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To: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
CC: Reich, Steven (ODAG)
Sent: 6/22/2011 7:22:53 PM
Subject: RE: f and f question

Checking on both questions.

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From: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO) [mailto:Tracy.Schmaler@usdoj.gov]
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To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (JMD); ATF
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Subject: RE: f and f question

Were the arrests related to the kidnapping or was it just a geographical coincidence?

From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 3:09 PM
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One follow up question. Here is the relevant sentence from the Fox News article: "Gonzalez's body was found last November in a shallow grave outside the city after armed federal police forces raided the kidnappers' compound. Mexican officials arrested the suspects and confiscated the guns." <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2011/06/17/two-ak47s-used-to-murder-mexican-lawyer-were-fast-and-furious-guns-sources-say/>. Your description below mentions a seizure of guns from guys in cars. Separate and apart from that seizure, was there another seizure of guns from the kidnappers' compound? If so, did any of those guns trace back to Fast and Furious? Thanks.
Matt

From: ATF (ATF)
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 6:56 PM
To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Cc: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Reich, Steven (ODAG)
Subject: Re: f and f question

No. He was kidnapped in october. Some three weeks later police pull over 6 car loads of guys in the same neighborhood. 8 are arrested. 16 guns are recovered. ATF

Guns recovered 11/4/10. Guns traced May 2011. ATF No forensics on any of the guns we know of

For fox to suggest the guns are linked is like saying there was a murder in southeast three weeks ago. Tonight a car load of guys get caught with guns in southeast. Ergo the guns are linked to the murder.

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Subject: FW: f and f question

Were two F&F guns actually traced to the scene of this kidnapping? Can you run that down for us?

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Subject: tracy question

We have learned that 2 Fast and Furious guns have been traced to the scene of the kidnapping of the brother of the now former Attorney General of Chihuahua, the state where Juarez is located.

Mario Gonzales Rodriguez, a lawyer, was kidnapped in October 2010 and was killed in February of this year by a drug cartel. Videos of his torture were posted on U-Tube.

This received heavy publicity in Mexico – not just because he was a family member of a top law enforcement officer – but because of claims he made in the video that his sister while a state AG, protected the Juarez cartel.

While we know from testimony that many US guns from this operation did make it to Mexico, does the Department have any comment to the victims in Mexico of these guns and to the people of Mexico who were interested in this case.