
From: Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) <Contractor>
To: Smith, Jessica A. (SMO)
CC: Sweeney, Laura (SMO); Schmalder, Tracy (SMO)
Sent: 3/7/2011 7:23:46 PM
Subject: RE: Talkers

I let him know via email and vm that I was working on getting him a response. I'll respond back with your contact info. TPs should be coming within minutes.
What's best number to give him?

From: Smith, Jessica A. (SMO)
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 5:22 PM
To: Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) <Contractor>
Cc: Sweeney, Laura (SMO); Schmalder, Tracy (SMO)
Subject: RE: Talkers

Robbie:
Have you sent Grimaldi our way?

From: Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) <Contractor>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 6:52 PM
To: Smith, Jessica A.
Cc: Sweeney, Laura (SMO); Schmalder, Tracy (SMO)
Subject: RE: Talkers

Here's what I got from James Grimaldi about an hour ago.

Robert,

Do you have a minute to chat about Fast and Furious? I am writing a story.

Also, I heard that you issued a statement essentially ruling out those two weapons as murder weapons in the Terry investigation?

James V. Grimaldi
The Washington Post
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FYI, We didn't issue any statement on the matter. However, in the LA Times story last week by Kim Murphy, it looks like the ATF did, buried down near the bottom.

"ATF officials said there was no evidence showing the two Fast and Furious guns found at the scene were used to kill the agent."

<http://articles.latimes.com/2011/mar/03/nation/la-na-guns-mexico-20110304/4>

From: Smith, Jessica A. (SMO)
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 4:40 PM
To: Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) <Contractor>
Cc: Sweeney, Laura (SMO); Schmalder, Tracy (SMO)
Subject: RE: Talkers

Thanks, Robbie. Looping in Laura and Tracy.

From: Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) <Contractor>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 6:38 PM
To: Smith, Jessica A.
Subject: Re: Talkers

Eta on this is very soon. Also we got a request from James Grimaldi at the Post that I think should be kicked to you. He wants confirmation that the weapons recovered at the Terry crime scene were not the murder weapon. DP

DP

From: Smith, Jessica A. (SMO)
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 05:15 PM
To: Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) <Contractor>
Subject: FW: Talkers

Robbie:
Can your team review the talkers below and see if they're on/ off the mark?

Thanks, Jess

From: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO)
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 3:59 PM
To: Sweeney, Laura (SMO); Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF); Smith, Jessica A.
Subject: Re: Talkers

As I understand it - usao has not confirmed any internal discussions w/ ffl. Jess - can reach out to dennis or robbie!

From: Sweeney, Laura (SMO)
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 03:52 PM
To: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)
Cc: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO)
Subject: RE: Talkers

Thanks Scot - Adding Tracy, as we're all working on various pieces right now.

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 3:36 PM
To: Sweeney, Laura (SMO)
Subject: Talkers

A. On the issue of "sanctioning" or "encouraging" gun sales:

DP

DP

B. On the issue of "walking guns" or the timely seizure of guns:

DP

C. When weapons sales were monitored and those guns later turned up in crime scenes, had ATF somehow "authorized" the sales that ATF could have ordered stopped, or did ATF somehow not seize the guns appropriately or in a timely fashion?:

DP

DP

D. Regarding the question "In regards to the guns recovered in Rio Rico after the Terry shooting, when they were purchased from **ATF** (Jan, 2010) was there surveillance going on in conjunction with Operation Fast and Furious, or did ATF only become aware after the fact and link it to **ATF** after the fact?"

DP

E. Regarding the LA Times and CBS News stories,

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