
From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
To: Reich, Steven (ODAG)
Sent: 8/17/2011 5:17:30 PM
Subject: FW: Need an ATF statement on record
Attachments: NR-Response-FastandFurious-8-17-11 final.doc

Here's the ATF press statement that went out.

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 4:54 PM
To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

Here it is without the last sentence I am not going to launch until you all send me an email approving this version

Scot L. Thomasson

Chief

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From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) [mailto:Matthew.Axelrod@usdoj.gov]

DOJ-FF-57397

Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 4:48 PM
To: Thomasson, Scot L.; Schmaler, Tracy (SMO) (JMD); Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) (JMD)
Subject: Re: Need an ATF statement on record

DP

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 04:46 PM
To: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

Yes and counsel ok too

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From: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO) [mailto:Tracy.Schmaler@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 4:44 PM
To: Thomasson, Scot L.; Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) (JMD); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (JMD)
Subject: Re: Need an ATF statement on record

If you got ok on your end re: accuracy.

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 04:37 PM
To: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG); Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Subject: Re: Need an ATF statement on record

So is this approved to release?
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Chief
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From: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)
To: Thomasson, Scot L.; Schmaler, Tracy (SMO) (JMD); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (JMD)
Sent: Wed Aug 17 16:36:50 2011
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

I'm fine with it. The embassy is waiting for it so please let me know the minute you release it.

Thanks
Debbie

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 4:33 PM
To: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG); Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

The only change see is to add Quotation marks in front of the first word, (Recent) and behind the last word of the statement (Time)

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From: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) [mailto:Deborah.A.Johnston@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 4:28 PM
To: Schmalder, Tracy (SMO) (JMD); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (JMD)
Cc: Thomasson, Scot L.
Subject: FW: Need an ATF statement on record

Can this be released? The Mexican embassy is requesting it ASAP?

Thanks

Debbie

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 4:02 PM
To: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Schmalder, Tracy (SMO);
(ATF)
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

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Here is the finallet me know

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From: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) [mailto:Deborah.A.Johnston@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 3:36 PM
To: Thomasson, Scot L.; Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (JMD); Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO) (JMD); **ATF**
ATF
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

Please provide the final version and let me know it has been released so I can send to the Ambassador . He needs to receive it by 5 o'clock today.

Thanks

Debbie

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 2:58 PM
To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); **ATF**
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)
Subject: Re: Need an ATF statement on record

Yes
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From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
To: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO) (JMD); Thomasson, Scot L.; ATF
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) (JMD)
Sent: Wed Aug 17 14:57:01 2011
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

Scot, have you vetted with your front office? I just want to make sure that everything is 100% accurate. If so, then I'm fine with it.

From: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 2:54 PM
To: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); ATF
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

I'm good. Debbie/Matt?

Scot- I'd get this out to your press list and any additional inquiries. Also , to your leg shop for the hill conf call.

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 2:38 PM
To: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); ATF
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)
Subject: Re: Need an ATF statement on record

Agreed I will add....Any other cuts? If not Tracy let's discuss the best way to do this.
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From: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO)
To: Thomasson, Scot L.; Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (JMD);
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) (JMD)
Sent: Wed Aug 17 14:35:15 2011
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

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Agree -

DP

DP

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 2:31 PM
To: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG);
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

ATF

They cleared on the version I sent forward and I will run the final version by them once we have it in the interest of time.

DP

DP

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From: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO) [mailto:Tracy.Schmalzer@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 2:18 PM
To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (JMD); Thomasson, Scot L.; ATF
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) (JMD)
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

I made a few edits for flow and clarity - might want to use this version to run by counsel

From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 2:13 PM
To: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF); Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); ATF
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

Scot, I suggest you vet with your counsel's office as well, as there may be legal restrictions on what you can/cannot say publicly concerning individual employees.

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 1:56 PM
To: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); ATF
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

All,

Once it is all approved etc. I suggest it go out under my name.

Scot

Scot L. Thomasson

Chief

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From: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO) [mailto:Tracy.Schmalzer@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 12:38 PM
To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (JMD); Thomasson, Scot L.; **ATF**
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) (JMD)
Subject: Re: Need an ATF statement on record

I sent him already.

From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 12:35 PM
To: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF); **ATF**
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

Scot,

Regarding your question below, the Washington Times piece led the DOJ clips today (as did a piece about F&F firearms being linked to 11 violent crimes in the U.S.). Here's the link:
<http://www.bulletinnews.com/justice/>

Matt

From: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 12:31 PM
To: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF); **ATF**

DOJ-FF-57405

Cc: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)
Subject: Re: Need an ATF statement on record
Importance: High

Scot - just left you a message. The promotion inaccuracy has picked up more steam and is playing into a hearing in Mexico later today so we'll need a record statement from you guys based on what you've told me and other reporters that these were transfers -- not promotions. Can you send to this group as soon as you have it? It's a short fuse - so as soon as you can, pls circulate.

Thanks. -

Tracy

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 08:37 AM
To: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); [REDACTED] ATF
Subject: RE: WT picked up

I agree but have not seen the piece can you forward or tell me where to look?

Scot L. Thomasson

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From: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO) [mailto:Tracy.Schmaler@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 7:59 AM
To: Thomasson, Scot L.; [REDACTED] ATF
Subject: Re: WT picked up

might be worth pointing out to him the error ... And flag it for your leg shop.

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 07:47 AM
To: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); [REDACTED] ATF
Subject: Re: WT picked up

No
Scot Thomasson
Chief
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----- Original Message -----

From: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO) <Tracy.Schmalzer@usdoj.gov>
To: Thomasson, Scot L.; [redacted] **ATF**
Sent: Wed Aug 17 07:45:05 2011
Subject: WT picked up

And apparently Cornyn is publicly criticizing the "promotion." Did Seper call you?