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Subject: Fw: Another Dennis comment

From: Anglen, Robert [mailto:robert.anglen@arizonarepublic.com]
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To: Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) [Contractor]
Subject: RE: Another Dennis comment

Thanks Robbie. This is an early draft (all or part might appear)

A spokesman for Arizona U.S. Attorney Dennis Burke said Wednesday that none of the complaints raised by ATF agents Wednesday "have ever been raised in the past with this office."

Robert Sherwood said some of the agent's statements contradict statistics and facts about the office's successful prosecution of gun cases. He said the office is prosecuting more and more cases.

"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," Sherwood said. "We stand by our record of gun-related prosecutions."

Burke would not respond directly to questions raised about his office's involvement in Operation Fast and Furious or to claims that his office purposely allowed guns to "walk" into the hands of Mexican cartel members.

A fact sheet from the Arizona U.S. Attorney's office shows that prosecution of gun-related cases rose 8 percent from 2009 to 2010 with 185 cases. The office so far in 2011 has prosecuted 113 cases.

From: Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) [Contractor] [mailto:Robert.Sherwood@usdoj.gov]
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Hey, I had another question regarding whether or not we stand by the case, and about testimony from agents criticizing our office. Not sure if this addresses your last question, but this is what Dennis sent back from the road if it's useful. You could probably say, Burke, through a spokesman, said...

"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 with the U.S. Attorney."