation fast and furious thing?

thanks. doing story for thursday papers.

-- howie
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