

Alex Pfeiffer

From: Alex Pfeiffer
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 10:39 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: DEEP BACKGROUND BRIEFING AT 1:00 P.M. IN ANDRETTA ROOM

I have the WH briefing at this time. Although thanks for reaching out.

On Fri, Sep 15, 2017 at 10:34 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

If you are available, please join us in the Andretta Room to learn about changes to the Department of Justice COPS program which will be announced today at 2:00 pm. The briefing will be on deep background and I will send out materials at 12:00 pm for you to review.

The briefing is invite only and the contents of this email are for planning purposes only and off the record. Please RSVP to Mark, who is cc'd.

If you can only join by phone, please use conference number below.

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Ian D. Prior

Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs

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Conti, Andrew

From: Conti, Andrew
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 6:44 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Fox News-5pm request for today

No prob. Thanks for getting back. I realize how busy you are.
Best,
apc

On Sep 5, 2017, at 6:16 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Sorry I missed this!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Conti, Andrew [<mailto:Andrew.conti@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 10:46 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fox News-5pm request for today

Hello Sarah,
Any chance AG Session can either phone in or do a brief interview on Fox News today between 5p-6p et to discuss DACA decision?
Thanks very much.
Andrew

Andrew P. Conti
Fox News Channel
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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 9:29 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: DHS TO HOST PRESS CALL ON DACA

Will do.
Thanks.

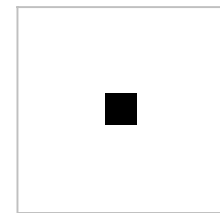
Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 5, 2017, at 9:16 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Flagging in case you are interested in calling in.

Ian D. Prior
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U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Media Advisory

September 5, 2017

Contact: DHS Press Office 202-282-8010

DHS TO HOST PRESS CALL ON DACA

WASHINGTON Senior Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials will participate in a press call today, Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 10 am EDT to discuss Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

(DACA). The call will be held ON BACKGROUND and EMBARGOED.

Reporters who RSVP will receive an email with dialing instructions and additional information for this media-only briefing. Due to high interest, only one line will be allotted per news outlet.

Tuesday, Sept. 5

10:00 AM EDT Senior officials from the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice will host and participate in a press call to discuss Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).
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**Credentialed media planning to call in must RSVP to mediaRSVP@hq.dhs.gov for conference call-in number and embargo information.*

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Ian Mason

From: Ian Mason
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 9:23 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: DHS TO HOST PRESS CALL ON DACA

Just RSVP'd. Thanks so much

On Sep 5, 2017, at 9:15 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Duplicative Material



Murray, Andrew

From: Murray, Andrew
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Interview with "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Wednesday)?

Thank you, enjoy your weekend!

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Interview with "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Wednesday)?

(b) (6) But y'all are on our list as soon as it makes sense--
thanks!

On Sep 3, 2017, at 10:17 AM, Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Sorry to bug you on Labor Day weekend, but I wanted to follow up with you on scheduling Attorney General Session to join us on "Fox & Friends" would tomorrow, Tuesday or Wednesday work for a LIVE 5-7 minute discussion between 6am - 9am ET?

Thanks in advance,

Andrew Murray
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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Interview with "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Wednesday)?

Hoping to get y'all an announcement from the WH to go with it...give me another day and should be able to lock in fingers crossed!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Murray, Andrew [<mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:43 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Interview with "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Wednesday)?

That would work for us, please let us know what time would work for a LIVE 5-7 minute discussion between 6am - 9am ET.

Andrew

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:40 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Interview with "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Wednesday)?

The AG will be in Nashville to speak at the FOP on Monday. Wonder if that wouldn't be a better time?

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Murray, Andrew [<mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 11:03 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Interview with "Fox & Friends" Tomorrow (Wednesday)?

Hi Sarah,

Since the news cycle will be focusing again on illegal immigration and border security, tomorrow (Wednesday) might be a good day to set up a LIVE interview with Attorney General Sessions and "Fox & Friends." Please let me know if you believe this might work within his schedule either tomorrow or later this week.

Thanks in advance,

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 2:09 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

Looks like we have to pass--they've switched around some meetings in the am. Sorry. Let's find another day maybe next week.

On Aug 16, 2017, at 12:29 PM, Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Would a LIVE interview from 7:30am ET 7:40am ET work, or would that be too late?

Andrew

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 12:07 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

Let me work on it. We'd have to have a truck come out in Miami pretty early before we have to leave--so let me check w the detail and stuff on logistics!

On Aug 16, 2017, at 12:03 PM, Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Good question...I asked our Executive Producer and he said, we would want to ask one question at the start, but would keep it to one question and then spend the rest of the time on Sanctuary cities. We would get attacked by our critics if we didn't mention it at all. So if you are OK with that, let us know. If not...we can always find another day.

Andrew

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 11:55 AM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

Hmmm welll...if we did tomorrow could we limit the topic to his sanctuary city speech and Chicago? Or would we need to discuss Charlottesville?

On Aug 16, 2017, at 11:51 AM, Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Great! We can make it work as early as tomorrow or whenever he has time.

Andrew

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
[<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

This morning was just awesomeness everywhere on f&f! Thank you! Let's find a good time for the AGs next interview.

On Aug 16, 2017, at 11:39 AM, Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Thanks again for the quote, we used it for the segment with Mayor Gimenez this morning, below are the links to the segments that might interest you.

BENJAMIN C. GLASSMAN, U.S. ATTORNEY,
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

Link:

<http://video.foxnews.com/v/5542502652001/>

CARLOS GIMÉNEZ, MAYOR OF MIAMI DADE
COUNTY, FL -

<http://video.foxnews.com/v/5542596465001/>

Andrew

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
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Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 11:39 PM
To: Murray, Andrew
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Subject: RE: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

Oh that one im definitely pumped for

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To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
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Subject: Re: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

You may want to DVR our 6:15am

segment...BENJAMIN C. GLASSMAN, U.S.
ATTORNEY, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
OHIO - TOPIC: MAJOR MS-13 BUST!
SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE BRUTAL
GANG ARRESTED IN OHIO, INDIANA

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On Aug 15, 2017, at 11:25 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur
(OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Then ill definitely tune in!!

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Director of Public Affairs
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Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017
11:24 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
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Subject: Re: excerpt from
tomorrow's AG speech

Thank you. We are having the Mayor
of Miami-Dade County on at 8:30am
tomorrow.

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On Aug 15, 2017, at 11:11 PM,
Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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wrote:

Sanctuary city
speech at 3pm Port of
Miami contrasting
Miami (which was
recently announced to
be compliant with
federal law) and
Chicago (an answer
to Rahm Emmanuel's
lawsuit):

"I know that Miami-
Dade will be an
example of the good
that comes from
following the law. We
have already seen
that: the same
Independence Day
weekend when
Chicago suffered
more than 100
shootings and 15
homicides, Miami-
Dade also had a
historic number of
shooting deaths –
zero."

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public
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Murray, Andrew

From: Murray, Andrew
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 2:11 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

No problem, thanks for considering us...and happy to make any day work next week.

Andrew

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 2:09 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

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Murray, Andrew

From: Murray, Andrew
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 12:39 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

OK, we will make it happen on our end, just let us know if you can confirm on your end and then where we will need to send the truck/crew and I'll get started on the logistics for a remote talk-back with our anchors here in NYC.

Andrew

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 12:37 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

That would work in theory.

On Aug 16, 2017, at 12:29 PM, Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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Murray, Andrew

From: Murray, Andrew
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 12:08 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

Sounds good, just let us know.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 12:07 PM
To: Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: excerpt from tomorrow's AG speech

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Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 8:52 PM
To: Aloï, Diana
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: Re: ILLINOIS AG SUES CITY OF CHICAGO OVER POLICE REFORMS ALLEGEDLY USING EXCESSIVE FORCE AGAINST BLACK AND LATINO RESIDENTS

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 30, 2017, at 8:03 PM, Aloï, Diana <Diana.Aloi@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

THANK YOU
I'M GOING TO PULL AN EXCERPT FROM THIS. IT WILL READ THIS WAY

DOJ STATEMENT: "If the city and state can put in place policies and practices to ensure constitutional, proactive policing that actually serves to reduce Chicago's rampant violent crime problems, that would be a positive step." **DOJ spokesperson Ian Prior**

I NEED TO DO THIS FOR TIME RESTRICTIONS

THANK YOU SO MUCH

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) [<mailto:Lauren.Ehrsam@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 7:57 PM
To: Aloï, Diana
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: Re: ILLINOIS AG SUES CITY OF CHICAGO OVER POLICE REFORMS ALLEGEDLY USING EXCESSIVE FORCE AGAINST BLACK AND LATINO RESIDENTS

Please attribute to spokesman Ian Prior:

Local policing is first and foremost a matter of local responsibility. If the City and State can put in place policies and practices to ensure constitutional, proactive policing that actually serves to reduce Chicago's rampant violent crime problems, that would be a positive step. However, we have said repeatedly that we will not agree to or support any measure that will endanger the lives of Chicago's residents or law enforcement by eroding the rule of law or by failing to properly address violent crime in Chicago. We will continue to work with the city to meet those goals.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 30, 2017, at 7:28 PM, Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thank you - Kristen

From: Aloj, Diana [<mailto:Diana.Aloi@FOXNEWS.COM>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 5:11 PM

To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: ILLINOIS AG SUES CITY OF CHICAGO OVER POLICE REFORMS ALLEGEDLY USING EXCESSIVE FORCE AGAINST BLACK AND LATINO RESIDENTS

Hello we are doing a story on this tomorrow
Can you please provide a statement on the DOJ's position on this?
Working under deadline and would need a response by 9pm et

Thank you
Diana Aloj

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Scanlon, Katherine

From: Scanlon, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 1:53 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: request for comment re: Philadelphia lawsuit

Thank you!

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 1:51:18 PM
To: Scanlon, Katherine
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: RE: request for comment re: Philadelphia lawsuit

Attributable to me: "When criminal aliens are returned to the streets instead of sent home, public safety is undermined. Murder rates are on the rise in Philadelphia, but today the City joined other jurisdictions in doing a disservice to their citizens by protecting criminal aliens rather than law abiding citizens."

Devin M. O'Malley
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From: Press
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 1:39 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: request for comment re: Philadelphia lawsuit

Katy Jo Richards
Media Affairs Intern
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Office of Public Affairs

From: Scanlon, Katherine [<mailto:kscanlon@theblaze.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: request for comment re: Philadelphia lawsuit

Hello,

I was wondering if anyone in your department would like to comment on the city of Philadelphia's lawsuit against Attorney General Sessions over the new requirements for Justice Assistance grants?

Thanks,

Kate

Kate Scanlon
Reporter, TheBlaze

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Joost, Nathalie

From: Joost, Nathalie
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 3:08 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: Hi Devin - checking time for Monday's event

Thanks!

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 3:07 PM
To: Joost, Nathalie <Nathalie.Joost@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Mears, William <William.Mears@FOXNEWS.COM>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Hi Devin - checking time for Monday's event

Ugh

It's 9:00 am central

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 25, 2017, at 1:46 PM, Joost, Nathalie <Nathalie.Joost@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Devin,
Just checking the time for Monday's event in Nashville. I see the press release has it listed for "0900 EDT" but since Nashville is in Central Time, is the event at 0800 local? Or was "EDT" a typo?
Thanks if you could let us know,
Nathalie

ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO TRAVEL TO TENNESSEE TO GIVE REMARKS AT THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE'S 2017 BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE & EXPO

***** MEDIA ADVISORY *****

WASHINGTON - Attorney General Jeff Sessions will travel to Nashville, Tennessee, on MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017, to give remarks at the National Fraternal Order of Police's 2017 Biennial National Conference & Expo.

WHO: Attorney General Jeff Sessions

WHAT: Speech at the National Fraternal Order of Police's 2017 Biennial National Conference & Expo.

WHEN: Monday, August 28, 2017

9:00 a.m. EDT

WHERE: Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center

Delta Ballroom

2800 Opryland Drive

Nashville, TN 37214

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(Camera preset for K9 Sweep: TBD // Final Access: TBD)
More details to follow.

NOTE: All media must RSVP and present government-issued photo I.D. (such as a driver's license) as well as valid media credentials. The RSVP and any inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to Devin O'Malley in the Office of Public Affairs at (202) 514-2007 or devin.omalley@usdoj.gov. Please include the email address of the person(s) attending the event, so that we may reach them directly if details change
#

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 1:35 PM
To: imason@breitbart.com
Subject: Re: Today

Tabled until next week

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 25, 2017, at 7:58 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:
>
> We may be good to do the immigration thing today if you are still interested?
>
> Sent from my iPhone

Abueg, Mark (OPA)

From: Abueg, Mark (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 8:52 PM
To: Jason.Kopp@FOXNEWS.COM
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: RE: Media Request

Jason,

Thank you for your inquiry.

DOJ declines to comment.

I believe another my Public Affairs colleagues got back to you about the second inquiry.

Best,

Mark

Mark Abueg
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From: Kopp, Jason [<mailto:Jason.Kopp@FOXNEWS.COM>]

Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 3:02 PM

To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Media Request

Hello:

I am a producer with Fox News working on an article for our website. I am looking for comment on two subjects please.

In 2015, Department of Justice attorney Laura Smith defended BLM agent Daniel P. Love in a wrongful death lawsuit brought to the court by Jeanne Redd. The case was dismissed. Did the Department of Justice comment on that case? Would you be willing to send comment?

Also, can you comment on Judge Gloria Navarro's ruling in favor of U.S. Attorney Steven Myhre to block BLM agent Dan Love from testifying in the first Bunkerville standoff case? Why was this argument made by U.S. Attorney Myhre?

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Jason Kopp

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 4:35 PM
To: Koerber, Ashley
Subject: RE: Bret Baier on Tuesday?

Sorry he'll be in the air at that time.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Koerber, Ashley [mailto:Ashley.koerber@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 12:39 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Bret Baier on Tuesday?

Hey Sarah,

I hope you're doing well! I wanted to see if Attorney General Sessions would be available for an interview with Bret this coming Tuesday, August 29.

Bret will be anchoring Special Report from the White House North Lawn.

Please get back to me at your earliest convenience thank you!

Best,
Ashley

Ashley Koerber
Booking Producer
Special Report w/ Bret Baier
Fox News Channel DC Bureau

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Chuck Ross

From: Chuck Ross
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Report on email to Rick Dearborn

My deadline is flexible. If you're able to find out something sometime tomorrow that would be good for my purposes.

Thank you again

On Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 2:53 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

So he is! My bad. This is a question where I'd have to ask the AG but he's out of this office in meetings for the rest of the day. What's your deadline?

Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

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From: Chuck Ross [mailto:chuck@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 3:29 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Report on email to Rick Dearborn

He's listed [here](#) as serving up through inauguration.

On Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 2:26 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I don't think he was chief of staff at that point I thought he left in may or before?

Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

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From: Chuck Ross [mailto:chuck@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 3:19 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Report on email to Rick Dearborn

Sarah,

Regarding the CNN report about the email to Rick Dearborn seeking a Russia-related meeting, was AG Sessions aware of that request at the time? It was supposedly sent last June when Dearborn was still Sessions' chief of staff.

Thanks for any help,

Chuck Ross

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 2:42 PM
To: Creighton, Kelly M (OPA); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Fox Passes

We'd like to start the process of getting Catherine Herridge a pass. What info do you need in order to get that going.

This will be in place of Lucas Tomlinson's pass.

Thanks!

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 12:48 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: hey

Interested in doing a story on how violent crime has been on the rise, not just in big cities, but smaller ones as well?

Kansas City, Missouri

- Kansas City murders are up by more than **43% this year** already
- <https://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2017-08-01/as-homicides-increase-kansas-city-grasps-for-answers-help>

Louisville, Kentucky

- Louisville is on pace to beat last year's all-time record number of murders. In the first half of this year, Louisville's murders were up 33% compared to the first half of 2016. <https://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2017-08-01/as-homicides-increase-kansas-city-grasps-for-answers-help>
- This has led to some recent questions about the dangers of criminal leniency such as Louisville's "home incarceration program" <http://www.wdrb.com/story/36081171/recent-murders-raise-questions-about-louisvilles-home-incarceration-program>

Nebraska (statewide)

- 8.4% increase in violent crime overall in 2016, including a 10.7% increase in aggravated assaults and a 21.7% increase (with a data caveat, at least) in rapes. Of note, murders decreased by 21.5% in Nebraska (from 65 in the state in 2015 to 51 in 2016).
- <https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/doc/2016-Crime-in-Nebraska.pdf>

Kansas (statewide)

- Kansas Bureau of Investigation recently released its final 2016 crime rate data, and murders went up 12% in 2016, making it the deadliest year since 2000.
- <http://www.kckansan.com/2017/08/kansas-bureau-of-investigation-releases.html>
- <http://www.kansas.gov/kbi/stats/docs/pdf/2016%20Crime%20Index.pdf>

Little Rock, Arkansas

- Last week, Little Rock matched last year's total number of homicides, meaning the city is on its way to a massive increase. <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/08/15/little-rock-already-matches-last-years-homicide-mark-with-42nd-killing.html>

Ithaca/Binghamton/Elmira, NY

- All three cities had big violent crime increases in 2016
 - o Ithaca had its highest violent crime rate since 2009
 - <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/indexcrimes/Tompkins.pdf>
 - <https://ithacavoice.com/2017/08/ithaca-crime-2016-total-crimes-violent-crimes-last-year-data-shows/>
 - o Elmira had its highest violent crime rate since 2012 (although still below their 26-year average)
 - <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/indexcrimes/Chemung.pdf>
 - <http://www.stargazette.com/story/news/public-safety/2017/07/28/violent-crimes-elmira-highest-since-2012/517365001/>
 - o Binghamton had its highest violent crime rate since 1996

- <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/indexcrimes/Broome.pdf>
 - <http://www.pressconnects.com/story/news/public-safety/2017/07/28/binghamton-sees-most-violent-year-2-decades/508062001/>
- All three cities also have a quick profile in this article from a few weeks ago
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/public-safety/2017/07/28/ithacas-violent-crimes-highest-since-2009/517664001/>

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
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Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 11:19 AM
To: Gibson, Jake
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Charlottesville event

Hi Jake,

Miriam Dickler, Director of Communications for the City of Charlottesville, confirmed that the meeting was moved due to a scheduling conflict in the space where the meeting is being held at the MLK Performing Arts Center. It was accidentally double booked and there was already an event scheduled. If you need to confirm with her, or have other questions, she can be reached (b) (6) (b) (6)

Thank you,
Lauren

From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 10:20 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <lehrsam@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Charlottesville event

Any guidance or reason this event got moved to Sunday?

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA - The City of Charlottesville will be partnering with the Community Relations Services (CRS) division of the U.S. Department of Justice to begin a road to recovery for our community. Representatives from CRS will work closely with a working group of area residents to develop a vision, develop a robust community engagement plan and create recommendations for an action plan. The working group will be comprised of people from all walks of life in our community and will begin meeting in the next couple of weeks.

