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### TALKING POINTS ON ATF / USAO PERSONNEL CHANGES

- n We want you to be aware of a number of changes in Justice Department personnel.
- n First, Ken Melson, Acting Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, has decided to step down from that role. He will assume a position as Senior Advisor on forensic science in the Office of Legal Policy. Ken has had a long career with the department, and we're glad he will continue to contribute his expertise on forensics issues.
- n Second, Todd Jones, the U.S. Attorney in Minnesota, is being appointed Acting Director of ATF. Todd has ample experience in all aspects of law enforcement. He is a former military prosecutor, has served as the U.S. Attorney in Minnesota twice, and is currently chair of the AG's Advisory Committee of US Attorneys. Todd will be a strong leader for ATF.
- n Third, Dennis Burke is resigning as U.S. Attorney in Arizona. Dennis has done a good job there, and we appreciate his service, but he recognizes the value of new leadership in that office. Under the Vacancies Act, Dennis's first assistant Ann Scheel will be the Acting U.S. Attorney in that district.
- n Finally, the U.S. Attorney's office in Arizona has decided to re-staff several criminal cases.
- n These changes will help us move past the controversy that has surrounded Fast and Furious. Ken Melson and Dennis Burke have both acknowledged a number of mistakes were made in this investigation, and their departures will help their offices turn the page from those mistakes. Our new team will bring a fresh perspective to the fight against illegal gun trafficking.
- n The Inspector General will continue her review of the Fast and Furious matter.
- n And of course we will continue to cooperate with congressional oversight in this area. We recognize Congress' legitimate role and we will continue to work to provide information to the committees that have requested it, consistent with the Department's law enforcement obligations.