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Obama, Holder Focus Of Attacks At NRA Convention. Politico (5/1, Hohmann, 25K) reported from Pittsburgh: "Liberals are frustrated with Barack Obama for not aggressively pushing gun control, but you wouldn't know it from the National Rifle Association's annual meeting. With no clearly preferred Republican candidate among the 70,000 people who descended on the convention center here this weekend, Obama's name came up more than any other. Leaders of the powerful gun lobby talked as if the president had declared an all-out war on the Second Amendment."

On its website, FOX News (5/2, Hohmann) adds that on Saturday, NRA CEO Wayne LaPierre "said Attorney General Eric Holder should step down for allowing an operation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to occur on his watch that involved the sale of guns to suspicious customers with ties to Mexican drug cartels." During his speech to the convention, "LaPierre said two assault rifles that the ATF 'let walk' were found at the crime scene where a border patrol agent was gunned down in December." According to LaPierre, "Operation Fast and Furious may have gotten one or perhaps two federal agents killed, and countless other innocent victims have been murdered with the illegal guns that our own government allowed into Mexico all to advance a political agenda."

Reuters (5/2, Lovering) says that the NRA conference ended with a speech by Ted Nugent, the musician. During his remarks, Nugent blasted politicians he believed were trying pass more gun controls, including Attorney General Holder and President Obama.

According to the Washington Post (5/2, Helderman, 572K), the NRA is "vying to remain relevant in the 2012 presidential election, with a Democratic president who has not made gun control a priority and many NRA members expecting gun issues to take a back seat to the economy, health care and foreign policy. At the group's annual meeting in Pittsburgh this weekend, NRA leaders and potential Republican candidates warned members again and again from the stage that a second term would give President Obama free rein to restrict gun rights."

Lorain Morning Journal Condemns ATF Letting Into Mexico. The Lorain (OH) Morning Journal (5/2) editorializes, "If Obama wants to control guns, he should start with his Justice Department's rogue Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives." According to the Morning Journal, "The ATF is stonewalling congressional attempts to investigate allegations that it deliberately let guns be illegally bought in the US then taken into Mexico - and that one of those guns wound up involved in the murder of US border agent Brian Terry in a shootout last December." The Morning Journal condemns the ATF for their alleged plan to allow more guns to enter Mexico, so they can increase their budget "and to help enact further restrictions on gun sales in the U.S."

Goodlatte Welcomes Actions To Shut Down Online Gambling Sites. Rep. Bob Goodlatte, in an op-ed for the Roanoke Times (5/2) writes, "I applaud the recent announcement that the Department of Justice seized the domain names for several major online gambling sites and indicted several of the operators of these large illegal off-shore sites that thought they were beyond the reach of the law." According to Goodlatte, "Their actions are in violation of federal law and they must be prepared to suffer the consequences if they continue to break the law."

FBI Raids Hells Angels For Racketeering In New York. WHAM-TV Rochester, NY (5/2) reports on its website, "Members of Rochester's Hells Angels Motorcycle Club are facing federal charges for allegedly committing racketeering crimes. Friday morning, FBI agents raided a house that the Hells Angels are known to

frequent on Algonquin Terrace. US Attorney William Hochul announced Friday afternoon a federal grand jury returned a five-count indictment charging Rochester Hell's Angels members Robert Moran Jr. aka Bugsy, and James Henry McAuley aka Mitch along with Gina Tata, with assault with a dangerous weapon in aid of racketeering activity."

Sony: PSN To Be Back Online This Week. The AP (5/2) reports that "Sony executives bowed in apology Sunday as they explained how hackers took personal data of 77 million accounts on the online PlayStation service, including 10 million credit card accounts that may have been compromised." The executives also claimed that "parts of the service would be back this week and that the company would beef up security measures." During the press conference, they acknowledged that company had not done enough "in security precautions, and promised that the company's network services were under a basic review to prevent a recurrence." The New York Times (5/2, Tabuchi, Subscription Publication, 950K) adds that, according to Sony executives, "a full rebooting of the network, which links 77 million game players worldwide, could take until the end of the month."

Bloomberg News (5/2, Yasu) reports that Sony "is probing the extent of the data theft and hasn't found evidence that information on 10 million registered credit cards has been leaked." Executives say that "Sony hasn't received a damage report on misuse of credit card or personal data since its data center in San Diego was attacked between April 17 and April 19." They further claim that "security codes are believed to be safe."

The Financial Times (5/1, Soble, Subscription Publication, 448K) and Wall Street Journal (5/2, Koh, 2.02M) also report on Sony's apology.

Lawmakers Seek More Information About PSN Breach. On its "Faster Forward" blog, Washington Post (5/2, Tsukayama, 572K) reports that "Reps. Mary Bono Mack (R-Calif.) and G.K. Butterfield (D-N.C.) have written a letter to Sony chairman Kazuo Hirai asking for more information on a network breach that exposed the personal information of thousands of users. ... The committee has scheduled a hearing addressing data theft issues for May 6. The letter asks many of the same questions that consumers are asking, particularly why Sony waited to notify customers about the PlayStation breach."

The Wall Street Journal (4/30, Wingfield, Subscription Publication, 2.02M) and PC Magazine (5/2, Hachman, 608K) also report on the burgeoning government inquiry into the PSN breach.

DHS Working On Sony Intrusion. Nextgov (4/29, Sternstein) reports DHS, "charged with protecting the nation's critical infrastructure, is helping to mitigate the damage from a breach of customer account data on Sony's online video game and entertainment networks that could have affected 77 million users, DHS officials said." DHS spokesman Chris Ortman said the department "is aware of the recent cyber intrusion to Sony's PlayStation Network and Qriocity music service," and that its US Computer Emergency Readiness Team "is working with law enforcement, international partners and Sony to assess the situation." US-CERT, Nextgov reports, "offers victimized companies guidance on service restoration and risk management, as well as recommendations for improving overall network and control systems security. The team also shares information gleaned from investigations with private sector and government cybersecurity specialists to prevent similar strikes elsewhere."

FBI Investigates PSN Breach. Ars Technica (4/29, Webster) reports on how the PSN breach has affected user data and details the scope of the network outage. According to Patrick Seybold, Sony's senior director of corporate communications, "revealed that Sony was working with law enforcement to investigate the attack, and now Kotaku has confirmed that the FBI is involved in that investigation." FBI San Diego Special Agent Darrell Foxworth told Kotaku: "The FBI is aware of the reports concerning the alleged intrusion into the Sony online game server and we have been in contact with Sony concerning this matter. We are presently reviewing the available information in an effort to determine the facts and circumstances concerning this alleged criminal activity."

Forced Labor "Racket" The "Untold Story" In Southeast Asia. The Washington Times (5/2) reports from Bangkok that "the forced-labor racket is a largely untold story of modern slavery in Southeast Asia." Often times, "Human smugglers eagerly profit from migrant workers' poverty, ignorance and desperation, including many unemployed men and women who beg to be smuggled abroad despite knowing the risks." Upon making it to the destination, migrants often find themselves toiling away in squalid conditions and living as indentured servants.

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