As a first step in the community engagement efforts the City will host a Town Hall Meeting [on Thursday August 24th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.](#) at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center ([1400 Melbourne Road](#)). The City will provide an update on recovery efforts and offer opportunities for public comment.

In addition to the formal meetings with the CRS, the City will be creating ongoing opportunities for our community to speak with City officials, ask questions, make new connections and work through this experience in a wide variety of ways. As these are scheduled, they will be announced to the public. "Our community has been shaken to its core," said City Manager Maurice Jones. "We see this partnership with CRS as the beginning of a process of recovery and renewal. Charlottesville is a resilient City and I am confident we will come through this tragedy stronger than ever."

Created by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, CRS is the only federal agency dedicated to helping state and local

governments, private and public organizations, and community groups with preventing and resolving racial and ethnic tensions. The City has partnered with the agency in the past to facilitate discussions with the police department and our residents.

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice and Federal Law Enforcement Producer
Fox News Washington

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@JakeBGibson

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Alex Pfeiffer

From: Alex Pfeiffer
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 6:49 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SECURES THE DENATURALIZATION OF INDIVIDUAL CONVICTED OF IMPERSONATING AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER TO DEFRAUD OTHER IMMIGRANTS RESIDING UNLAWFULLY IN THE UNITED STATES

Thanks for heads up. Im away but will forward to another reporter.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 23, 2017, at 6:26 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <ian.prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

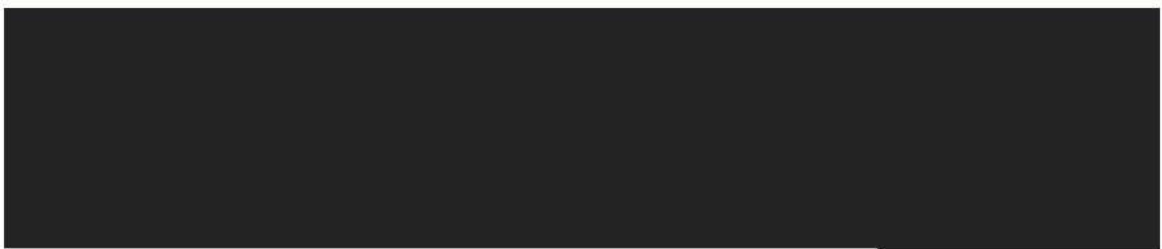
FYI

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Note: Relevant court documents are available at the following links: [Complaint](#), [Government Motion](#), and [Order](#).

**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SECURES THE
DENATURALIZATION OF INDIVIDUAL CONVICTED OF
IMPERSONATING AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER TO
DEFRAUD OTHER IMMIGRANTS RESIDING UNLAWFULLY
IN THE UNITED STATES**

WASHINGTON On Aug. 21, Judge R. Gary Klausner of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California entered an order that revoked the naturalized U.S. citizenship of a fraudster and immigration officer impersonator, restrained and enjoined her from claiming any rights, privileges, or advantages of U.S. citizenship, and ordered her to immediately surrender and deliver her Certificate of Naturalization and any other indicia of U.S. citizenship to federal authorities, the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) jointly announced.

“The Justice Department is committed to preserving the integrity of our nation’s immigration system and the propriety of the government’s adjudication of immigration benefits,” said Acting Assistant Attorney General Chad A. Readler

of the Justice Department's Civil Division. "We will aggressively pursue the denaturalization of individuals who lie on their naturalization applications, especially in a circumstance like this one, which involved an alien who masqueraded as an immigration officer and was convicted of defrauding nine aliens of thousands of dollars in exchange for false promises of facilitating immigration benefits."

Araceli Martinez aka Maria Araceli Ramos de Martinez, 53, a native of Mexico, pleaded guilty in September 2012 to Obtaining Money, Labor or Property by False Pretense in violation of California Penal Code § 532(a) in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles. Between June 2011 and March 2012, Martinez engaged in a scheme in which she impersonated a U.S. immigration officer. Martinez falsely represented that undocumented immigrants could hire her to assist them in obtaining legal status, defrauding her victims of thousands of dollars without ever submitting any paperwork on their behalf. Martinez applied to naturalize and become a U.S. citizen in the midst of engaging in her fraudulent scheme. While under oath during her naturalization interview, Martinez stated that she had never committed a crime or offense for which she was not arrested. Relying on this answer, USCIS granted her naturalization application and Martinez became a U.S. citizen later that year. When the Department of Justice filed a complaint in federal court to initiate denaturalization proceedings in April 2017, Martinez was incarcerated in the Mendocino County jail in Ukiah, California, serving a two year sentence for a December 2015 conviction for felony grand theft.

"This order sends a clear message to individuals who commit fraud during the naturalization process we will investigate you and seek you out to ensure that justice is done," said Acting ICE Director Thomas Homan. "ICE will continue to work with our partners at the Justice Department's Office of Immigration Litigation District Court Section to hold individuals responsible for their fraudulent conduct, especially those pretending to be government officials."

"I congratulate the trial team for bringing Araceli Martinez to justice," said USCIS Acting Director James McCament. "Ms. Martinez fraudulently obtained her citizenship and then made false representations that exploited other immigrants. By doing so, she threatened to undermine the hard work our officers do every day to protect the integrity of the immigration system. USCIS is glad to see her held accountable."

This case was investigated by ICE Homeland Security Investigations Los Angeles Document and Benefit Fraud Task Force and the Civil Division's Office of Immigration Litigation, District Court Section (OIL DCS). The case was prosecuted by Deputy Chief Tim Belsan of OIL DCS's National Security and Affirmative Litigation Unit, with support from ICE Senior Attorney Jillian Woods.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 6:09 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Judge tosses out Texas voter ID law

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Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 6:07 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Judge tosses out Texas voter ID law

Any guidance, context, comment or general wisdom you'd like to pass along?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 6:06 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Judge tosses out Texas voter ID law

yep

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 6:03 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Judge tosses out Texas voter ID law

You see this?

<http://www.statesman.com/news/judge-tosses-out-texas-voter-law/PsNIZeADFbT7iPhUOIEkM/>

A federal judge Wednesday [tossed out the Texas voter ID law](#), granting a permanent injunction barring Texas from

enforcing the original 2011 law as well as a version with looser restrictions that was signed into law this summer. U.S. District Judge Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos of Corpus Christi ruled that the law violates the Voting Rights Act and the U.S. Constitution.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said he will appeal the ruling.

“Safeguarding the integrity of elections in Texas is essential to preserving our democracy,” he said.

When passed by the Legislature in 2011, the Texas voter ID law was among the most restrictive in the nation, requiring registered voters to present one of seven forms of government-issued photo ID — such as a driver’s license or a license to carry a handgun — before casting a ballot.

Civil rights groups, Democratic politicians and minority voters sued in 2013, arguing that the Republican-backed law violated the U.S. Voting Rights Act by targeting low-income, Latino and African American voters, who were less likely to have approved forms of ID but more likely to vote for Democratic candidates.

Ramos agreed, and the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld most of her ruling in 2016, saying the voter ID law discriminated against minorities and poor people, infringing on the voting rights of about 600,000 registered Texas voters who lacked a government-issued photo ID.

The appeals court, however, said Ramos’ work wasn’t done and returned the case to Corpus Christi with instructions to determine whether the law was written to be intentionally discriminatory.

It was, Ramos ruled in April — dismissing Republican assertions that the law was intended to combat fraud, with the judge calling that rationale a “pretext” to suppress the voting rights of minorities and reduce support for Democrats. The case then shifted to determining what remedies Ramos should order, prompting Thursday’s ruling.

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August 23, 2017

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

MARC VEASEY, <i>et al</i> ,	§	
	§	
Plaintiffs,	§	
VS.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:13-CV-193
	§	
GREG ABBOTT, <i>et al</i> ,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

**ORDER GRANTING SECTION 2 REMEDIES
AND TERMINATING INTERIM ORDER**

In its Opinion of October 9, 2014 (D.E. 628), this Court held that Texas Senate Bill 14 (SB 14)¹ had an impermissible discriminatory effect against Hispanics and African-Americans and was passed with a discriminatory purpose in violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) and the 14th and 15th Amendments to the United States Constitution. *Veasey v. Perry*, 71 F. Supp. 3d 627 (S.D. Tex. 2014) (*Veasey I*). On appeal, the Fifth Circuit, sitting en banc, affirmed the discriminatory effect claim and remanded the discriminatory purpose claim for reconsideration. *Veasey v. Abbott*, 830 F.3d 216, 241 (5th Cir. 2016) (en banc) (*Veasey II*).²

In the meantime, the Fifth Circuit instructed this Court to issue an interim remedy to eliminate or at least reduce the discriminatory effects of SB 14 for the 2016 general

¹ Texas Senate Bill 14, Act of May 16, 2011, 82d Leg., R.S., ch. 123, 2011 Tex. Gen. Laws 619.

² In *Veasey I*, this Court also found in favor of Plaintiffs with respect to two constitutional claims. The claim that SB 14 constituted an unconstitutional burden on the right to vote under the 1st and 14th Amendments was vacated and dismissed under the principle that the VRA provided a remedy and thus those constitutional claims need not be reached. The claim that SB 14 constituted a poll tax under the 14th and 24th Amendments was vacated and rendered on the merits.

Ian Mason

From: Ian Mason
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 5:27 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: Haven't forgot about you

Sounds good. Thanks again.

Original Message

From: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 5:24pm
To: "Ian Mason" <imason@breitbart.com>
Subject: RE: Haven't forgot about you

Sorry, I thought I emailed you. For planning purposes only, we are pushing this back...likely tomorrow. I'll ping you in the AM.

Devin M. O'Malley
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From: Ian Mason [mailto:imason@breitbart.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 5:21 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Haven't forgot about you

Should I expect anything tonight? No worries, just checking in.

Thanks,
Ian Mason

Original Message

From: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 11:49am
To: "Ian Mason" <imason@breitbart.com>
Subject: Haven't forgot about you

Still waiting on a few things. Will be in touch.

Devin M. O'Malley
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Ian Mason

From: Ian Mason
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 11:56 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: Haven't forgot about you

No worries. Let me know

On Aug 22, 2017, at 11:49 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Duplicative Material



Bonilla, Rachel

From: Bonilla, Rachel
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:52 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: carly fiorina

Thank you SOOOO much!

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 2:47 PM
To: Bonilla, Rachel <rbonilla@theblaze.com>
Subject: RE: carly fiorina

Ema (b) (6) he can help you!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Bonilla, Rachel [mailto:rbonilla@theblaze.com]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 7:06 PM
T (b) (6) - Sarah Flores
Subject: carly fiorina

Hey there,

Hope all is well!

Any chance you still work with Carly Fiorina? We would love to have her on again!

Rachel Bonilla
Editorial Producer, "Dana"
TheBlaze

Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:27 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Arpaio attorney memos?

Yay! Looking forward. Will let you know when I finalize travel plans.

Have a great day! Talk soon.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:21 PM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Arpaio attorney memos?

Wed love to see you!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Singman, Brooke [mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:16 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Arpaio attorney memos?

Fantastic! And of course... thank you so much for everything today!

Also I'll be down in DC next month and would love to introduce myself! Will let you know the exact dates I'm in town and see if you're available for a quick hello!

Brooke

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:15 PM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Arpaio attorney memos?

That seems fine to me! Thanks for sending.

Sarah Isgur Flores

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From: Singman, Brooke [<mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:13 PM
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Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Arpaio attorney memos?

Arpaio, who endorsed then-candidate Trump in January 2016, told Fox News on Tuesday that he had not spoken directly with the president since after the election, but claimed that his attorney wrote “memos” in June to Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

“I know the president was made aware of the memos. I know all these guys at the White House. I campaigned with a lot of them,” Arpaio said Tuesday, thought the Justice Department did not comment on-the-record on the matter.

^^ that’s what we have in the story, nothing more. Let me know if you want to update.
<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/08/22/trump-planning-arpaio-pardon-ex-sheriff-says-ll-see-what-happens.html>

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:08 PM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Arpaio attorney memos?

Yes except if their comment is that they delivered this to the AG personally which they clearly did not.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Singman, Brooke [<mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>]
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To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Arpaio attorney memos?

You’re not a pain at all! You’re so helpful and I so appreciate you going through this with me!

I guess we’ll just leave it alone and keep the did not comment in the story?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:01 PM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Arpaio attorney memos?

Ha! I feel like I’m being a pain about this very sorry! But we get petitions and memos from litigants all the time and they are generally handled by the attorneys on the case. Something like this wouldn’t go to the AG is my guess.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Singman, Brooke [<mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 2:55 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Arpaio attorney memos?

Oh boy! I have no idea.

The attorneys said that the letter was intended for the attorney general so share that "Arpaio was being pursued under the wrong statute"...He said that if Arpaio had been pursued under the correct statute, he would have been entitled to a jury... Arpaio did not have a jury in his trial.

And they say that their petition with the Supreme Court is still pending... so that's all I have! The end. ☺

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 2:46 PM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Arpaio attorney memos?

That's strange also because we don't have rooms with letters on them in this building. So I not have no idea where they sent this! Ha!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Singman, Brooke [<mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 12:48 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Arpaio attorney memos?

Hand delivered on June 22, 2017 to Room D, 103 and emailed to askdoj@usdoj.gov

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 11:36 AM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Arpaio attorney memos?

And do you think he mailed it to the main doj address? Or emailed it to someone? He didn't hand it to him or have meetings here as best I can tell. Trying to figure out why he thinks it went to th AG vs the lawyers working on the case.

On Aug 22, 2017, at 11:35 AM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Totally understand.

Arpaio attorney Mark Goldman to Attorney General on June 22, 2017.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Arpaio attorney memos?

Sure. It's hard to prove a negative around here. Unless you can give me names and dates and who things actually went to. Otherwise I have to check w the mail room and everything else--it just takes a lot of time.

On Aug 22, 2017, at 11:28 AM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Should I say DOJ did not comment on the memos? I need to file.. Let me know !

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Arpaio attorney memos?

Hmm anything like this would be from a while back--months ago. If there's anything like that, it could be before the trial. Still asking.

On Aug 22, 2017, at 10:17 AM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Okay thank you very much. FYI it was Sheriff Arpaio that told me this over the phone this morning.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Arpaio attorney memos?

Off the record for now--this doesn't sound right. Chief of staff is double checking his emails but this doesn't ring any bells w anyone on senior staff.

On Aug 22, 2017, at 9:47 AM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah and Ian,

Hope you're well and that the week is off to a good start!

I'm told that Sherriff Joe Arpaio's attorney sent a memo or memos to Attorney General Sessions in regards to the sheriff's criminal case. The source claims that the Attorney General received the memo, and that the president was made aware.

Can you confirm the existence of the memo/memos? And comment on whether the president was made aware of them?

Deadline on this is ASAP –hoping before 10:45a EST.

Thank you!

Brooke Singman
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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Brooke.singman@foxnews.com

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 1:14 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Arpaio attorney memos?

Thank you sorry for this run around!!

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 12:55 PM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Arpaio attorney memos?

That probably went to the lawyers on the case. I can ask them.

On Aug 22, 2017, at 12:53 PM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 12:51 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Arpaio attorney memos?

Also sent via first class mail.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 11:36 AM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Arpaio attorney memos?

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Singman, Brooke

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To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Arpaio attorney memos?

It was emailed and hand delivered he said.

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To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Arpaio attorney memos?

Okay. Still trying to find out.

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To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Arpaio attorney memos?

Great thank you so much! Obviously of interest today with all of the speculation over whether the president will pardon him at tonight's rally.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
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Subject: Re: Arpaio attorney memos?

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 8:29 AM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: Immigration piece?

Hi Ian

Any appetite for an immigration related piece? If so, give me a call at my desk line below, and I'll fill you in on the details.

Devin

Devin M. O'Malley
Department of Justice
Office of Public Affairs
Office: (202) 353 8763
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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 5:48 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: ICYMI: Justice Department to end Obama-era 'Operation Choke Point'

So you are confirming this is correct?

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: ICYMI: Justice Department to end Obama era 'Operation Choke Point'

POLITICO: Justice Department to end Obama-era 'Operation Choke Point'

By [VICTORIA GUIDA](#)

<http://www.politico.com/story/2017/08/17/trump-reverses-obama-operation-chokepoint-241767>

The Justice Department has committed to ending a controversial Obama-era program that discourages banks from doing business with a range of companies, from payday lenders to gun retailers.

The move hands a big victory to Republican lawmakers who charged that the initiative dubbed "Operation Choke Point" was hurting legitimate businesses.

In a [letter](#) to House Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), Assistant Attorney General Stephen Boyd referred to the program as "a misguided initiative."

"We share your view that law abiding businesses should not be targeted simply for operating in an industry that a particular administration might disfavor," says the letter, obtained by progressive activist group Allied Progress and later provided to POLITICO by Goodlatte's office. "Enforcement decisions should always be made based on facts and the applicable law.

"We reiterate that the Department will not discourage the provision of financial services to lawful industries, including businesses engaged in short-term lending and firearms-related activities," it adds. A nearly identical letter was sent to Sens. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) and Mike Crapo (R-Idaho).

The Justice Department confirmed the letter was authentic but declined to comment further.

Under President Barack Obama, the department said the effort was intended to root out fraud by banks and payment processors and to cut off the banking system from wrongdoing by merchants.

Karl Frisch, executive director of Allied Progress, blasted the letter as "a massive giveaway to predatory payday lenders and other shady financial scam-artists.

"Operation Choke Point has been incredibly effective at cracking down on the flow of money to fraudulent merchants that violate the law and target vulnerable consumers," Frisch said in a statement.

But Republicans in Congress have argued that the program hindered banks from serving legitimate businesses and tried to get officials to back off by using legislation and investigative powers.

Goodlatte and House Financial Services Chairman Jeb Hensarling (R-Texas), along with Reps. Tom Marino (R-Pa.), Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-Mo.) and Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) praised the department in a joint statement.

"We applaud the Trump Justice Department for decisively ending Operation Choke Point," they said. "The Obama Administration created this ill-advised program to suffocate legitimate businesses to which it was ideologically opposed by intimidating financial institutions into denying banking services to those businesses."

Last year, payday lenders sued banking regulators over what they claimed was an effort to force banks to cut ties with the firms. A federal judge handling the case had approved a schedule for discovery. Regulators have denied discriminating against specific types of businesses.

Last month, Republicans in Congress sent letters to DOJ urging it to discontinue the program, saying they were hearing complaints. They asked for an official statement saying Operation Choke Point was no longer in effect.

Frisch disagrees with the lawmakers' view. "Ending this program will make it easier for financial predators and other unscrupulous industries to get the resources they need to carry out their deceptive and frequently unlawful business practices," he said.

Zachary Warmbrodt contributed to this report.

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Kerry Picket

From: Kerry Picket
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 1:41 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: Re: Lunch with the Attorney General (RESCHEDULED)

I'll attend.

