From: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO)

To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Reich, Steven (ODAG)

Sent: 7/8/2011 6:15:33 PM

Subject: Fw: you are about to be scapegoated

Heads up -- looks like some corners are talking to right wing blogs.

From: Sweeney, Laura (SMO) Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 11:41 AM

To: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO)

Subject: Re: you are about to be scapegoated

Yes

From: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO) **Sent**: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:19 AM

To: Sweeney, Laura (SMO)

Subject: Re: you are about to be scapegoated

Obvious ploy ... He knows this is not legit media, correct?

From: Sweeney, Laura (SMO)

Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 09:49 AM

To: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO)

Subject: Fw: you are about to be scapegoated

Fyi. (Going into SOD so won't have bb for about an hour.)

From: Blanco, Kenneth (CRM)

Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 09:24 AM

To: Sweeney, Laura (SMO)

Subject: FW: you are about to be scapegoated

FYI

Kenneth A. Blanco

Deputy Assistant Attorney General

From: Blanco, Kenneth

Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 9:18 AM **To:** Raman, Mythili; Pope, Amy

Subject: FW: you are about to be scapegoated

FYI

Kenneth A. Blanco

Deputy Assistant Attorney General

From: confederateyankee@gmail.com [mailto:confederateyankee@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Bob Owens

Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 9:11 AM

To: Blanco, Kenneth

Subject: you are about to be scapegoated

Dear Mr. Blanco,

My name is Bob Owens, and I am an investigative reporter with <u>Pajamas Media</u> focusing on Operation Fast and Furious.

I have it from a so-far reliable source that DOJ executives above you may be setting you up to take the fall for the entire operation for signing off on the Fast and Furious wiretaps.

If you would like to talk to me and clear your name--my source doesn't happen to think you are guilty--then I am more than willing to tell your side of the story.

Acting Director Melson of the ATF told his side of the story, and it appears you should probably get your story out there before someone else creates the narrative for you.

Respectfully,

Bob Owens Pajamas Media