

We can talk next week but I might like to listen in on that brief. Thanks.

From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 4:39 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject: Re: Cases ready for indictment

I'm having GS Dave Voth (Phoenix Grp VII Strike Force) brief the USA ref Fast/Furious at 2pm Pacific on the 17th. You want to VTC in?

Bill Newell
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From: McMahon, William G.
To: Newell, William D.
Sent: Fri Aug 06 16:19:32 2010
Subject: RE: Cases ready for indictment

10-4 Bill. That is great news about the cases regarding GRIT in Tucson and Phoenix. We can talk next week at the SAC Conference but what are our plans between now and October on Fast/Furious?

William G. McMahon
Deputy Assistant Director (West)
Office of Field Operations

From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 3:40 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject: Fw: Cases ready for indictment

We are putting together about 30 cases, these from Tucson plus 15 or so from Phoenix, for the proposed GRIT press conference scheduled for the 26th. We would have about 30 cases from Phoenix but roughly half of the straw purchaser cases we already have USAO approval to indict are tied directly to the Laredo case. I'm having all of these put together in one document for you. Also, as per the USAO, Fast/Furious will be ready for indictment in early October.

More to follow.

Bill Newell
Special Agent in Charge

Sent: Wed Sep 01 20:47:34 2010
Subject: Re: Any good news pts?

Yes, we have some great stats and investigative stories to tout. I'll send you all that tomorrow, after a HIDTA meeting with Gil in Tucson. He's touring several of the SWB HIDTAs I believe and stops in Tucson tomorrow. FYI - we had a GRIT press conference all set up for Aug 26th but then was told that the DAG wanted to come out "within the next couple of weeks" so I'm not sure when that will happen. Problem is the GRIT technically ended Aug 6 so the longer we wait...

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----- Original Message -----

From: O'Reilly, Kevin M.

To: Stirling, Jeffrey B.; Newell, William D.

Sent: Wed Sep 01 18:43:11 2010

Subject: Any good news pts?

Any good news pts for a meeting w/ Mx Embassy coming out of the Phoenix GRIT?

Kevin M O'Reilly

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From: O'Reilly, Kevin M. [mailto:Kevin_M._O'Reilly@...]
Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2010 7:47 AM
To: Newell, William D.
Subject: Re: GRIT

Thanks

Sounds good.

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From: Newell, William D. <William.D.Newell@...>
To: O'Reilly, Kevin M.
Sent: Thu Sep 02 09:57:26 2010
Subject: Re: GRIT

Headed to Tucson, will get you the info today. Went to Hermosillo, Sonora on Tues/Wed and met with new PGR Delegado. He granted us access to the 30 gun August 4th seizure in Nogales, Sonora and by doing so we are now able to forward 7 separate firearms trafficking cases to the Arizona USAO. He wants to do more of the same so I'm setting up a meeting with him and USA Dennis Burke for later this month. I also met with CG at Consulate in Hermosillo and briefed him on meetings.

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From: O'Reilly, Kevin M.
To: Newell, William D.
Sent: Wed Sep 01 22:09:19 2010
Subject: GRIT
Great - thanks.

We want John Brennan well-prepared to talk GRIT with the Mexicans next Wednesday.

Take care,

Kevin O'

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From: O'Reilly, Kevin M. [Kevin_M_O'Reilly [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2010 12:13 PM
To: Newell, William D.
Subject: Re: GRIT

They'll not go beyond Dan and me.
These are really very informative.

Thanks

Kevin O'

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From: Newell, William D. <William.D.Newell [REDACTED]>
To: O'Reilly, Kevin M.
Sent: Fri Sep 03 11:28:08 2010
Subject: RE: GRIT

1 of 2 e-mails.

You didn't get these from me...

The first attachment is what we were going to hand out to the media prior to our planned August 26th press conference. We will still use this IF we ever do a press conf. It had been vetted through ATF HQ. The second Word doc is what we were going to give to ATF DD Melson as notes in case he got asked specific questions about our Industry Operations efforts during GRIT

Also, not mentioned in these docs but VERY relevant to Mr. Brennan's meeting next week is the fact that we and the USA were going to announce the indictment of a dozen "straw purchase" case addressing firearms trafficking by 30 individuals. We finally have the USAO here on board with going after "straw" purchasers and making a statement, publically especially, that we will take action against those folks. In reality we look at "straw" purchases as the lowest ring on the firearms trafficking ladder but in many investigations we need their cooperation in order to identify the real traffickers and middlemen. Having the USAO backing our "play" when we first interact with "straw" purchases adds tremendous leverage to our efforts to get the truth from them so we can work our way up the ladder.

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