On Mon, Aug 21, 2017 at 1:31 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <ian.prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We would like to see if you are interested in joining us here at the Department of Justice **Tuesday, September 12 at 12 pm** for a small, off-the-record group lunch with the Attorney General. We would have an hour to join the AG and discuss his priorities for the Department and answer any questions that you may have.

I am cc'ing Mark Pettit who you can respond to – I would appreciate it if you let him know one way or other if you are going to be attending.

Thank you and hope to see you all on Friday.

Ian D. Prior

Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs

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Kerry Picket

Reporter

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THE DAILY CALLER

Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 1:17 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: Total Eclipse of the . . .

We may!

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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 1:16 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Total Eclipse of the . . .

Have any extra glasses?

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 1:15 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Total Eclipse of the . . .

. . . Main Justice courtyard.

Hope everyone had a relaxing and news free weekend. The Attorney General has invited anyone at Main Justice that wants to watch the eclipse to join him in the courtyard at 2:40 today and if you are around he would love for you all to join as well.

Hope to see you there.

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Matthew Boyle Breitbart

From: Matthew Boyle Breitbart
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 10:56 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Lunch with the AG

Later in week better let's touch base tomorrow

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2017, at 10:50 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We ever figure this out? Maybe late in week actually better for me

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From: Matthew Boyle Breitbart [<mailto:mboyle@breitbart.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 11:43 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Lunch with the AG

Yes! I have a wide open schedule you pick the day

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 18, 2017, at 11:40 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

This would be with me, not the AG.

But im free whenever works for you. Let me know

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From: Matthew Boyle Breitbart [<mailto:mboyle@breitbart.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Lunch with the AG

Sure!

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 18, 2017, at 11:25 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

You want to grab lunch next week (or week after)?

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From: Matthew Boyle Breitbart [<mailto:mboyle@breitbart.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 4:39 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Lunch with the AG

Oh ian is perfect

You guys may wanna send something to alex marlow he's our editor in chief

Amarlow@breitbart.com

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 9, 2017, at 4:34 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We invited Ian Mason as well but if there is someone else you want to send sure

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From: Matthew Boyle Breitbart [<mailto:mboyle@breitbart.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 4:30 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Lunch with the AG

Can we send someone else from Breitbart?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 9, 2017, at 3:48 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

We would like to see if you are interested in joining us here at the Department of Justice this Friday at 12 pm for an off-the-record lunch with the Attorney General. We would have an hour to join the AG and discuss his priorities for the Department and answer any questions that you may have.

I am cc'ing Mark Pettit who you can respond to. I would appreciate it if you let him know one way or other if you are going to be attending.

Thank you and hope to see you all on Friday.

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 9:02 AM
To: amarlow@breitbart.com
Cc: Ken Klukowski; Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: Re: Lunch with the AG

Great thx!

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On Aug 10, 2017, at 8:48 AM, "amarlow@breitbart.com" <amarlow@breitbart.com> wrote:

Mr Prior,

Ken, our Legal editor will also attend.

On Aug 10, 2017, at 8:45 AM, Ken Klukows (b) (6) wrote:

Yes, and thank you very much. Should I contact Prior directly to RSVP, or do you do that?

From: <amarlow@breitbart.com>
Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 4:57 PM
To: Ken Klukowski <kklukowski@breitbart.com>
Subject: Fwd: Lunch with the AG

Can you go to this for us with Ian?

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Lunch with the AG
Date: August 9, 2017 at 4:40:51 PM EDT
To: "Amarlow@breitbart.com" <Amarlow@breitbart.com>

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 4:47 PM
To: amarlow@breitbart.com
Subject: RE: Lunch with the AG

Here is the list of invites

Guy Benson
Mary Katherine Ham
Katie Pavlich
Alex Pfeiffer
Matt Boyle
Ian Mason
Matt Mackiowack
Rich Lowry
Charles Hurt
Byron York
Mollie Hemingway
Fred Lucas

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From: amarlow@breitbart.com [mailto:amarlow@breitbart.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 4:45 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Lunch with the AG

Wow thanks for the invite! Who else is invited?

On Aug 9, 2017, at 4:40 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 4:41 PM
To: Matthew Boyle Breitbart
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: RE: Lunch with the AG

Will do

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Kerry Picket

From: Kerry Picket
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 6:15 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: Re: Lunch with the AG

Hi Ian,
Thank you for the invite. Unfortunately, I'm not in D.C. this week but I am interested in future such gatherings. Please keep me in the loop.

All the best,

Kerry Picket
Reporter
The Daily Caller
www.dailycaller.com

On Aug 9, 2017, at 4:29 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hey Kerry,

We would like to see if you are interested in joining us here at the Department of Justice this Friday at 12 pm for an off-the-record group lunch with the Attorney General. We would have an hour to join the AG and discuss his priorities for the Department and answer any questions that you may have.

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 11:54 AM
To: Matthew Boyle Breitbart
Subject: RE: Lunch with the AG

How about Monday at 12 at Tadich grille across from DOJ?

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From: Matthew Boyle Breitbart [mailto:mboyle@breitbart.com]
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Subject: Re: Lunch with the AG

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Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Department of Justice

Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: Re: Comment on End of Operation Choke Point

Nothing beyond the letter.

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Office: 202.616.0911
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On Aug 18, 2017, at 3:42 PM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:

Hey Ian,

Is there a statement forthcoming on the end of Operation Chokepoint? If not can I get a comment on it?

Thanks so much,
Ian Mason
Breitbart News

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 9:57 AM
To: Pontius, Christopher
Subject: RE: thanks

Thanks man! See you soon!

Devin M. O'Malley
Department of Justice
Office of Public Affairs
Office: (202) 353 8763
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From: Pontius, Christopher [mailto:Christopher.Pontius@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 2:57 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: thanks

Devin, thanks again for another smooth setup, much appreciated. Don't worry about those Miami camera guys, they are always complaining.

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Safe Travels,
Chris P.

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 4:38 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Va Trooper Funerals?

Copy that.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 4:38 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: Va Trooper Funerals?

We're there right now but coming back tonight

On Aug 17, 2017, at 4:37 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

And not going to South Carolina tomorrow anymore either?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 4:36 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: Va Trooper Funerals?

We have info on both--one tomorrow one Saturday--the AG has sent letters to the family. Not attending.

On Aug 17, 2017, at 4:20 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Will AG be attending?
I think at least one, maybe both, are tomorrow...

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 11:56 AM
To: Chuck Ross
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Inquiry on March 2016 campaign meeting

As a source familiar (no identification w sessions or justice): I can confirm something like this happened.

Off the record: not sure that's word for word of course. But close enough.

On Aug 17, 2017, at 9:58 AM, Chuck Ross <chuck@dailycaller.com> wrote:

Were you by chance able to find out anything about this one?

Thank you again,
Chuck Ross

On Wed, Aug 16, 2017 at 9:56 PM, Chuck Ross <chuck@dailycaller.com> wrote:
I'll hold until the morning and can circle back before filing.

On Wed, Aug 16, 2017 at 9:52 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hmmm I guess I'll decline to comment. Bc obviously I don't know and boss is asleep.

> On Aug 16, 2017, at 10:44 PM, Chuck Ross <chuck@dailycaller.com> wrote:

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> Hey Sarah,

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> I apologize for the late email and on a very tight deadline.

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> I'm told by two sources that in a March 31, 2016 campaign meeting, AG Sessions shot down a proposal by George Papadopoulos to arrange meetings w/ Russians. George is the guy who WaPo reported sent a bunch of emails seeking similar meetings. He was rebuffed then too.

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> This particular suggestion was made in a meeting w/ Sessions, Trump and other campaign policy advisers.

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> One of my sources says that Sessions said "Nope, not going there."

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> Would you be able to confirm any of this? I'm not even sure if Sessions would remember it.

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> Best,

> Chuck Ross

> The Daily Caller

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Rosenthal, Jessica

From: Rosenthal, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 5:48 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: media inquiry

Ah thank you for this...

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 5:47 PM
To: Rosenthal, Jessica
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: Re: media inquiry

Hi Jessica-

On background (DOJ official)- since Chicago enacted its sanctuary city ordinances in 2013, murders have risen sharply from approximately 414 murders in 2013 to more than 760 in 2016.

On deep background (not attributable), Chicago doesn't identify a suspect in more than 60% of their murders, so it's very hard to determine how many illegal aliens are committing those crimes. <http://www.murderdata.org/2016/12/illinois-lags-all-other-states-in.html>

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 16, 2017, at 3:24 PM, Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thank you - Kristen

From: Rosenthal, Jessica [mailto:jessica.rosenthal@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 3:21 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: media inquiry

Hi there. AG Sessions just tied his sanctuary policy statement to the high murder rate in Chicago. Does you guys have any stats indicating sanctuary policies contribute to this high murder rate? Do we know how many undocumented immigrants are in custody in Chicago accused of murder?

Thank you,

Jessica Rosenthal
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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 2:21 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: *** EMBARGOED UNTIL 3 PM ET *** ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS DELIVERS REMARKS ON SANCTUARY POLICIES

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Thanks.

On Aug 16, 2017, at 2:12 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
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**ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS DELIVERS REMARKS ON SANCTUARY
POLICIES**

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Miami, FL

Remarks as prepared for delivery

Thank you Tom, for that introduction. I have great respect for the work you are doing. We have many members of your team here and I want to thank each and every one of you. Thank you. And thank you to all the law enforcement personnel I see out here.

I also want to recognize our acting United States Attorney Ben Greenberg. Your team here has done a fabulous job.

Miami-Dade State Attorney Kathy Fernandez Rundle is here. You have been a great partner in combatting violent crime and I am so pleased to see you.

I'm honored to be in Miami-Dade with all of you today. I'm always so impressed when I visit: the city keeps getting bigger, business is booming, and I recently read that Miami-Dade is one of the safest major jurisdictions in the country.

As you know, this was not always the case. In the 1980s, Miami-Dade was plagued by drugs. Violent crime followed. Police regularly recorded upwards of 500 murders a year. The city seemed to be crumbling.

But the people of Miami-Dade refused to tolerate this level of violence. And last year, Miami-Dade's homicide count was barely a third of what it was in the 1980s.

How many hundreds of lives were saved in this city because of the proactive, community policing from your police force. It wasn't easy, but this place has truly earned its nickname today "The Magic City".

Your success is even more remarkable since violent crime is surging in most places across the country including a historic rise in the nation's murder rate of nearly 11 percent.

Miami-Dade is an example of what is possible through hard work, professional policing, and a rededication to the rule of law.

It is proof that the entire nation can do better.

During the last administration, the Inspector General sent 10 letters to jurisdictions that they had reason to believe were not complying with federal immigration law. Last week, we sent a letter to your mayor and today I'm here to announce that Miami-Dade is now in full compliance and eligible for federal law enforcement grant dollars.

This is wonderful news for law enforcement and the citizens of Miami-Dade. It means more money for crime fighting. And it means we are partners in keeping everyone here safe.

Unfortunately, some cities like Chicago refuse to follow your example.

In Chicago a city with almost exactly the same 2.7 million person population as Miami-Dade more than 433 people have been murdered since the beginning of the year. More than three times as many as Miami-Dade.

Last year, Chicago's 2.7 million residents experienced more murders than the 12.5 million people who live in New York and Los Angeles *combined*. The Chicago Police Department also reported more than 4,300 shooting victims. In the first half of last year, violent crime across the nation increased 5 percent, but in Chicago it surged 24 percent.

The most fundamental duty of government is to ensure the safety and liberty of its people.

Respect for the rule of law has broken down. In Chicago, their so-called “sanctuary” policies are just one sad example.

Every year too many Americans lives are victimized as a result of sanctuary city policies whether it be theft, robbery, drugs, assault, battery, and even murder.

Here’s how it works right now. After the police arrest an illegal alien and charge him with a crime, they fingerprint and book him into their jail.

When federal immigration authorities learn that this criminal alien is in Chicago’s custody, they can issue an arrest warrant and ask the city to either notify them before the criminal is released or to transfer him to federal custody.

But Chicago’s leaders have made this a political issue and direct their police to refuse both requests.

Instead, the police are forced to release the criminal alien back into the community without regard to the seriousness of the crime or how long the rap sheet.

This is a serious problem for the people of Chicago. A few years ago, an alien was arrested and had his license revoked for driving under the influence. Shortly after, he was arrested again for driving with a suspended license.

After Cook County ignored ICE’s detainer request, the alien drove under the influence once again just a few months later and this time struck and killed a skateboarder. Another senseless death caused by a dangerous policy.

Tragically, in another case, an illegal alien was convicted of aggravated domestic battery. ICE lodged an immigration detainer, but again, the county did not honor it.

After his release, that same alien murdered a 15-year-old girl and shot her mother. She was only 15 and she could be alive today if Chicago’s leadership had prioritized her safety over politics.

Sadly, we know Chicago isn’t alone. Just three weeks ago, Sergio Jose Martinez was arrested in Portland, Oregon. Martinez is an illegal alien who has been deported at least 20 times, and police reports show that he was arrested at least 10 times just this year accused of everything from possessing drugs to stealing a car.

Federal immigration authorities properly lodged a detainer against Martinez just a few months before, asking to be notified when he was set to be released. But authorities in Oregon refused.

According to allegations, Martinez then broke into the home of a 65-year-old Portland woman by crawling through her bedroom window. Once inside, he reportedly forced this woman to the ground, used scarves and socks to blindfold, bind, and gag her, and then raped her and slammed her head into the wooden floor.

How can these politicians hear this story and do nothing?

How can they look her in the eye and tell her they did nothing to stop this from happening? This is not an aberration. It's too common.

These policies of sanctuary cities do far broader damage to the country than many understand. At its root, it is a rejection of our immigration laws and a declaration of open borders.

It says if you enter the country last week with a criminal record and get to Chicago, we will not even support deporting you even after you commit a serious crime against one of our citizens. This is lawlessness.

And these lawless policies do more than shield individual criminal aliens — they also shelter and protect lethal gangs and transnational criminal organizations like Latin Kings and MS-13.

These predators thrive when crime is not met with consequences. This state of lawlessness allows gangs to smuggle guns, drugs, and even humans, across borders and around cities and communities. Sanctuary jurisdictions provide safe harbor for some of the most dangerous criminals in our country.

That makes a sanctuary city a trafficker, smuggler, or predator's best friend.

Now, I want to be clear about something: local police are not the problem. They risk their lives each day in service of the law and the people they protect.

The problem is these sanctuary jurisdictions tie our police officers' hands and endanger federal immigration officers as well when they are forced to pursue these criminal aliens outside of the jails and prisons.

Yet, these sanctuary jurisdictions have the gall to feign outrage when their police departments lose federal funds as a direct result of their malfeasance.

We want to do everything we can to help state and local law enforcement, which is why we have federal grants to cities designed to aid in crime reduction.

But we cannot continue giving federal taxpayer money to cities that actively undermine the safety and efficacy of federal law enforcement and actively frustrate efforts to reduce crime in their cities.

So if voters in Chicago are concerned about losing federal grant money: call your mayor.

The city's leaders have even gone so far as to claim that these "sanctuary" policies help reduce crime by encouraging illegal aliens to report it when it happens. But no evidence supports this claim.

To the contrary, Chicago has consistently had one of the lowest murder investigation

clearance rates in the country.

Only in one out of every four murders is a suspect even identified.

Far from making Chicago safer, these policies likely make cooperation with law enforcement *more* difficult: if there are no real consequences for the criminal, no witness will risk their life to report the crime. That means criminals walk free and victims suffer in silence.

And what does it say to the most vulnerable communities when even the police are unable to help keep repeat violent offenders off their streets?

Rather than acknowledge soaring murder counts or the heartbreaking stories told by victims' families, Chicago's mayor has chosen to sue the federal government.

He complains that our focus on enforcing the law would require a "reordering of law enforcement practice in [the city]."

But that's exactly the point! For the sake of their city, Chicago's leaders need to recommit to policies that punish criminals instead of protecting them. They need to protect their citizens and not the criminals.

Americans all Americans have a right to full and equal protection under law.

No one understands this better than the Cuban-Americans here in Miami-Dade.

When they came to America, they saw firsthand that only the rule of law and the equal application of that law can preserve our God-given rights.

They understand that no single person whether a dictator or a mayor should determine whose rights are protected and whose are not.

The people of Miami-Dade know that the rule of law guarantees equality and opportunity.

Protecting this guarantee is why the government of Miami-Dade made its decision to work *with* federal law enforcement, not against us.

And that is critical because it shows that this jurisdiction is serious about protecting its citizens from danger and its law enforcement officers from unnecessary risk.

In fact, the majority of the country believes that all cities should do the same. According to one poll, 80 percent of Americans believe that cities should turn over criminal illegal aliens to immigration officials.

Leaders in jurisdictions like Miami-Dade, Lansing, and Westchester County, New York, believe it too, which is why they have stood up for the people they serve by choosing the rule of law.

So to all “sanctuary” jurisdictions across the country, I say this: Miami-Dade is doing it, and so can you. Work with us to enforce a lawful immigration system that keeps us safe and serves our national interest.

The Department of Justice will not concede a single block or street corner in the United States to lawlessness or crime.

Nor will we tolerate the loss of innocent life because a handful of jurisdictions believe that they are above the law.

I know that Miami-Dade will be an example of the good that comes from following the law.

We have already seen that: the same Independence Day weekend when Chicago suffered more than 100 shootings and 15 homicides, Miami-Dade also had a historic number of shooting deaths zero.

I hope more jurisdictions follow Miami-Dade’s leadership by choosing to follow the law, because we all want to do the same thing: protect our families and defend our country.

So thank you, Miami-Dade.

And to all the law enforcement here state, local, and federal I look forward to working with you to do just that. This Department of Justice has your back and you have our thanks.

Thank you, and God bless you.

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Murphy, Declan

From: Murphy, Declan
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 2:14 PM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA); Murphy, Declan
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: RE: Fox Business Making Money

Thanks a lot Lauren! Will do.

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S® 5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Ehram, Lauren (OPA)" <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>
Date: 8/16/2017 14:02 (GMT-05:00)
To: "Murphy, Declan" <declan.murphy@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: "Laco, Kelly (OPA)" <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Fox Business Making Money

Hi Declan,

Wanted to send you this in case it's helpful for your reporting. Knowing that you're both looking for hard news, and in the light of recent events in Charlottesville, I wanted to flag for you a hate crime conviction secured this morning by the Justice Department. Included below are a list of just some of the hate crimes cases that the Department is working on since January 20, 2017, including: indicted 15 defendants for hate crimes, convicted 5, and sentenced 9. And you might want to specifically mention Vallum, which was the first transgender hate crime ever brought by DOJ and the defendant received a 49 year federal sentence.

A list of the releases that we have put out, and the press release from today's conviction of a Florida man who planned to bomb a synagogue, are included below.

Please let me know your thoughts and questions.

