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House Oversight Committee Announces Next Hearing on DOJ's Operation Fast and Furious

"Operation Fast and Furious: The Other Side of the Border" will examine accounts of agents based in Mexico

Washington DC-- On Tuesday, July 26th, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee will convene a hearing as part of the ongoing investigation into the Department of Justice's Operation Fast and Furious, a tragically flawed effort that is connected to deaths on both sides of the U.S./Mexico border.

The Committee's previous hearing, *Operation Fast and Furious: Reckless Decisions, Tragic Outcomes*, featured ATF agents who testified they were ordered to let guns destined for Mexican drug cartels walk and heartbreaking testimony from the family of a U.S. Border Patrol agent whose murder is linked to guns that law enforcement chose not to interdict.

This Tuesday's hearing, *Operation Fast and Furious: The Other Side of the Border*, will feature the testimony of U.S. law enforcement officials who witnessed a different side of the controversial operation. These officials saw the steady stream of Operation Fast and Furious guns recovered at crime scenes in Mexico and were given orders from superiors not to alert Mexican authorities. Members of the Committee will also have their first opportunity to question ATF supervisors who have defended Operation Fast and Furious and the Justice Department's decisions to committee investigators.

"The Acting Director of the ATF has told congressional investigators that the Justice Department is attempting to shift blame in Operation Fast and Furious away from its political appointees," said Chairman Darrell Issa. "Examining the accounts of witnesses who did not participate in Operation Fast and Furious, but were nonetheless disturbed as they watched it unfold is critical to understanding the scope of this flawed program. This testimony is especially important in light of the Justice Department's willful efforts to withhold key evidence from investigators about what occurred, who knew and who authorized this reckless operation."

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Operation Fast and Furious: The Other Side of the Border

Full Committee, Chairman Darrell Issa, R-Calif.

10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26th in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building.

Witnesses

Mr. ATF – ATF Acting Attaché to Mexico

Mr. Darren Gil – Former ATF Attaché to Mexico

Mr. ATF – ATF Senior Special Agent, Tijuana, Mexico

Mr. ATF – ATF Intelligence Operations Specialist

Mr. William Newell – Former ATF Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division

Mr. William McMahon – ATF Deputy Assistant Director for Field Operations (West, including Phoenix and Mexico)

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