Thank you,
Lauren

Lauren Ehram
Spokeswoman and Media Affairs Specialist
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Hate Crime Releases and Speeches from on Hate Crimes Since Feb 2017

July 17 (speech) [Attorney General Jeff Sessions Delivers Remarks to the National District Attorneys Association](#)

May 9 (speech) [Acting Assistant Attorney General Thomas Wheeler Delivers Remarks at the Anti-Defamation League National Leadership Summit on Hate Crimes](#)

June 29 (speech) [Attorney General Jeff Sessions Delivers Remarks at the 2017 Hate Crimes Summit](#)

June 22 [Victoria Man Charged with Hate Crime in Burning of Mosque](#)

June 15 [Florida Man Indicted for a Hate Crime for Making Telephonic Threat to Shoot Congregants at the Islamic Center of Greater Miami](#)

June 9 [Kansas Man Charged with Hate Crime, Firearm Offenses in Shooting of Three Men at Olathe Bar](#)

May 15 [Mississippi Man Sentenced To 49 Years in Prison for Bias-Motivated Murder of Transgender Woman in Lucedale, Mississippi](#)

May 10 [Four Texas Men Indicted on Federal Hate Crime and Conspiracy Charges for Assaults Based on Victims' Sexual Orientation](#)

April 27 [Idaho Man Sentenced For Federal Hate Crime Based on Victim's Sexual Orientation](#)

April 21 [U.S./Israeli Man Charged in Connection with Threats to Jewish Community Centers, Conveying False Information, and Cyberstalking](#)

April 11 (speech) [Attorney General Jeff Sessions Delivers Keynote Remarks at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Division Midyear Conference](#)

April 10 [Arson Awareness Week 2017 to Focus on Preventing Arson at Houses of Worship](#)

April 10 [Bakersfield Man Sentenced to 15 Years in Prison for Hate Crime](#)

April 5 (speech) [Attorney General Jeff Sessions Updates United States Attorneys and DOJ Component Heads on the Department's Task Force on Crime Reduction and Public Safety](#)

April 5 [Ohio Men Sentenced to Prison for Racially Motivated Attack on Stranger](#)

April 4 [Third Conspirator Pleads Guilty to 2012 Florida Cross Burning](#)

March 30 (readout) [Readout of Today's Meeting Between Attorney General Sessions and the Jewish Community Centers and JCC Association of North America](#)

March 23 (statement) [Statement by Attorney General Jeff Sessions on the Arrest in Israel](#)

March 17 [Kansas Man Pleads Guilty to Making False Statements in Federal Hate Crime Investigation](#)

March 16 [Pennsylvania Man Indicted for Hate Crime Assault](#)

March 10 [Pasco County, Florida, Man Pleads Guilty to 2012 Cross Burning](#)

March 8 [Minnesota Man Who Sent Threatening Letter to Islamic Center Sentenced to 12 Months In Prison](#)

Feb 22 [Kansas Men Sentenced for Roles in Federal Hate Crime Against Black Somali Men](#)

Feb 8 [Florida Man Pleads Guilty to Hate Crimes for Threatening Muslim Grocery Store Owners](#)

Feb 7 [Idaho Man Pleads Guilty to Federal Hate Crime](#)

Feb 2 [North Carolina Man Sentenced for Threats Against Mosque Members in Raeford, North Carolina](#)



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**FLORIDA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO HATE CRIME AND WEAPONS OF MASS
DESTRUCTION CHARGES FOR ATTEMPTING TO ATTACK FLORIDA SYNAGOGUE**

WASHINGTON James Gonzalo Medina pleaded guilty today to a federal hate crime for attempting to attack an Aventura, Florida synagogue, and to a charge of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction, announced Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Acting U.S. Attorney Benjamin G. Greenberg for the Southern District of Florida.

During the plea proceedings, Medina admitted that in March and April 2016, he planned to conduct a firearms or explosives attack on the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center. Medina took steps to prepare for this attack including conducting surveillance of the Jewish Center. On April 29, 2016, Medina took possession of what he believed to be an explosive device, obtained from a Southern Florida Joint Terrorism Task Force agent, and approached the Jewish Center on foot with the device in hand, intending to commit the attack.

"Acts of bigotry and hatred are evil and have no place in our society," Attorney General Sessions said. "One of the top priorities of this Department of Justice is reducing violent crime, and you can be sure that this includes hate crime. We will not tolerate this repugnant lawlessness, and we will be vigilant in prosecuting hate crime offenders to the fullest extent of the law. I want to thank the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Southern Florida Joint Terrorism Task Force, and all of the Department of Justice attorneys and staff who worked to bring this criminal to justice, and I assure every American that the Department of Justice is committed to protecting their rights."

"Today's guilty plea demonstrates how hate often motivates acts of domestic terror," stated Acting U.S. Attorney Greenberg for the Southern District of Florida. "Prosecuting terrorism and violent crimes inspired by a victim's race, religion, ethnicity, sexual preference, or gender identity remains a top priority for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida and our dedicated partners at the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

A sentencing hearing has not yet been set.

This matter was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Southern Florida Joint Terrorism Task Force. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Marc Anton and Michael Thakur of the Southern District of Florida, with the assistance of the Civil Rights Division's Special Litigation Counsel Steve Curran and National Security Division's Trial Attorney Taryn Meeks.

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To: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <lehrsam@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Murphy, Declan <declan.murphy@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Fox Business Making Money

Ok thanks for letting me know. Sounds good!

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From: "Ehram, Lauren (OPA)" <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>
Date: 8/16/2017 11:03 (GMT-05:00)
To: "Murphy, Declan" <declan.murphy@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: "Laco, Kelly (OPA)" <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Fox Business Making Money

Hi Declan,

All is good! Hope you're well too. Excited to work together again. This evening won't work, but I will absolutely keep the show in mind for a future segment.

Thank you!
Lauren

Lauren Ehram
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From: Murphy, Declan [<mailto:declan.murphy@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 10:56 AM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fox Business Making Money

Hi Lauren,

I hope all is well. Would someone from the DOJ that is familiar with hate crimes targeting the transgender community be available to come on Making Money tonight on Fox Business sometime from 6-7 PM ET?

Thanks!

Declan

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Kerry Picket

From: Kerry Picket
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 12:38 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: Re: Lunch with the Attorney General

Hi Ian & Mark,

I have a previous appointment that day, and cannot make it, but please send me an invite for the next one.

Thanks,

KP

On Wed, Aug 16, 2017 at 11:06 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <ian.prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We would like to see if you are interested in joining us here at the Department of Justice Wednesday, August 23 at 12 pm for a small, off-the-record group lunch with the Attorney General. We would have an hour to join the AG and discuss his priorities for the Department and answer any questions that you may have.

I am cc'ing Mark Pettit who you can respond to – I would appreciate it if you let him know one way or other if you are going to be attending.

Thank you and hope to see you all on Friday.

Ian D. Prior

Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs

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THE DAILY CALLER

Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Ian Mason; Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: RE: Livestream for AG Speech

Don't think so

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From: Ian Mason [mailto:imason@breitbart.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 11:33 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Livestream for AG Speech

Hey guys,

Will DOJLive be streaming the AG's remarks from Florida this afternoon?

Thanks,
Ian Mason

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 7:40 AM
To: Pontius, Christopher
Subject: Re: Logistical Details re: Attorney General Jeff Sessions's Speech Tomorrow

Chris-

You will not need to arrive earlier than 12:30 pm, and you will be swept on the way in.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 16, 2017, at 3:03 AM, Pontius, Christopher <Christopher.Pontius@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hello Devin,
Have they mentioned how early we can access the setup area, and is there an early sweep etc

Thank You

Chris Pontius
Fox News Channel

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On Aug 15, 2017, at 11:31 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

All:

The contents of this message are off the record, and for planning purposes only:

You are receiving this message because you or someone affiliated with your outlet RSVP'd to the Attorney General's speech tomorrow (with ICE Acting Director Tom Homan) at Port Miami.

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Parking: The press corps may unload at Cruise Terminal E, but you will have parking available to you at Parking Lot E (http://www.miamidade.gov/portmiami/library/portmiami_map.pdf).

Security: Per the press advisory, please arrive no later than 1:30 pm. All members of the press corps (radio, TV, print, stills) will be subject to security sweeps/checks. You will be required to present a government ID and a press credential from your outlet.

In the event that you do not have a press credential, please bring some form of identification from your outlet (business card, etc.). You will be checked in and swept as you enter Terminal E. From there, you will take the escalator up to the speech location.

Other: Press corps will have access to a mult box, power, and tables to file. Throw is no more than 40 feet.

I will be your onsite POC for DOJ related questions before, during, and after tomorrow's event. Please do not hesitate to reach out. Email and text are preferred, but I'm happy to field calls tomorrow in case of emergency.

Thanks

Devin

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 7:12 PM
To: Amor, Ivonne
Subject: Re: AG Session Sanctuary Cities - Miami Speech - MEDIA RSVP

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On Aug 15, 2017, at 6:21 PM, Amor, Ivonne <Ivonne.amor@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Okay great... thanks!
How early can we arrive to setup?
Will there be a USSS sweep?

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Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 4:04 PM
To: Amor, Ivonne <Ivonne.amor@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov>; Laco, Kelly (OPA) <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>
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Thank you, all set!

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Hi Devin,

I would like to RSVP for our crew from FOX News Channel. We all work for the national network out of the Miami Bureau at 1666 79th Street Causeway, North Bay Village, FL 33141. Can you please add the following people to the Media attendance List:

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Christopher Pontius/Camera & Miami LiveU Christopher.pontius@foxnews.com

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Let us know if you need any other information.
Do you know how early we can arrive and where do we park?

Thanks,
Ivonne

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 6:17 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Here's what I was talking about

(16:10:13) Trump: Well I think the driver of the car is a disgrace to himself, his family and this country. That is -- you can call it terrorism. You can call it murder. You can call it whatever you want. I would just call it as the fastest one to come up with a good verdict. That's what I'd call it. Because there is a question. Is it murder, is it terrorism? Then you get into legal semantics.

(16:10:38) The driver of the car is a murderer. And what he did was a horrible, horrible inexcusable thing.

Jake Gibson
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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 1:41 PM
To: Gibson, Jake; Hornbuckle, Wyn (OPA)
Subject: Re: MS-13

Adding Wyn?

Ian D. Prior
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On Aug 15, 2017, at 1:41 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Are there any mugshots of these guys?

[Foxnews.com](#) interested in filing...

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [<mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 12:14 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: MS 13

So this is what is being announced at 12:45. This release is embargoed until you see it come from our Public Affairs email, but here it is if you want to get a jump

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Also...

There's a typo in the 3rd graf... says Attorney General "Session"... after the first quote.

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Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA); Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: Re: RSVP for Miami

Thank you!

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> On Aug 15, 2017, at 1:22 PM, Brown, Eben <eben.brown@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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> Hi Devon. Please add me to your list for tomorrow

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> My number is (b) (6)

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> Thanks!

>

> Eben Brown

> Miami Correspondent

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Subject: Fwd: MEMBERS OF COLUMBUS, OHIO CLIQUE OF MS 13 ARRESTED AND CHARGED
Attachments: 17 08 15 MS 13 Indictment Sealed SDOH.PDF; ATT00001.htm

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The indictment alleges that 10 defendants members and associates of the Columbus clique of MS-13 conspired to commit extortion through the use of threatened or actual force, violence or fear to intimidate their victims into paying money to the defendants and their co-conspirators. Many of the proceeds were sent, usually by wire transfer and often through intermediaries, to MS-13 members and associates in El Salvador and elsewhere. The money was then used to promote and facilitate the criminal activities of MS-13 in El Salvador and the U.S.

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Attorney General Sessions and U.S. Attorney Glassman commended the investigation of this case by the FBI, ICE, Columbus, Police and Franklin County Sheriff's Office, and the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Homeland Security Investigations, as well as Assistant U.S. Attorneys Brian J. Martinez and Jessica H. Kim, who are prosecuting the case.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOSE MARTIN NEFTALI AGUILAR-
RIVERA (1)

a/k/a Evaristo Perez

a/k/a Momia

a/k/a Pelon

PEDRO ALFONSO OSORIO-FLORES (2) ✓

a/k/a Smokey

JUAN JOSE JIMENEZ-MONTUFAR (3) ✓

a/k/a Chele Trece

ISAIAS ALVARADO (4) ✓

a/k/a Cabo

CRUZ ALBERTO-ARBARNGAS (5) -

a/k/a Cruz Alvarenga-Alberto

a/k/a Cruzito

JOSE MANUEL ROMERO-PARADA (6) ✓

a/k/a Russo

JOSE SALINAS-ENRIQUEZ (7) ✓

a/k/a Martillo

JORGE CAZARES (8) -

a/k/a Veneno

JOSE RAMIRO APARICIO-OLIVARES (9) ✓

a/k/a Flaco

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Judge Sargus

INDICTMENT

18 U.S.C. § 2

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(ii)

18 U.S.C. § 1951(a)

18 U.S.C. § 1951(b)(2)

18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(A)(i)

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18 U.S.C. § 1956(h)

FORFEITURE

NELSON ALEXANDER FLORES (10)

a/k/a Mula,

Defendants.

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

INTRODUCTORY ALLEGATIONS

At all times relevant to this Indictment:

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2. The name “Mara Salvatrucha” is a combination of several slang terms. “Mara” is the El Salvadoran word for “gang.” The phrase “Salvatrucha” is a combination of two words: “Salva” is an abbreviation for “Salvadoran,” and “trucha” is a slang word for “fear us,” “look out,” or “heads up.”

3. MS-13 originated in the United States when El Salvadoran immigrants fled to this county to escape civil war in the 1980s. When these immigrants settled in Southern California, they formed MS-13, which is loosely affiliated with the Mexican Mafia, as a way to protect themselves from other street gangs in the Los Angeles area. MS-13 developed into a dangerous criminal organization that spread to other areas of the United States. A large-scale deportation effort resulted in many MS-13 members and associates being sent back to El Salvador, where the gang grew in size and strength. Thousands of individuals with ties to MS-13 have since entered



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From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 10:28 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Have anything on this?

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/justice-department-wants-information-on-people-who-visited-anti-trump-website/article/2631530>

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From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 3:57 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA); Ehsam, Lauren (OPA)
Subject: RE: Background Information on Federal Civil Rights Investigations

Thanks much.

Any help on how many hate crimes have been prosecuted under this administration would be greatly appreciated Lauren.

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 3:44 PM
To: Gibson, Jake; Ehsam, Lauren (OPA)
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No, nor would we comment on the first one.

Lauren could get you the authoritative number on the hate crimes thing, but here are a few that I know of:

June 22 [Victoria Man Charged with Hate Crime in Burning of Mosque\[justice.gov\]](#)
June 15 [Florida Man Indicted for a Hate Crime for Making Telephonic Threat to Shoot Congregants at the Islamic Center of Greater Miami\[justice.gov\]](#)
June 9 [Kansas Man Charged with Hate Crime, Firearm Offenses in Shooting of Three Men at Olathe Bar\[justice.gov\]](#)
May 10 [Four Texas Men Indicted on Federal Hate Crime and Conspiracy Charges for Assaults Based on Victims' Sexual Orientation\[justice.gov\]](#)
April 21 [U.S./Israeli Man Charged in Connection with Threats to Jewish Community Centers, Conveying False Information, and Cyberstalking\[justice.gov\]](#)
March 16 [Pennsylvania Man Indicted for Hate Crime Assault\[justice.gov\]](#)

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Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Background Information on Federal Civil Rights Investigations

Two things:

- 1) Is there any update on whether or not the driver had any help planning?

2) A Fox Business show is asking how many hate crimes have been charged during this administration...

Thanks very much.

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Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 4:55 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Background Information on Federal Civil Rights Investigations

Good afternoon,

Many of you have asked us questions regarding the investigation opened and announced yesterday in Charlottesville, VA.

As you know, we cannot discuss the specifics of an ongoing investigation, but in order to help you in your reporting, I am providing the following answers to those questions which can be attributed to a Department of Justice official familiar with the investigation.

The attached Q&A is not be republished in its entirety, but rather the answers be used as described above.

Thank you.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON CHARLOTTESVILLE CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION

Q: What kind of investigation is this and is it limited to the driver?

A: The Department of Justice has opened a federal civil rights hate crime investigation. The Civil Rights Division's Criminal Section works with its partners in the United States Attorneys' Offices and the FBI to enforce federal criminal civil rights statutes, including hate crime statutes, one or more of which may be implicated by yesterday's tragic attack.

The investigation is not limited to the driver. We will investigate whether others may have been involved in planning the attack.

Q: How/when does something get deemed a domestic terrorism case?

A: Domestic terrorism includes criminal acts that are dangerous to human life and appear to be intended to intimidate or coerce a civilian population. Motive often is not clear, but we have enough evidence to be suspicious that the suspect intended to send a message and not just harm immediate victims.

Q: How many resources are involved in something like this?

A: The Department and the FBI have already devoted a massive amount of manpower to this matter, with scores of federal officials working with our local law enforcement partners in Charlottesville, Virginia, where the attack occurred, and in Maumee, Ohio, where the subject resided.

Q: Who is leading this and is it being run out of Main Justice?

This matter is being jointly investigated by the FBI, the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Virginia and the Civil Rights Division's Criminal Section.

Q: What is the AG's involvement?

The Attorney General was in contact yesterday with FBI Director Chris Wray, FBI agents on the scene, and law enforcement officials for the state of Virginia. Once a decision to open a federal investigation was made and formally opened, the Richmond office of the FBI and the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Virginia announced the investigation. The Attorney General is fully engaged with and supportive of this investigation.

Q: How long do these investigations usually take?

The length of an investigation is determined by the specifics of the matter being investigated. This is a large-scale investigation with multiple victims, scores of potential witnesses, and potential electronic evidence.

Q: What does a civil rights investigation like this entail?

An investigation like this involves scores of federal and local law enforcement officials working together to gather evidence and determine whether the matter should proceed in the federal or state system, or whether parallel investigations are warranted.

Q: Who is handling the case?

Acting United States Attorney Rick Mountcastle, along with his career staff and career staff in the Civil Rights Division's Criminal Section, are handling this investigation.

Q: What are the possible charges and penalties in a civil rights case like this?

The District Attorney's office has already charged the subject with multiple charges, including second-degree murder. However, federal charging decisions have not yet been made, as we are still gathering evidence in this matter to determine whether federal hate crime charges are applicable.

Q: Have other hate crime charges yet brought by DOJ in this administration?

The Department has brought multiple hate crime cases during this administration, including the hate crime charges recently brought against Adam Purinton in Olathe, Kansas, who opened fire on two Indian nationals and a bystander who attempted to intervene. One of the victims was killed and the other two were seriously wounded. Federal charges against Purinton were filed on June 9, 2017.

Kerry Picket

From: Kerry Picket
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 3:56 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: FBI busts/DOJ indictments/Obama commutations

got it. tnx

On Mon, Aug 14, 2017 at 3:53 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I know of one so far - https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2017/06/10/obama-granted-her-clemency-less-than-a-year-later-shes-going-back-to-prison/?utm_term=.ddc64071cc95

Will look for more

Ian D. Prior

Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs

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Cel (b) (6)

From: Kerry Picket [mailto:kerry@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 3:48 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FBI busts/DOJ indictments/Obama commutations

Ian,

I'm curious if any of the busts the DOJ is making since Trump took office and appointed Sessions includes individuals that President Obama had previously commuted sentences for? What about pardons?

Thanks,

--

Kerry Picket

Reporter

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Kerry Picket

From: Kerry Picket
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 3:55 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: FBI busts/DOJ indictments/Obama commutations

Thanks, appreciate it.

On Mon, Aug 14, 2017 at 3:50 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Good question will have to look into

Ian D. Prior

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Department of Justice

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 3:24 PM
To: jessica.rosenthal@FOXNEWS.COM
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: Re: media inquiry

“Several California cities, including San Francisco, have already experienced the devastating effects that sanctuary policies have on their citizens. Given the multiple high-profile incidents that have occurred in California in recent years, it is especially disappointing that state leaders would take steps to limit cooperation between local jurisdictions and immigration authorities that are trying to keep Californians safe. 80% of the American public share the common-sense view that when a city arrests illegal immigrants for committing a crime, they should be required to turn them over to immigration authorities.”

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2017, at 2:39 PM, Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thanks!
-Camille

From: Rosenthal, Jessica [<mailto:jessica.rosenthal@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 2:19 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: media inquiry

Hi there. Writing to ask for any comment/statement regarding lawsuits filed by the City of San Francisco as well as California's Attorney General against DOJ over Justics threat to withhold grant funding to certain cities that don't cooperate with immigration officials.

Thank you,

Jessica Rosenthal
Fox News Network LLC
West Coast Radio Correspondent
(b) (6) (office)
(b) (6) (cell)

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 3:23 PM
To: Housley, Adam
Subject: Re: Adam Housley (Fox News) called about SF sanctuary city lawsuit

How's this to cover both?

"Several California cities, including San Francisco have already experienced the devastating effects that sanctuary policies have on their citizens. Given the multiple high-profile incidents that have occurred in California in recent years, it is especially disappointing that state leaders would take steps to limit cooperation between local jurisdictions and immigration authorities that are trying to keep Californians safe. 80% of the American public share the common-sense view that when a city arrests illegal immigrants for committing a crime, they should be required to turn them over to immigration authorities."

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2017, at 3:09 PM, Housley, Adam <Adam.Housley@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

All together for special report at 6 something eastern
Can i call u?

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Date: 8/14/17 11:56 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Housley, Adam" <Adam.Housley@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Adam Housley (Fox News) called about SF sanctuary city lawsuit

When it gets filed. Or are you rolling the story all together?

Devin M. O'Malley
Department of Justice
Office of Public Affairs
Office: (202) 353 8763
Cel (b) (6)

From: Housley, Adam [<mailto:Adam.Housley@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 2:54 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Adam Housley (Fox News) called about SF sanctuary city lawsuit

Thanks Devin..will there be a separate response to the State lawsuit?

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Date: 8/14/17 11:27 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Housley, Adam" <Adam.Housley@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>, "Laco, Kelly (OPA)" <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Adam Housley (Fox News) called about SF sanctuary city lawsuit

Hi Adam

“The people of San Francisco know all too well the pain and suffering associated with the tragedy resulting from local jurisdictions that refuse to cooperate with federal immigration authorities. So it’s especially disappointing that San Francisco is less concerned with keeping its constituents safe than it is spending time and taxpayer money protecting criminal aliens and putting San Francisco’s law enforcement at greater risk.”

Devin M. O'Malley
Department of Justice
Office of Public Affairs
Office: (202) 353 8763
Cel (b) (6)

From: Alejandro, Camille P (JMD)
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 12:38 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Adam Housley (Fox News) called about SF sanctuary city lawsuit

Hi Devin,

Adam Housley from Fox News called about San Francisco’s sanctuary city lawsuit against Trump.

His contact info is: adam.housley@foxnews.com (b) (6)

Thanks,
Camille

Camille Paraiso Alejandro
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Alex Pfeiffer

From: Alex Pfeiffer
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 2:29 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: Thanks for that lunch

I'm a (b) (6)

On Mon, Aug 14, 2017 at 2:23 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

What's a good number for you?

Devin M. O'Malley

Department of Justice

Office of Public Affairs

Office: [\(202\) 353 8763](tel:(202)3538763)

Cel (b) (6)

From: Alex Pfeiffer [mailto:pfeiffer@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 9:10 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Re: Thanks for that lunch

Well if you are the man with the deets than I guess I can wait. Although, I was trying to write something this week.

On Sun, Aug 13, 2017 at 8:45 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I'm out of town all week this week, so could we touch base on this the week after? Or are you trying to write something this week?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 12, 2017, at 2:23 PM, Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com> wrote:

Hey Devin - So the immigration court backlog is fairly [significant](#) with over 600,000 pending cases. The average wait time is 672 days. DAG Rosenstein said that this backlog will drop due to two factors: a drop in illegal immigration in the US and administrative changes the DOJ is taking. One of these changes he mentioned was the hiring of immigration court judges and another was allowing immigration court clerks to stay on the job longer. I was wondering if you could give me more specifics on background about what the DOJ has done to tackle this issue and what it is planning on doing in the future.

Thanks,

Alex Pfeiffer

White House Correspondent

The Daily Caller

On Fri, Aug 11, 2017 at 6:25 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Absolutely. Devin can help you with this. He'll get you info and then circle back if you want to talk to someone on the record.

Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

(b) (6)

From: Alex Pfeiffer [mailto:pfeiffer@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 3:53 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Thanks for that lunch

Any help on that would be much appreciated.

On Fri, Aug 11, 2017 at 3:53 PM, Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com> wrote:

I am fairly interested about a piece clearing up the immigration court backlog. Rosenstein mentioned that DOJ is working to speed up administrative processes. A story on that could be interesting.

On Fri, Aug 11, 2017 at 2:12 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thanks for coming - don't hesitate to reach out when you need something

Ian D. Prior

Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs

Department of Justice

Office: [202.616.0911](tel:202.616.0911)

Ce (b) (6)

From: Alex Pfeiffer [mailto:pfeiffer@dailycaller.com]

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 2:10 PM

To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Thanks for that lunch

It was nice event. I appreciate the invite.

Thanks,

Alex Pfeiffer

White House Correspondent

The Daily Caller

Alex Pfeiffer

From: Alex Pfeiffer
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 1:44 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: Thanks for that lunch

So is it just Devin that could help out with this?

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Alex Pfeiffer** <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com>
Date: Sun, Aug 13, 2017 at 9:10 PM
Subject: Re: Thanks for that lunch
To: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>

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Alex Pfeiffer

From: Alex Pfeiffer
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 6:51 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: Thanks for that lunch

Okay thanks. I appreciate it.

On Fri, Aug 11, 2017 at 6:25 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Alex Pfeiffer

From: Alex Pfeiffer
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 5:21 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Thanks for that lunch

No worries.

On Fri, Aug 11, 2017 at 4:28 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

You rock

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Office: [202.616.0911](tel:202.616.0911)
Cel (b) (6)

On Aug 11, 2017, at 4:09 PM, Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com> wrote:

Boom peep it now <http://dailycaller.com/2017/08/11/sessions-lobbies-hard-to-get-hangem-high-judge-on-u-s-sentencing-panel/>

On Fri, Aug 11, 2017 at 4:02 PM, Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com> wrote:
Sure. I'll let him know. I can't promise a change but I'll shoot over some gchats.

On Fri, Aug 11, 2017 at 3:58 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Here's the story

<http://dailycaller.com/2017/08/11/sessions-lobbies-hard-to-get-hangem-high-judge-on-u-s-sentencing-panel/>

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Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
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On Aug 11, 2017, at 3:54 PM, Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com> wrote:

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On Fri, Aug 11, 2017 at 2:12 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>

Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 3:56 PM
To: Alex Pfeiffer
Subject: Re: Thanks for that lunch

Will absolutely help on that.

Need a favor from you though! This story is kind of a little over the top - it say Sessions "pushing hard" in the headline and in the article. That's not what the wsj said not is it accurate. He recommended him, but that's normal.

Any way you can get reporter to soften?

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Office: 202.616.0911
C I (b) (6)

On Aug 11, 2017, at 3:54 PM, Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com> wrote:

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Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 1:19 PM
To: Joseph.Weber@FOXNEWS.COM
Cc: Abueg, Mark (OPA); Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: RE: media request deadline 3 p.m.

Greetings!

Thank you for your inquiry. I can confirm that the this letter has been received and is being reviewed, however, the Department of Justice declines further comment.

Best regards,
Lauren

Lauren Ehrsam
Spokeswoman and Media Affairs Specialist
O: (202) 307-0046 (b) (6)

From: Press
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 12:02 PM
To: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) <lehrsam@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Abueg, Mark (OPA) <mabueg@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: media request deadline 3 p.m.

Thanks!
-Camille

From: Weber, Joseph [<mailto:Joseph.Weber@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 11:43 AM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: media request deadline 3 p.m.

Want to know if you have received a Aug. 10 letter from GOP House members asking the department to issue guidance that “repudiates” a 2012 department program known as Operation Choke Point and whether the department has or will take such action.

Thank You,
Joe

Joseph Weber
National Politics Reporter
Fox News

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 12:15 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA); Laura Jarett
Subject: RE: helpful article

Thanks much.

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 12:09 PM
To: Gibson, Jake; Laura Jarett
Subject: helpful article

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/why-the-planned-parenthood-shooting-isnt-legally-referred-to-as-domestic-terrorism/>

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 9:39 PM
To: Hadden, Gavin
Cc: Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO
Subject: Re: Sessions

I understand. We have done f&f to the exclusion of everyone else before. This time we are doing the networks.

> On Aug 13, 2017, at 9:29 PM, Hadden, Gavin <Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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> No chance to get a slot after them? 830a? It is important to us.

>

> Thank you for the consideration.

>

> Sent from my iPhone

>

>> On Aug 13, 2017, at 9:26 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>> Sorry just networks tomorrow

>>

>>> On Aug 13, 2017, at 9:25 PM, Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO <Katherine.A.Henning@who.eop.gov> wrote:

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>>> Hi Gavin - just landed back in dc and am catching up on email.

>>> I'm adding Sarah from DOJ here, not sure what the AG's schedule is like tomorrow morning, I'll let her speak to that

>>>

>>> Sent from my iPhone

>>>

>>>> On Aug 13, 2017, at 9:20 PM, Hadden, Gavin <Gavin.Hadden@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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>>>> Good evening Alexa,

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>>>> Is there anyway we can get in on the sessions round robin tomm?

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>>>> Sent from my iPhone

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 9:37 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Tomorrow am

Understood.

You should add us...
Just for the fun of it.

Like how Holder would do everyone but us.

> On Aug 13, 2017, at 9:26 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>
> Nope

>
>> On Aug 13, 2017, at 9:23 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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>> No CNN?

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>>> On Aug 13, 2017, at 9:21 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>>>
>>> Sorry just networks tomorrow.

>>>
>>>> On Aug 13, 2017, at 8:45 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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>>>> In the wake of Charlottesville... Fox is very interested in having the AG on our air tomorrow am on Fox n' Friends.

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>>>> The idea that he's doing the three broadcast nets and not Fox has some of my bosses, and their bosses... not happy.

>>>>
>>>> Let me know if there's any way to include Fox tomorrow am. We can have a crew there whenever it's needed....please and thanks!

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>>>>
>>>>

>>>> Jake Gibson

>>>> Department of Justice and Federal Law Enforcement Producer >>>> Fox News Washington >>>

>>>> @JakeBGibson

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 9:26 PM
To: Nestande, Francesca
Subject: Re: Hannity tomorrow ?

We'll pass for now

> On Aug 13, 2017, at 8:31 PM, Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

>

> Hi Sarah! Any chance AG Sessions can join us on Hannity tomorrow regarding the Charlottesville riots?
> Taping 5-6P ET.

>

> Thank you!

> Francesca

>

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 9:24 PM
To: Talarico, Julie
Subject: Re: Newsroom tomorrow?

We'll pass for now

> On Aug 13, 2017, at 8:41 PM, Talarico, Julie <Julie.Talarico@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

>
> Hey Sarah!
>
> Heard the attorney general is doing the network shows in the morning, any chance he has a free minute to join us on newsroom? We can pretape in the 8am hour if that helps! Let me know, thanks!

>
> Julie Talarico
> Booker, America's Newsroom

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 5:20 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Follow up: AG will be on all three networks tomorrow am

Copy that.

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice and Federal Law Enforcement Producer
Fox News Washington
(b) (6)
@JakeBGibson

On Aug 13, 2017, at 5:04 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

No not this time

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202.616.0911
Cel (b) (6)

From: Gibson, Jake [<mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 5:02 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Follow up: AG will be on all three networks tomorrow am

Fox n Friends as well?
Just curious... I'm sure they would be interested.

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice and Federal Law Enforcement Producer
Fox News Washington
(b) (6)
@JakeBGibson

On Aug 13, 2017, at 5:01 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Following up on last email, the Attorney General will be on the morning shows for ABC, CBS, and NBC tomorrow to discuss Charlottesville.

Ian D. Prior

Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202.616.0911
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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 3:48 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Attorney General Jeff Sessions Statement on Opening of Federal Investigation in Charlottesville

Thanks!!!

On Aug 13, 2017, at 3:42 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

No im not just you

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202.616.0911
Cel (b) (6)

From: Gibson, Jake [<mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 3:42 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Attorney General Jeff Sessions Statement on Opening of Federal Investigation in Charlottesville

Okay, cool.

If you're going to send it to other Fox people... please give me a head start of 15 mins... please and thanks!!!

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice and Federal Law Enforcement Producer
Fox News Washington
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@JakeBGibson

On Aug 13, 2017, at 3:35 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Yeah will send over to beat reporters soon

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Office: 202.616.0911

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On Aug 13, 2017, at 3:27 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hey man.

Sarah says u are a being some background re: Charlottesville soon?

Just to beat reporters or....?

Thanks!

Jake Gibson

Department of Justice and Federal Law Enforcement Producer

Fox News Washington

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@JakeBGibson

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Alex Pfeiffer

From: Alex Pfeiffer
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 11:41 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Attorney General Jeff Sessions Statement on Opening of Federal Investigation in Charlottesville

Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 8:11 PM
To: Ian Mason
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: Re: Thank You

Thanks for coming Ian. We were glad to have you and I know everyone else was as well.

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs Office: 202.616.0911 Cel (b) (6)

> On Aug 12, 2017, at 8:08 PM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:

>
> Sarah, Ian, and Mark,
>
> I wanted to thank you guys and everyone else at DOJ Press for the wonderful lunch yesterday. That was an unforgettable experience and I wanted to express my gratitude for your invitation. The little tour after was another unexpected treat.
>
> Also, let me apologize for the delay in sending this. Friday was busy and quickly slid into this fracas in Charlottesville.
>
> I look forward to continuing to work with you all and wish you the best of luck.
>
> Thanks again,
> Ian Mason
> DOJ/Courts Reporter, Breitbart News
>

Ian Mason

From: Ian Mason
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 7:06 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Had a punctuation issue on my quote

Perfect. Thanks so much!

On Aug 11, 2017, at 7:01 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Please use this

“During the Attorney General's visit to El Salvador, he repeatedly heard of efforts by MS-13 and other transnational gangs to prey on and recruit children as young as eight years old. We will absolutely defend the President’s lawful authority to keep Americans safe and protect communities from gang violence.”

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 6:40 PM
To: Ian Mason
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: ACLU Suit

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Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
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On Aug 11, 2017, at 4:39 PM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:

Ian and Sarah,

Anyone available to comment on this?
<https://twitter.com/aclu/status/896101606680215552>

Thanks so much,
Ian Mason
DOJ/Courts Reporter, Breitbart News

Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 6:19 PM
To: Ian Mason
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: ACLU Suit

Working on it. Stand by

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Office: 202.616.0911
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On Aug 11, 2017, at 4:39 PM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:

Duplicative Material



Herridge, Catherine

From: Herridge, Catherine
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 3:12 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: AG off the record

Sarah -

Very much appreciate the note. Please send my best regards to the AG and will check in next week.
Thx!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 11, 2017, at 1:35 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>
> Not to worry! We'll have more formal backgrounders with the AG where we'll want the senior teams from each outlet. This was really just meant as an informal snack time with the people who work out of here most days.

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> ***
> Sarah Isgur Flores
> Director of Public Affairs

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Herridge, Catherine [mailto:Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM]
> Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 1:26 PM
> To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
> Subject: AG off the record

>
> Hi Sara
>
> Trust you are well.
>
> I know Jake has been working with Ian, and we appreciate those efforts, but I am disappointed the access could not be worked out for today.

>
> I had offered to drop a day of vacation to attend because I know these off the record sessions with the AG are rare and valuable to inform my reporting.

>
> We understand/are respectful of the badging issue and will work to get this resolved.

>
> Will check in early next week when I am back in the office.

>
> Best
> Catherine

>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 9:23 AM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: Friday Off-the-Record Chat with AG in His Office

Instead of you?

Problem is its only for badged reporters in the building, so if I let her come Im gonna get a raft of sh&t from everyone else

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Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202.616.0911
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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 9:21 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Friday Off-the-Record Chat with AG in His Office

Now Catherine Herridge would like to go.

Is that possible?

She would need an escort.

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice and Federal Law Enforcement Producer
Fox News Washington
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@JakeBGibson

On Aug 9, 2017, at 4:02 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon everyone. On Friday, we are going to have three off-the-record sessions (see what I did there) with the Attorney General in his office. We are going to keep the groups small to encourage a good conversation and do them in half-hour intervals. It's really just an opportunity to get to know him a little better, hear what he is thinking, and talk to him about things that are his priorities.

If you are getting this email, you are part of the exclusive, seven member 3:20 club. Please let Mark know if you can make it (I hear snacks will be provided).

Thanks!

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Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)

From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 4:09 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: Friday Off-the-Record Chat with AG in His Office

Great thanks!

Mark T. Pettit
Confidential Assistant
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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 4:08 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Friday Off-the-Record Chat with AG in His Office

Yes.
I would not miss it!
Thanks.

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice and Federal Law Enforcement Producer
Fox News Washington
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On Aug 9, 2017, at 4:02 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 8:52 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Petitioner's Supreme Court Brief in President Trump v. IRAP et. al/President Trump v. State of Hawaii et. al

Thanks!

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice and Federal Law Enforcement Producer Fox News Washingto (b) (6)
@JakeBGibson

> On Aug 10, 2017, at 7:56 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:
>
> The Department of Justice filed the attached brief tonight in the United States Supreme Court.
>
> Thank you.
>
> Ian D. Prior
> Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs > Department of Justice > Office: 202.616.0911 > Cell:
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> <16-1436,16-1540tsUnitedStates.pdf>

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 4:59 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Grassley letter to Rosenstein re: Alexandra Chalupa registering under FARA

Thanks! Have a great day.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2017, at 4:56 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

You can say a Justice Department official confirmed that we responded but declined to comment further.

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From: Singman, Brooke [<mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 1:54 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Grassley letter to Rosenstein re: Alexandra Chalupa registering under FARA

Hi Sarah and Ian,

Hope you're having a great day.

Sen. Chuck Grassley wrote a letter to the Deputy Attorney General last month questioning whether the Justice Department would investigate former DNC consultant Alexandra Chalupa and her interactions with Ukrainian government officials.

Grassley gave the Deputy Attorney General a deadline of August 3 to respond.

Has he responded to Grassley's letter? If so, what did he say? Can you provide me with a copy of that response?

Deadline is ASAP.

Thank you!

Brooke Singman
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel
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Brooke.singman@foxnews.com

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 1:58 PM
To: Singman, Brooke; Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Grassley letter to Rosenstein re: Alexandra Chalupa registering under FARA

+Lauren

Ian D. Prior
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Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)

From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 4:51 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: RE: Lunch with the AG - Details on tomorrow

Thanks Ian!

Mark T. Pettit
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From: Ian Mason [mailto:imason@breitbart.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 4:51 PM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Lunch with the AG - Details on tomorrow

Full name: Ia (b) Mason

Let me know if you need anything more.

Thanks for everything.

Original Message

From: "Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)" <Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 2:21pm
To: "Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)" <Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Lunch with the AG Details on tomorrow

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Best,
Mark Pettit

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From: Pettit, Mark T.
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966a-pettit, mar>
Date: Thu Aug 10 2017 14:27:50 EDT
To: Alex Pfeiffer
<pfeiffer@dailycaller.com>
Cc: Blank
Bcc: Blank
Subject: RE: Lunch with the AG - Details on tomorrow
Attachments:

Thanks!

Mark T. Pettit

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From: Alex Pfeiffer [mailto:pfeiffer@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 2:26 PM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Lunch with the AG - Details on tomorrow

Government name: Alexander Pfeiffer

Looking forward to it.

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 9:26 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Bcc: apappas@washingtonexaminer.com; bshapiro@dailywire.com;
(b) (6); jswift@weeklystandard.com; ben@thefederalist.com;
mary.kissel@wsj.com; mhemingway@weeklystandard.com;
robert.bluey@heritage.org
Subject: Lunch with the AG
Importance: High

Good morning,

We would like to see if you are interested in joining us here at the Department of Justice tomorrow at 12 pm for a small, off-the-record group lunch with the Attorney General. We would have an hour to join the AG and discuss his priorities for the Department and answer any questions that you may have.

I am cc'ing Mark Pettit who you can respond to. I would appreciate it if you let him know one way or other if you are going to be attending.

Thank you and hope to see you all on Friday.

Ian D. Prior
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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Matthew Boyle Breitbart
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: RE: Lunch with the AG

Ok Matt will do. Thx!

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
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Office: 202.616.0911
Cel (b) (6)

From: Matthew Boyle Breitbart [mailto:mboyle@breitbart.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 3:52 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Lunch with the AG

Guys -- I'm honored to get invite and really wish I could except I don't land back in dc until 1 pm Friday. Please give the AG my best and I would love to do something with him soon -- haven't seen him since election night in Hilton in NYC but pls do tell him I said hello and wish him all the best and wish I could be there

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 9, 2017, at 3:48 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

We would like to see if you are interested in joining us here at the Department of Justice this Friday at 12 pm for an off-the-record lunch with the Attorney General. We would have an hour to join the AG and discuss his priorities for the Department and answer any questions that you may have.

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Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)

From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 4:08 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: RE: Lunch with the AG

Great thanks!

Mark T. Pettit
Confidential Assistant
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Office: 202.514.1449
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From: Ian Mason [mailto:imason@breitbart.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 4:07 PM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Lunch with the AG

Mark,

I would like to RSVP for this lunch.

Thanks very much,
Ian Mason, Breitbart News

Original Message

From: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 3:48pm
To: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Cc: "Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)" <Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Lunch with the AG

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Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)

From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 3:56 PM
To: Alex Pfeiffer
Subject: RE: Lunch with the AG

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Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Lunch with the AG

Yes that would be great. Looking forward to it.

On Wed, Aug 9, 2017 at 3:48 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Duplicative Material



O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 3:47 PM
To: Abueg, Mark (OPA)
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: You have anything on this?

As a result of the President's Executive Order, over one hundred immigration judges have been mobilized to DHS detention facilities across the country, including along the southern border. This mobilization includes both in-person assignments and dockets heard via video teleconferencing (VTC). In addition to working to carry out the Executive Order, the Justice Department is actively engaged in a multi-front effort to reverse the growth in the backlog of non-detained cases that occurred over the past several years. EOIR is increasing its adjudicatory capacity by hiring more judges, maximizing its existing capacity by using VTC and by seeking to reduce unused courtroom time, and working with its federal partners to make the immigration process more efficient. The Justice Department is also reviewing internal practices, procedures, and technology in order to identify ways in which it can further enhance immigration judge productivity without compromising due process.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 9, 2017, at 3:34 PM, Abueg, Mark (OPA) <mabueg@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Here is the statement:

"The Office of Immigration Litigation has received a number of referrals from DHS related to individuals who naturalized as a result of the issues identified in the September 2016 DHS OIG Report. We take this issue very seriously and will continue reviewing such referrals to ensure that the rule of law is enforced."

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Abueg, Mark (OPA) <mabueg@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: You have anything on this?

Devin can get you a comment on our immigration policy generally.

Mark can send you the comment he sent to the examiner only some of which they used.

On Aug 9, 2017, at 3:20 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/justice-department-too-busy-with-litigation-to-denaturalize-illegal-immigrants-who-wrongly-received-citizenship/article/2631041>

Justice Department attorneys are preparing to file several complaints against unauthorized immigrants who obtained U.S. citizenship after being ordered for

removal, a process that has stalled for months while the agency has been forced to address lawsuits challenging the Trump administration's immigration crackdown.

The Department of Homeland Security's inspector general revealed last September that more than 1,000 immigrants residing in the U.S. were erroneously granted citizenship after applying with different names or birthdates. The stunning error was partly due to the government's failure to maintain updated fingerprint records.

President Trump blasted the revelation at the time, telling supporters at a campaign rally last fall, "we made them citizens and they were getting ready for deportation."

"Can't have it," Trump said.

Only three individuals, however, who were recommended to the Justice Department for denaturalization proceedings have since been stripped of their citizenship status. And all three cases were litigated during the final months of Barack Obama's presidency.

"There are literally zero resources available to file affirmative litigation right now," a source close to the Justice Department told the *Washington Examiner*. "They're too busy with litigation coming in from folks challenging different initiatives."

The Justice Department has received nine referrals for civil denaturalization proceedings from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services since Trump took office — seven of which were received between July and August, according to a department spokesperson.

"Zero have been filed to date," the spokesperson said, adding that the top law enforcement agency takes "this issue very seriously and will continue reviewing such referrals to ensure that the rule of law is enforced."

An onerous process, revoking one's citizenship requires that the government prove an individual fraudulently procured their citizenship status or deliberately deceived federal officials during the naturalization process. Cases meeting one or both of those requirements are subsequently referred to the Justice Department for civil or criminal proceedings.

Federal officials rarely faced more than two dozen revocation cases annually until 1997, when the Clinton administration sought to denaturalize nearly 5,000 immigrants who had wrongly obtained U.S. citizenship during the former president's first term. Processing each revocation could take anywhere between a couple days to months, a Justice Department spokeswoman had said [at the time](#).

Following its internal audit last September, DHS ordered a team to review every "case of possible fraud and where digital fingerprint records were not available at the time of the naturalization adjudication."

Of the 1,929 cases reviewed, approximately 1,600 "are being considered for referral for denaturalization proceedings," DHS spokeswoman Gillian Christensen said. Such referrals are then reviewed by government lawyers and filed in federal court by a local U.S. attorney or the Justice Department's Office of Immigration Litigation (OIL).

Identifying individuals with criminal records has been a priority for the review team as they are the likeliest to pose a threat to national security and need to be denaturalized and deported more quickly, Christensen said.

"Every case is so individual, so not only are we identifying cases but also then prioritizing which ones we should go through first," she noted.

A former top DOJ official slammed the administration for failing to move more quickly to identify and denaturalize criminal illegal immigrants who improperly procured citizenship. The official described that task as OIL's "highest priority" in the waning months of the Obama administration.

"If there have been nine referrals so far and none have been filed, that, in my view, is unacceptable," the official said, adding that delays in adjudication "incentivize this type of behavior."

"Either it's been deprioritized consciously or unconsciously because there have been so many cases filed around the country challenging the travel ban, diversity visas, funding restrictions for sanctuary cities, and the use of immigration enforcement," the source continued. "Once you start publicizing that [Justice Department officials] aren't prioritizing this, it will only get worse."

One DOJ official said the agency could hire more hands now that the Trump administration's hiring freeze has been lifted, even though the Office of Immigration Litigation had [previously](#) been exempt from the order.

David Martin, who served as general counsel of the now-defunct U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service during the Clinton years, said without additional resources it could take "many, many months or even more than a year to see these cases through from start to finish."

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Abueg, Mark (OPA); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: You have anything on this?

Thanks very much.

From: Abueg, Mark (OPA) [mailto:Mark.Abueg@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 3:34 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Gibson, Jake
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: You have anything on this?

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From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 3:31 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Abueg, Mark (OPA)
Subject: RE: You have anything on this?

That would be great.
Thank you very much.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Abueg, Mark (OPA)
Subject: Re: You have anything on this?

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close to the Justice Department told the *Washington Examiner*. "They're too busy with

Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 3:14 PM
To: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: DNC Chair Tom Perez and DNC Vice Chair Karen Carter Peterson on DOJ's Support of Voter Purges

Copy... thanks.

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA) [mailto:Lauren.Ehrsam@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 3:13 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: DNC Chair Tom Perez and DNC Vice Chair Karen Carter Peterson on DOJ's Support of Voter Purges

Hi Jake,

You may attribute it to me:

“Yesterday’s brief filed by the Department of Justice is supported by the National Voter Registration Act’s text, context, and history. The question is what states are allowed to do in order to maintain their voter registration records--not what they are required to do. A ruling in Ohio's favor would simply uphold a practice already in use in many states without requiring any state to change how it maintains its rolls.”

For your background and not attributable to anyone (this is all covered in the brief from what I’ve read), Ohio has been using this procedure since 1994, and many other states use it as well. Moreover, the question in this case is what states are allowed to do, not what they are required to do. States have broad discretion regarding how they maintain their voter rolls. Thus, a ruling in Ohio's favor would simply uphold a practice already in use in many states without requiring any state to change how it maintains its rolls.

Hope this section from the brief is helpful for your reporting:

In the 15 years since HAVA’s enactment, the Department of Justice has not taken enforcement action against Ohio or the other States that send Section 20507(d)(2) notices based on nonvoting. But the Department argued that the NVRA forbids that practice in a guidance document first issued in 2010 and in two recent amicus filings, including a brief filed in the court of appeals in this case. Gov’t C.A. Br. 2.3 After this Court’s grant of review and the change in Administrations, the Department reconsidered the question. It has now concluded that the NVRA does not prohibit a State

from using nonvoting as the basis for sending a Section 20507(d)(2) notice. That conclusion is supported by the NVRA's text, context, and history. It is also faithful to the careful balance that Congress struck in the NVRA and clarified in HAVA.4

https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/briefs/2017/08/07/16-980_husted_v_randolph_institute_ac_merits.pdf

Thank you,
Lauren

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Subject: RE: DNC Chair Tom Perez and DNC Vice Chair Karen Carter Peterson on DOJ's Support of Voter Purges

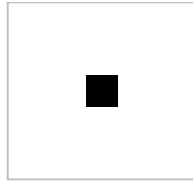
Lauren will have a statement for you shortly

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Director of Public Affairs

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From: Gibson, Jake [<mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 2:07 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: DNC Chair Tom Perez and DNC Vice Chair Karen Carter Peterson on DOJ's Support of Voter Purges

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Subject: RE: DNC Chair Tom Perez and DNC Vice Chair Karen Carter Peterson on DOJ's Support of Voter Purges

Any comment or guidance on the DOJ "reversal?"

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Murray, Andrew

From: Murray, Andrew
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 8:31 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Gibson, Jake; Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Wrong on Chicago lawsuit

Thanks, I have shared that with our team.

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On Aug 8, 2017, at 8:28 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Sorry was driving. To clarify--fox and friends keeps saying we're adding strings on already granted grant money. That's not correct. Chicago is suing over strings we just announced would be attached to future grant money, which law is very clear and is entirely appropriate--Obama admin and pretty much every one has always done this. Hence how grants work--otherwise we'd always just have to write blank checks to cities and states. Dole is really only exception and scotus was clear that was extraordinary and unrelated to purpose.

On Aug 8, 2017, at 8:16 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

This grant money is only about future money--Andrew and Ainsley keep getting it wrong!! Please have someone read it or call us.

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Schneider, Lauren

From: Schneider, Lauren
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 8:14 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: FOX News: America's Newsroom?

Of course! Sounds good! Totally up to you- whenever you may be ready!

Thanks Sarah!

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 7, 2017, at 8:12 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hey there! You're timing is pretty good. I should probably consider getting back in the saddle. And this is a good topic. Next week might make more sense. Mind if I check back in?

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Sarah Isgur Flore (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 1:25 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: FOX News: America's Newsroom?

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From: **Schneider, Lauren** <Lauren.Schneider@foxnews.com>
Date: Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 12:54 PM
Subject: FOX News: America's Newsroom?
T (b) (6) Sarah Flores

Hi Sarah!

Lauren from "America's Newsroom" here! Hope this note finds you well. Apologies for using your personal email for this but wasn't sure the best contact to reach you now that you're with the DOJ. Please feel free to connect or direct me to them with this request! I wanted to see if you were doing any interviews these days. Was looking to discuss sanctuary cities as well as some of the other DOJ topics in the news. Totally understand if you're not doing anything on camera but wanted to ask! Happy to work with your schedule if you have time... we're on every day from 9-11am ET and can also offer a pretape with Bill Hemmer & Shannon Bream in our 8am hour prior to the show.

Thank you for considering!

Best,
Lauren

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 5:45 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: STATEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS ON THE CITY OF CHICAGO'S LAWSUIT AGAINST THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Just spoke to them...
They are putting it on

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 5:45 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: STATEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS ON THE CITY OF CHICAGO'S LAWSUIT AGAINST THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Thank you, sir!

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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 5:44 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: STATEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS ON THE CITY OF CHICAGO'S LAWSUIT AGAINST THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Will do

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 5:43 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: FW: STATEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS ON THE CITY OF CHICAGO'S LAWSUIT AGAINST THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Jake-

Can you get this to the producer of Specialists? They are talking about this issue right now on air.

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From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs (SMO)

Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 5:38 PM

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Subject: STATEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS ON THE CITY OF CHICAGO'S LAWSUIT AGAINST THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



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STATEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS ON THE CITY OF CHICAGO'S LAWSUIT AGAINST THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON Attorney General Jeff Sessions today issued the following statement on the city of Chicago's lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Justice:

"No amount of federal taxpayer dollars will help a city that refuses to help its own residents.

"This administration is committed to the rule of law and to enforcing the laws established by Congress. To a degree perhaps unsurpassed by any other jurisdiction, the political leadership of Chicago has chosen deliberately and intentionally to adopt a policy that obstructs this country's lawful immigration system. They have demonstrated an open hostility to enforcing laws designed to protect law enforcement Federal, state, *and local* and reduce crime, and instead have adopted an official policy of protecting criminal aliens who prey on their own residents. This is astounding given the unprecedented violent crime surge in Chicago, with the number of murders in 2016 surpassing both New York and Los Angeles combined. The city's leaders cannot follow some laws and ignore others and reasonably expect this horrific situation to improve.

"The Mayor complains that the federal government's focus on enforcing the law would require a 'reordering of law enforcement practice in Chicago.' But that's just what Chicago needs: a recommitment to the rule of law and to policies that rollback the culture of lawlessness that has beset the city.

"This administration will not simply give away grant dollars to city governments that proudly violate the rule of law and protect criminal aliens at the expense of public safety. So it's this simple: Comply with the law or forego taxpayer dollars."

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Ian Mason

From: Ian Mason
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 3:12 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Flagging

I had not. Do you know if any determination was later made as to their nationality?

Original Message

From: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 11:08am
To: "Ian Mason" <imason@breitbart.com>
Subject: Flagging

You see this?

https://www.justice.gov/usao_ma/pr/six_arrested_registry_motor_vehicles_identity_theft_scheme

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202.616.0911
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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 2:23 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: you get this?

So...

Is there any info on how many identities these people stole?
Or some kind of angle that could suggest this is widespread?

Because... If these people just stole a few identities... that ain't exactly the 3 million votes Trump was talking about...

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 11:13 AM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: you get this?

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/six-arrested-registry-motor-vehicles-identity-theft-scheme>

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Alex Pfeiffer

From: Alex Pfeiffer
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 12:50 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: you see this?

No but thanks for shooting it over my way.

On Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 11:09 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/six-arrested-registry-motor-vehicles-identity-theft-scheme>

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 11:23 AM
To: Alex Pfeiffer
Subject: ICYMI: Massachusetts Fake ID Arrests

Hi Alex

I wanted to flag this for you in case you missed it last week: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/six-arrested-registry-motor-vehicles-identity-theft-scheme>.

Let me know if I can ever be helpful.

Devin

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 10:37 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Sacramento Bee: California poised to sue Trump admin over sanctuary cities

Got it.
Thanks.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 10:37 AM
To: Gibson, Jake; Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Sacramento Bee: California poised to sue Trump admin over sanctuary cities

No not on camera. Though he would have some good lines from his philly speech two weeks ago

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Director of Public Affairs

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From: Gibson, Jake [<mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 10:30 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Sacramento Bee: California poised to sue Trump admin over sanctuary cities

That statement from the AG is on-camera as well right?
That was from the Columbus speech?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 10:23 AM
To: Gibson, Jake; Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Sacramento Bee: California poised to sue Trump admin over sanctuary cities

Its on the record from me

Sarah Isgur Flores
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From: Gibson, Jake [<mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 10:18 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Sacramento Bee: California poised to sue Trump admin over sanctuary cities

Understood...so the AG's statement applies to Ca as well... Makes sense.

That first sentence (“In 2016...”) That is from you or a DOJ official?

Thanks.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 10:15 AM
To: Gibson, Jake; Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Sacramento Bee: California poised to sue Trump admin over sanctuary cities

Here’s what we’re saying on Chicago AG’s statement will apply to this as well

In 2016, more Chicagoans were murdered than in New York City and Los Angeles combined. So it's especially tragic that the mayor is less concerned with that staggering figure than he is spending time and taxpayer money protecting criminal aliens and putting Chicago's law enforcement at greater risk.

As the Attorney General said last week:

“By protecting criminals from immigration enforcement, cities and states with so-called 'sanctuary' policies make all of us less safe. We saw that just last week, when an illegal alien who had been deported twenty times and was wanted by immigration authorities allegedly sexually assaulted an elderly woman in Portland, a city that refuses to cooperate with immigration enforcement.

"By forcing police to go into more dangerous situations to re-arrest the same criminals, these policies endanger law enforcement officers more than anyone. The Department of Justice is committed to supporting our law enforcement at every level, and that’s why we're asking 'sanctuary' jurisdictions to stop making their jobs harder. By taking simple, common-sense considerations into account, we are encouraging every jurisdiction in this country to cooperate with federal law enforcement. That’s what 80 percent of the American people want them to do, and that will ultimately make all of us safer especially law enforcement on our streets.

“These policies are driven by politics and do not protect their citizens. We will fight them with every lawful tool available.”

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Gibson, Jake [<mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Sacramento Bee: California poised to sue Trump admin over sanctuary cities

We may end up doing a story on this, coupled with Rahm’s threats.
Might you have an official statement... or even something on background?

Subject: Sacramento Bee: California poised to sue Trump admin over sanctuary cities

California is poised to sue the Trump administration over the president's latest attempt to punish jurisdictions tagged by the Justice Department as "sanctuary cities" that harbor undocumented immigrants, according to two sources close to the case.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra in conjunction with other California city and county attorneys is considering charging the Justice Department with violating the Constitution by threatening to take crime-fighting funds away from cities and states that do not fully cooperate with federal immigration agents, according to those sources.

"The cities and states affected by these provisions have strong arguments to make in court that these conditions are illegal," said a former Justice Department official familiar with California officials' thinking. "If Congress wanted these requirements to be part of the grant funding decision, they would have written it into the law."

California's concern stems from an announcement last month by U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who warned that jurisdictions that do not assist federal immigration agents seeking to deport undocumented immigrants would no longer get funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

California was allocated nearly \$18 million under that program in Fiscal 2017. To get future grants, municipalities will have to allow federal immigration agents access to detention facilities, and provide 48-hours notice before they release inmates who are wanted by federal authorities on suspicion of being in the country illegally.

Those familiar with Becerra's thinking say he'd argue that Congress, not the executive branch, has power to set conditions on the grant money.

Becerra, a Democrat, could still change his mind, one source cautioned.

Becerra has not been at the forefront of the fight with Washington over sanctuary cities. While California leads the nation in the number of undocumented immigrants, and its Democratic-dominated state legislature is moving to pass a so-called "sanctuary state" bill, the attorney general has left leadership on the issue to smaller states, including Washington State and Hawaii, which [won high-profile suits against the Trump](#) administration's travel ban against six Muslim-majority countries.

Gil Duran, a Democratic strategist in California, said now is the time for officials to demonstrate "bold leadership and stand up for their highest values."

"As a Californian, as a Latino and as the attorney general of the most populous state in the country, it is well within his scope of duty to do this," said Duran, who has worked for some of the state's top politicians, including Gov. Jerry Brown and U.S. Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris of California.

"Becerra is a guy who spent years in Washington and knows the law and he would be a very formidable opponent to Donald Trump and Jeff Sessions," Duran said.

In April, the courts blocked Trump from implementing a broad executive order stripping a wide swath of federal funding from cities and states that don't cooperate with federal immigration agents. U.S. District Judge William H. Orrick III, an appointee of former President Barack Obama, said Trump's Jan. 25 executive order was unconstitutional.

In this latest attempt, the administration took a much more narrow approach, specifically targeting the justice assistance grants. This is the issue Becerra is considering.

Bill Lockyer, a former attorney general in California, told McClatchy in an interview Friday that Becerra's office generally takes a "very deep dive into the legal issues."

"There are some instances where a connection between federal money and local policy has allowed the federal government to win those disputes," he said. "And there are other examples where the federal government overreached and ultimately was prevented from that compulsion."

If Becerra takes action, Lockyer said likeminded states could come together and discuss who has the resources and who has the greater exposure to the impact of the federal policy.

"For California, because we have the largest legal office in the country, that often causes other states to rely on us to provide leadership because we can actually finance the fight," he said.

Ben Florance

Associate Producer

Special Report w/ Bret Baier

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 10:12 AM
To: Wallace, Chris
Subject: Re: Rod

Fantastic! That is definitely what he is.

> On Aug 7, 2017, at 10:09 AM, Wallace, Chris <Chris.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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> Actually, I thought he was very good.

> No spin. Very straight about what he would and wouldn't say.

> But willing to address questions he could.

> Came across as a non-political public servant, which is just what he is.

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> Sent from my iPad

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>> On Aug 7, 2017, at 9:43 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>> I think we were all very happy! Thank you for making it so substantive. If you have any tv/interview tips for Rod on how to improve as an interviewee, I'm happy to pass them along anonymously.)

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>> ***

>> Sarah Isgur Flores

>> Director of Public Affairs

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Wallace, Chris [mailto:Chris.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM]

>> Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 9:37 AM

>> To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>

>> Subject: Rod

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>> Sarah

>> I just wanted to check back with you.

>> Rod said he was happy with the interview.

>> And I actually asked only one question about the investigation, since the other one was about grand juries in general.

>> I wanted to know if he and you were happy.

>> He made a lot of news about leaks and the media.

>> And we also talked about sanctuary cities and sentencing.

>> Best Chris

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Ward, Patrick

From: Ward, Patrick
Sent: Sunday, August 6, 2017 10:05 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Fox News Sunday

Thank you both for everything. Have a great rest of the weekend.

Pat Ward
Fox News
(b) (6)
@WardDPatrick

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2017 12:29:29 PM
To: Ward, Patrick
Subject: Re: Fox News Sunday

Ok thanks Pat

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Office: 202.616.0911
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On Aug 5, 2017, at 9:32 AM, Ward, Patrick <Patrick.Ward@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Good Morning Ian,

I will be your point of contact tomorrow, my info is below. If his detail needs to do a run through today or tomorrow morning I will be around and am happy to show them around. We would love for the Deputy Attorney General to be here at 8:30 so that he can be made up and we can get him checked in before the show. I will meet you downstairs in the lobby to escort everyone up.

Thank you,
Pat Ward
Fox News

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@WardDPatrick

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Kerry Picket

From: Kerry Picket
Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2017 10:36 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Leaks from Capitol Hill

Sarah,

I'm just writing for a response to the insinuation made below in this Daily Beast piece about potential prosecution of cap hill staffers and members

http://www.thedailybeast.com/team-trump-sics-spy-hunters-on-leakers?via=twitter_page&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter_axiosam&stream=top-stories

“We are taking a stand,” Sessions said. “This culture of leaking must stop.”

Ron Hosko, former deputy director of the FBI, said these changes could result in prosecution of members of Congress and Hill staffers. In the past, he said the FBI identified members of Congress who leaked classified information, who the Justice Department then declined to prosecute. Agents were often frustrated by this, Hosko added. Given the attorney general’s announcement, he said, members of Congress and Hill staffers may be more likely to face prosecution.

“Let’s face it: Capitol Hill leaks like a sieve,” Hosko said.

“I think that Sessions is trying to change the calculus,” he added. “He’s issuing a threat to those who leak and he is, perhaps, telling his own investigators and prosecutors to be more aggressive in finding it and in charging it.”

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Kerry Picket

Reporter

Kerry@DailyCaller.com

[@KerryPicket](#)

THE DAILY CALLER

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2017 12:56 PM
To: Chuck Ross
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Inquiry on Loretta Lynch email alias

First I'm hearing of it. Sorry.

On Aug 5, 2017, at 11:53 AM, Chuck Ross <chuck@dailycaller.com> wrote:

Sarah and Ian,

Sorry to bother on a Saturday, but there are some reports out in conservative media that Loretta Lynch used the email alias Elizabeth Carlisle while in office. I've checked out [some emails released this week](#) concerning the Lynch/Clinton airplane meeting, and they do seem to be from Ms. Lynch.

Elizabeth Carlisle was apparentl (b) (6) name, though I'll have to fact check that myself.

Do you all know anything about this? I'm not sure how much you all would know about Lynch's email practices.

Regards,
Chuck Ross
The Daily Caller
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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Ward, Patrick
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); DeVito, Andrea; Krupnik, Kathryn
Subject: Re: Fox News Sunday

Yep!

On Aug 5, 2017, at 8:36 AM, Ward, Patrick <Patrick.Ward@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Confirming that this is the Deputy Attorney General's first Sunday show interview.

Thank you,
Pat Ward
Fox News
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@WardDPatrick

From: Ward, Patrick
Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2017 9:28:09 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO; Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: DeVito, Andrea; Hurley, Carolina L. EOP/WHO; Krupnik, Kathryn
Subject: Re: Fox News Sunday

Thank you everyone.

Pat Ward
Fox News
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@WardDPatrick

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2017 9:27:33 AM
To: Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO; Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Ward, Patrick; DeVito, Andrea; Hurley, Carolina L. EOP/WHO; Krupnik, Kathryn
Subject: Re: Fox News Sunday

We just connected on the phone. He has Ian's cell but adding Ian here too.

On Aug 5, 2017, at 7:05 AM, Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO
<Katherine.A.Henning@who.eop.gov> wrote:

Hi Pat - Adding Sarah

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 5, 2017, at 7:27 AM, Ward, Patrick <Patrick.Ward@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Good Morning,

Couple of logistical questions:
Will DAG Rosenstein be exclusive to us on Sunday?
Will he be live in studio with us?
Who will be staffing him on Sunday morning?

Thank you,
Pat Ward
Patrick.ward@foxnews.com

(b) (6)
@WardDPatrick

On Aug 4, 2017, at 1:45 PM, Ward, Patrick
<Patrick.Ward@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Alexa,

I know you've talked to Chris today. Do we have any update on this weekend?

Thank you,
Pat Ward
Fox News
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@WardDPatrick

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Wallace, Chris

From: Wallace, Chris
Sent: Saturday, August 5, 2017 7:12 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: any news?

Had gone to sleep.
We are all set Sarah.

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 4, 2017, at 10:12 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Assuming we're in agreement on the 2 questions related to mueller/Russia, the dag is confirmed.

On Aug 4, 2017, at 8:39 PM, Wallace, Chris <Chris.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Leaks comes first unless there is a big development

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 4, 2017, at 8:56 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

He's at a wedding and the ceremony is happening. Ugh. He should be calling me once it's over.

I know he's going to ask me, though: I have your word on no more than 2 Russia/mueller related questions and then we move to leaks/doj agenda?

On Aug 4, 2017, at 7:24 PM, Wallace, Chris <Chris.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

We do want DAG.
Can we confirm?

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 4, 2017, at 8:02 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

So sorry! The wifi went out on this flight. The AGs schedule doesn't work for Sunday. Let me know if you want to DAG.

On Aug 4, 2017, at 4:12 PM, Wallace, Chris <Chris.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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Wallace, Chris

From: Wallace, Chris
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 8:27 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: any news?

Counting on it.
Please let me know.
Thanks.

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 4, 2017, at 8:25 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Trying to track him down now--but I think there's a high chance he's available.

On Aug 4, 2017, at 7:24 PM, Wallace, Chris <Chris.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Duplicative Material



Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 9:46 PM
To: Wallace, Chris
Subject: Re: any news?

Breaking news always an exception--but only 2 questions on mueller/Russia is what ill need to tell him.

On Aug 4, 2017, at 8:39 PM, Wallace, Chris <Chris.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Duplicative Material



Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 9:16 PM
To: Sammon, Bill
Cc: Clarke, Casey
Subject: Re: Media Dialogue Group

Wonderful! Will send you official invite Monday but it will be Wednesday at 230pm at main justice.

On Aug 4, 2017, at 3:52 PM, Sammon, Bill <bill.sammon@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Happy to attend. Thanks, Sarah

On Aug 4, 2017, at 12:17 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hey there! I haven't gotten to see you since Carly world--

I know Jake just reached out, but hopefully he told you this email was coming yesterday. Would you be interested in being a representative on the media dialogue group that meets with the DAG? The group's goal is to keep an open dialogue on department issues and guidelines that can affect members of the media.

The first meeting will be Wednesday but you can still be a member even if you can't make that meeting.

Would love to have you!

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Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 4:59 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: FW: Emanuel to sue DOJ over Sanctuary City funding withdrawal

Emanuel to sue Feds over new Sanctuary City Rules

Aug 4, 2017 | WLS-AM Staff

By Bill Cameron, WLS-AM News

(CHICAGO) Mayor Emanuel says he's going to sue the Trump Justice Dept on Monday over its new Sanctuary City rules.

New rules just out prevent Sanctuary Cities like Chicago to get certain law enforcement grants and so the mayor says Chicago will file suit to kill the rules and get the millions in question.

In an interview with WLS-AM for Sunday's edition of "Bill Cameron and [Connected to Chicago](#)", the mayor said "We are not going to be put in a position of choosing who we are as a welcoming city and strengthening our police dept. These are exactly the kind of training and technology you want to be investing in right now and also do it in a way that the community's involved."

The Mayor also tells Cameron that he's no longer Bruce Rauner's friend, even as Rauner said this week he still considers the two of them to be friends.

You can hear the entire conversation with Mayor Emanuel on "[Connected to Chicago](#)", Sunday night, 7 - 8pm on WLS-AM 890.

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Ian Mason

From: Ian Mason
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 4:30 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Four Charged Leakers Named Today

As I'd thought. Thank you so much.

Original Message

From: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 3:47pm
To: "Ian Mason" <imason@breitbart.com>
Subject: RE: Four Charged Leakers Named Today

[Virginia Man Arrested and Charged With Espionage, June 22, 2017\[justice.gov\]](#)

- [Federal Government Contractor in Georgia Charged With Removing and Mailing Classified Materials to a News Outlet, June 5, 2017\[justice.gov\]](#)
- [State Department Employee Arrested and Charged With Concealing Extensive Contacts With Foreign Agents, March 29, 2017\[justice.gov\]](#)
- [Government Contractor Facing Federal Indictment for Willful Retention of National Defense Information, February 8, 2017\[justice.gov\]](#)

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202.616.0911
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From: Ian Mason [mailto:imason@breitbart.com]
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 3:14 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Four Charged Leakers Named Today

Ian,

I had assumed the four leakers charged about whom the attorney general spoke this morning were not new arrests but a recap of leak arrests since he took office. Is this accurate? That's Reality Winner plus the three separate cases of leaks to the Chinese about which you've had press releases, correct? If not, do you have the names of those to whom Sessions was referring?

Thanks so much,
Ian Mason

Alex Pfeiffer

From: Alex Pfeiffer
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 3:53 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Question

Okay well then let's do that.

On Fri, Aug 4, 2017 at 10:21 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I mean a variety of outlets we havent really been doing 1x1s w him

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Alex Pfeiffer [mailto:pfeiffer@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 10:15 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Question

That would be nice. With all TheDC reporters? Or you mean a variety of outlets?

On Fri, Aug 4, 2017 at 10:11 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Not a bad idea maybe we can have a little reporter roundtable later this month!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Alex Pfeiffer [mailto:pfeiffer@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Question

I do love writing funny headlines and knocking the New York Times, but I also would love to interview Attorney General Jeff Sessions. I realize it's Thursday and his schedule is probably filled for the rest of the week, but let me know if this would ever be able to happen.

Thanks,

Alex Pfeiffer

White House Correspondent

The Daily Caller

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 12:17 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: Sammon would like to attend

Done!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 12:13 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Sammon would like to attend

I told him Wednesday at 2:30.
Is that correct?

Bill.sammon@foxnews.com

Please also cc his assistant.

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Thanks!

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Singman, Brooke
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA)
Subject: Re: Rep DeSantis letter about Imran Arwan

Adding Lauren

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Office: 202.616.0911
Cel (b) (6)

On Aug 4, 2017, at 11:47 AM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi All,

Is the Justice Dept. commenting on the letter sent by Rep. DeSantis regarding potential investigations into former Wasserman Schultz IT aide, Imran Awan?
DeSantis is questioning his ties to Pakistan after he allegedly wire transferred hundreds of thousands of dollars there.

Deadline is ASAP.

Thanks,

Brooke Singman
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel
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Brooke.singman@foxnews.com

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: RE: interested in writing on attached?

yeah

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202.616.0911
Cel (b) (6)

From: Ian Mason [mailto:imason@breitbart.com]
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: interested in writing on attached?

Right on. May I bill it as exclusive?

Original Message
From: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 10:11am
To: "Ian Mason" <imason@breitbart.com>
Subject: RE: interested in writing on attached?

Nope just that. I think you can use the comment from the last release on 3rd party settlements would still apply

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202.616.0911
Cel (b) (6)

From: Ian Mason [mailto:imason@breitbart.com]
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: interested in writing on attached?

Definitely. Is there a comment to go along?

Thanks so much,
Ian Mason

Original Message
From: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 10:02am
To: "Ian Mason" <imason@breitbart.com>
Subject: interested in writing on attached?

Not sending broadly will let you write up first if you want

Ian D. Prior

Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202.616.0911
Cel (b) (6)



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

July 28, 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL COMPONENT HEADS AND UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

FROM: Jefferson B. Sessions III
The Attorney General

SUBJECT: Compilation and Review of All Settlement Agreements Containing Provisions for Settlement Payments to Non-governmental Third Parties

On June 5, 2017, I issued a new policy that prohibits the inclusion of payments to non-governmental third parties in civil and criminal settlement agreements. As we continue to address this issue, I direct the Associate Attorney General to review past settlement agreements that included payments to non-governmental third parties to assist the Department in implementing the new policy.

In furtherance of this effort, you are directed to compile a list of all civil or criminal settlement agreements that your component or office previously entered into or has overseen that included payments to non-governmental third parties that would be prohibited under the new policy. Please identify which, if any, of these include third-party payments that are still outstanding and have not been fully satisfied. You are also directed to list any settlement agreements with *cy pres* or remainder provisions that would direct funds to non-governmental third parties that do not fall within one of the exceptions set forth in the new policy. You may restrict your list to settlement agreements entered in the past ten years.

Please provide the name of the matter, the parties to the settlement agreement, the name(s) of the third-party organization(s) receiving the payments, the amount of the agreed payments to the third party organization(s), the amount of such payment that remains outstanding, a copy of the signed settlement agreement, and any other pertinent information to Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand by August 31, 2017.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 10:11 AM
To: Singman, Brooke
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA); Pettit, Mark T. (OPA); Navas, Nicole (OPA); Abueg, Mark (OPA)
Subject: RE: Fox News Request - Judicial Watch slams DOJ for refusing to disclose Lynch talking points for tarmac mtg w/ Bill Clinton

Sorry I think we'll decline to comment right now

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

(b) (6)

From: Singman, Brooke [mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Navas, Nicole (OPA) <nnavas@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Abueg, Mark (OPA) <mabueg@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Fox News Request - Judicial Watch slams DOJ for refusing to disclose Lynch talking points for tarmac mtg w/ Bill Clinton

Hi All,

Will there be a comment on this?

Thank you.

Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 9:35 AM
To: 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)' <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>; Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov>; 'Navas, Nicole (OPA)' <Nicole.Navas@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fox News Request - Judicial Watch slams DOJ for refusing to disclose Lynch talking points for tarmac mtg w/ Bill Clinton

Hi All,

Hope you're well.

Judicial Watch is claiming that the DOJ is refusing to disclose talking points developed by the Obama DOJ to help it respond to press inquiries about the June 27, 2016 tarmac meeting between former AG Loretta Lynch and Bill Clinton at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

I know DOJ does not comment on ongoing litigation, and that this is part of Judicial Watch's FOIA lawsuit against DOJ,

but was hoping for a comment in regards to these “talking points.”

Judicial Watch was given 417 pages of documents from the DOJ. Emails reveal former assistant AG Peter Kadzick was brought in to assist with PR issues after the tarmac meeting. Former Director of PA at DOJ Melanie Newman also sent an email to former national security assistant special agent Robert Quinn and Michael Kortan “flagging” a story about their “casual, unscheduled meeting” between Clinton and Lynch, providing the talking points.

Judicial Watch says it is “jaw dropping” that the Trump DOJ is blacking out the “talking points” and “key information” about how the Obama DOJ tried to “spin” the Lynch/Clinton mtg.

Can you comment on any of this? On record, or on background. And feel free to call me at my desk (b) (6) or on my cell (b) (6)

Deadline is 11a EST.

Thank you!

Brooke Singman
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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Brooke.singman@foxnews.com

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Singman, Brooke
Subject: RE: Fox News Request - Judicial Watch slams DOJ for refusing to disclose Lynch talking points for tarmac mtg w/ Bill Clinton

<http://www.judicialwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/JW-v-DOJ-Clinton-Lynch-meeting-production-2-00421.pdf>

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202.616.0911
Cel (b) (6)

From: Singman, Brooke [mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Navas, Nicole (OPA) <nnavas@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Abueg, Mark (OPA) <mabueg@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Fox News Request - Judicial Watch slams DOJ for refusing to disclose Lynch talking points for tarmac mtg w/ Bill Clinton

Duplicative Material



Conti, Andrew

From: Conti, Andrew
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 9:53 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: FOX NEWS: BETWEEN 5P-6P ET TODAY?

Copy-thanks

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 04, 2017 9:53 AM
To: Conti, Andrew
Subject: RE: FOX NEWS: BETWEEN 5P-6P ET TODAY?

Sorry not this time

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Conti, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.conti@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 9:48 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FOX NEWS: BETWEEN 5P-6P ET TODAY?

Hi Sarah,

Any chance AG Sessions Sessions can do a short interview on Fox today, between 5p-6p et? It would be Eric Bolling and the rest of our specialists. Would be great to have the AG on the show for a few minutes to talk about today's press conference. Thanks

apc

Andrew P. Conti
Fox News Channel
(b) (6) - direct
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Rego, Alexandra

From: Rego, Alexandra
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 8:29 AM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Subject: HI Kelly!-- Fox News Inquiry RE: DOJ CREW PARKING

Good Morning Kelly!

We have a crew outside the DOJ today that would like to get your approval for parking. We need the car close by to run power for our live hits. I've cc'd the photographer here too.

We noticed a spot right by the NBC truck, and would love to snag it if you have no objections.

Please reply all!

Thanks!

Alex

Alexandra Rego

Assignment Desk

Fox News Channel – Washington

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Alexandra.Rego@FoxNews.com

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 6:16 AM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Cc: Joost, Nathalie; Press; Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA); Maltas, Mike
Subject: Re: Hi DOJ press - Fox Request for tomorrow's presser

Kelly-

Sorry, but our reporter has changed again. Peter Doocy is stuck at an airport.

We are now sending Doug McKelway.

Thank you very much.

Jake Gibson
DOJ Producer
Fox News Washington

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On Aug 3, 2017, at 3:59 PM, Laco, Kelly (OPA) <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Great, thanks.

Kelly Laco
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202-353-0173
Cel (b) (6)

From: Joost, Nathalie [<mailto:Nathalie.Joost@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 3:43 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; Maltas, Mike <Mike.Maltas@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Hi DOJ press - Fox Request for tomorrow's presser

Thanks so much. Please note that we have a change in the correspondent for the RSVP it will now be Peter Doocy.

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) [<mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 3:40 PM

To: Joost, Nathalie <Nathalie.Joost@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Press <Press@usdoj.gov>; Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; Maltas, Mike <Mike.Maltas@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: FW: Hi DOJ press - Fox Request for tomorrow's presser

Hi Natalie,

You can arrive at the visitors center at 9:45 am, if that works. We will have someone from OPA meet you all there and escort up to the 7th floor.

Thanks.

Kelly Laco
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202-353-0173
Cel (b) (6)

From: Press
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 2:03 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Ehram, Lauren (OPA) <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: FW: Hi DOJ press - Fox Request for tomorrow's presser
Importance: High

Thank you - Kristen

From: Joost, Nathalie [<mailto:Nathalie.Joost@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 1:59 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; Maltas, Mike <Mike.Maltas@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Hi DOJ press - Fox Request for tomorrow's presser
Importance: High

Hi DOJ press office,

Fox News would like to have a reporter be live from the 7th Floor Conference Room tomorrow prior to the 1100 event. We'd like to send the following personnel and we'd like to get an escort and access to the room as early as you will allow. Can you please let us know how early we can arrive?

Correspondent: James Rosen
Photographer (b) (6)
Audio (b) (6).
Producer: Jake Gibson

Thanks please let me know if you need any additional information.

Nathalie Joost
Planning Editor
Fox News Channel

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**ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
DAN COATS, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ROSENSTEIN, AND NATIONAL
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY CENTER DIRECTOR WILLIAM
EVANINA TO HOLD A BRIEFING ON LEAKS OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL
THREATENING NATIONAL SECURITY**

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, and National Counterintelligence and Security Center Director William Evanina will hold a briefing on leaks of classified material threatening national security tomorrow, **FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2017**. Attorney General Sessions and DNI Director Coats will deliver remarks at 11:00 a.m. EDT. Following the announcement, Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein and NCSC Director Evanina will hold an off-camera pen and pad discussion.

WHO: Attorney General Jeff Sessions;
Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats;
Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein;
National Counterintelligence and Security Center Director William Evanina.

WHEN: 11:00 a.m. EDT

WHERE: Department of Justice
7th Floor Conference Room
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

OPEN PRESS*

(Camera Preset by: 10:15 a.m. EDT // Final Access: 10:45 a.m. EDT)

Live Stream: <https://www.justice.gov/live>

***Cameras must leave after the conclusion of the announcement by Attorney General Sessions and DNI Director Coats.**

NOTE: All media must RSVP and present government-issued photo I.D. (such as a driver's license) as well as valid media credentials. The RSVP and any inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to the Office of Public Affairs at (202) 514-2007 or press@usdoj.gov.

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Nestande, Francesca

From: Nestande, Francesca
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 10:26 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: 'Henning, Alexa A. EOP/WHO'
Subject: Hannity tomorrow?

Hi Sarah We heard AG Sessions is giving a speech about the leaks tomorrow- if this is the case can he join us? We will be taping 5-6P ET.

Thank you!!

Francesca

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 3:44 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: hey

Will change miscommunication. I apologize. I thought that was part of the direction. Addressing now

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 3:42 PM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: hey

I thought this was off the record: A Justice spokesperson told Fox News that exemptions and the deliberative process are nonpartisan.

If I was speaking even on background I would have articulated my point better would appreciate it if you could change to "A Justice spokesperson told Fox News that decisions to claim the deliberative process exemption are routine."

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/08/03/judicial-watch-clashes-with-doj-over-talking-points-from-lynch-clinton-tarmac-meeting.html>

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202.616.0911
Cel (b) (6)

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 3:22 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: RE: Livestream of Tomorrow's Press Conference

yes

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202.616.0911
Cel (b) (6)

From: Ian Mason [mailto:imason@breitbart.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 1:02 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Livestream of Tomorrow's Press Conference

Ian,

Do you know if DOJ will be running a livestream of tomorrow's national security press conference? We were hoping to get something out on our Facebook live.

Thanks so much,
Ian Mason

Laco, Kelly (OPA)

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 2:52 PM
To: Rosenthal, Jessica
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: FW: media inquiry

Hi Jessica,

Statement by Attorney General Jeff Sessions:

“By protecting criminals from immigration enforcement, cities and states with so-called 'sanctuary' policies make all of us less safe. We saw that just last week, when an illegal alien who had been deported twenty times and was wanted by immigration authorities allegedly sexually assaulted an elderly woman in Portland, a city that refuses to cooperate with immigration enforcement.

"By forcing police to go into more dangerous situations to re-arrest the same criminals, these policies endanger law enforcement officers more than anyone. The Department of Justice is committed to supporting our law enforcement at every level, and that's why we're asking 'sanctuary' jurisdictions to stop making their jobs harder. By taking simple, common-sense considerations into account, we are encouraging every jurisdiction in this country to cooperate with federal law enforcement. That's what 80 percent of the American people want them to do, and that will ultimately make all of us safer especially law enforcement on our streets.

“These policies are driven by politics and do not protect their citizens. We will fight them with every lawful tool available.”

You can find the full release here: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-announces-commitment-reducing-violent-crime-stemming-illegal-immigration>

Thanks!

Kelly Laco
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202-353-0173
Cell (b) (6)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 2:47 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: media inquiry

Can you just forward the statement?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 3, 2017, at 2:42 PM, Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thanks!

From: Rosenthal, Jessica [<mailto:jessica.rosenthal@FOXNEWS.COM>]

Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 1:32 PM

To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: media inquiry

Hi there. Just looking for the statement from AG Sessions on Sanctuary cities, impacting Baltimore, Albuquerque, Stockton, and San Bernardino. Can you forward on? I don't seem to have it in my inbox.

Thank you,

Jessica Rosenthal
Fox News Network LLC
West Coast Radio Correspondent

(b) (6) (office)

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Rosenthal, Jessica

From: Rosenthal, Jessica
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 2:09 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: RE: media inquiry

How much money has been allocated to PSP?

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 2:08 PM
To: Rosenthal, Jessica
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: Re: media inquiry

Hey Jessica-

The PSP program is not a grant. The Department provides training and technical assistance.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 3, 2017, at 2:05 PM, Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thanks!

From: Rosenthal, Jessica [mailto:jessica.rosenthal@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 2:02 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: media inquiry

Hi there. Can someone tell me how much money is available in the PSP program? Or the dollar amount each city would be allocated when they are selected to participate in PSP?

Thank you,

Jessica Rosenthal
Fox News Network LLC
West Coast Radio Correspondent
(b) (6) (office)
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Wallace, Chris

From: Wallace, Chris
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 12:18 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Media Dialogue Group

Sure, try him.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 12:09 PM
To: Wallace, Chris <Chris.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Media Dialogue Group

Unfortunately, we don't have members who cover the Justice beat since this is a policy committee. It is mostly bureau chief level folks with a couple lawyers added as well. Robin Sproul, Susan Page and Jerry Seib are three of the 8 or so members currently. If you think Salmon or someone else from management would prefer to join, though, I'd be happy to extend him the invite.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

(b) (6)

From: Wallace, Chris [mailto:Chris.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 12:06 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Media Dialogue Group

Thanks Sarah.

But I think Catherine Herridge would be much better qualified to do this.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 12:02 PM
To: Wallace, Chris <Chris.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Media Dialogue Group

Hey there!

Would you be interested in being a representative on the media dialogue group that meets with the DAG? The group's goal is to keep an open dialogue on department issues and guidelines that can affect members of the media.

The first meeting will be Wednesday but you can still be a member even if you can't make that meeting.

Would love to have you!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: **draft**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT COMMITMENT TO REDUCING VIOLENT CRIME STEMMING FROM ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Thanks much!

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice and Federal Law Enforcement Producer
Fox News Washington

(b) (6)
@JakeBGibson

On Aug 3, 2017, at 9:08 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Going to send this out probably around 9:30 (but maybe a bit later so embargoed until actual release).
In any event, will send before 10 so you may want to t this up for 10 am show

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202.616.0911
Cel (b) (6)

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 8:56 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: **draft**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT COMMITMENT TO REDUCING VIOLENT CRIME STEMMING FROM ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

NOTE: The PSP invite letters are attached in a PDF.



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2017

(202) 514-

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**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT COMMITMENT TO REDUCING
VIOLENT CRIME STEMMING FROM ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION WILL BE
REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

WASHINGTON The Department of Justice today announced that, in order to be selected for participation in the Department's Public Safety Partnership (PSP) program, local jurisdictions must show a commitment to reducing crime stemming from illegal immigration.

In making the announcement, Attorney General Jeff Sessions said:

"By protecting criminals from immigration enforcement, cities and states with so-called 'sanctuary' policies make all of us less safe. We saw that just last week, when an illegal alien who had been deported twenty times and was wanted by immigration authorities allegedly sexually assaulted an elderly woman in Portland, a city that refuses to cooperate with immigration enforcement.

"By forcing police to go into more dangerous situations to re-arrest the same criminals, these policies endanger law enforcement officers more than anyone. The Department of Justice is committed to supporting our law enforcement at every level, and that's why we're asking 'sanctuary' jurisdictions to stop making their jobs harder. By taking simple, common-sense considerations into account, we are encouraging every jurisdiction in this country to cooperate with federal law enforcement. That's what 80 percent of the American people want them to do, and that will ultimately make all of us safer especially law enforcement on our streets.

"These policies are driven by politics and do not protect their citizens. We will fight them with every lawful tool available."

The PSP program was announced in June and is a training and technical assistance program designed to enhance the capacity of local jurisdictions to address violent crime in their communities. Twelve locations were initially selected and the Department may announce additional sites later this year.

In determining which jurisdictions to select, the Department will ask interested jurisdictions the following questions:

- (1) Does your jurisdiction have a statute, rule, regulation, policy, or practice that is designed to ensure that U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) personnel have access to any correctional or detention facility in order to meet with an alien (or an individual believed to be an alien) and inquire as to his or her right to be or to remain in the United States?
- (2) Does your jurisdiction have a statute, rule, regulation, policy, or practice that is designed to ensure that your correctional and detention facilities provide at least 48 hours' advance notice, where possible, to DHS regarding the scheduled release date and time of an alien in the jurisdiction's custody when DHS requests such notice in order to take custody of the

alien?

- (3) Does your jurisdiction have a statute, rule, regulation, policy, or practice that is designed to ensure that your correctional and detention facilities will honor a written request from DHS to hold a foreign national for up to 48 hours beyond the scheduled release date, in order to permit DHS to take custody of the foreign national?

In the attached letters, the Department today formally requested that information from the following four local jurisdictions interested in the PSP program: Albuquerque, New Mexico; Baltimore, Maryland; San Bernardino, California; and Stockton, California.

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 6:07 PM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: RE: Department on Justice Statement on Incorrect Reporting from New York Times and Others on Affirmative Action Policy

Thanks

From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) [mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 6:04 PM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: Department on Justice Statement on Incorrect Reporting from New York Times and Others on Affirmative Action Policy

Please attributed the following statement to Department of Justice Spokeswoman Sarah Isgur Flores:

“Press reports regarding the personnel posting in the Civil Rights Division have been inaccurate. The posting sought volunteers to investigate one administrative complaint filed by a coalition of 64 Asian-American associations in May 2015 that the prior Administration left unresolved. The complaint alleges racial discrimination against Asian Americans in a university’s admissions policy and practices. This Department of Justice has not received or issued any directive, memorandum, initiative, or policy related to university admissions in general. The Department of Justice is committed to protecting all Americans from all forms of illegal race-based discrimination.”

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 6:00 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: ok were good

Will do

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Department of Justice and Federal Law Enforcement Producer
Fox News Washington
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@JakeBGibson

On Aug 2, 2017, at 5:59 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

You can attribute to Sarah

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Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202.616.0911
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From: Gibson, Jake [<mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 5:57 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: ok were good

I’m going to send my thing out internally now...

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [<mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 5:56 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: ok were good

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/justice-department-seeks-to-hire-attorneys-for-affirmative-action-review-1501710345>

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 5:58 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: ok were good

Also
Are they right... is it Harvard?

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 5:56 PM
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Subject: ok were good

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From: Gibson, Jake
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To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: ok were good

Ok
They barely beat the bell

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 5:56 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: ok were good

Duplicative Material



Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 5:40 PM
To: Wallace, Chris
Subject: RE: Sunday

I think we'll pass this time!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Wallace, Chris [mailto:Chris.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 10:43 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Sunday

Sarah

Any chance the AG wants to come on Sunday to talk about his agenda including the leaks investigations?

Chris

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 5:33 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: hey

I still have not seen this WSJ pop yet. Please have them hold until I give the word!

Not sure why this is taking so long

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Alex Pfeiffer
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: NY Times Affirmative Action piece

(b) (6). I'm traveling w the AG today so if I don't pick up I'll call back.

On Aug 2, 2017, at 10:48 AM, Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com> wrote:

Thanks for getting back to me, and for the compliment! Do you have a phone number I could reach you at?

On Wed, Aug 2, 2017 at 10:32 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I think you're very smart....

Here's all I can actually say:

As a policy DOJ doesn't confirm or deny the existence of a specific investigation.

On background as a doj official--this was a personnel posting; it does not reflect a new policy or program or any changes to longstanding DOJ policy. Whenever there's a credible allegation of discrimination on the basis of race, the department will look into it.

Off the record: The story appears to assume it deals with white students without evidence. I have told Charlie that I would take that out of his story for his own credibility.

On Aug 2, 2017, at 10:18 AM, Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com> wrote:

Hi guys - I'm sure you've seen the story. The lede and the fourth graf contradict each other.

"WASHINGTON The Trump administration is preparing to redirect resources of the Justice Department's civil rights division toward investigating and suing universities over affirmative action admissions policies deemed to discriminate against white applicants, according to a document obtained by The New York Times."

"The document does not explicitly identify whom the Justice Department considers at risk of discrimination because of affirmative action admissions policies. But the phrasing it uses, "intentional race-based discrimination," cuts to the heart of programs designed to bring more minority students to

university campuses."

It could be about Asian students who face quotas at Ivy Leagues right? Any way you could clarify this story for me?

Thanks,
Alex Pfeiffer
White House Correspondent
The Daily Caller

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 10:08 AM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: Anything on this?

No because this would only be for folks who already work in the civil rights division.

On Aug 2, 2017, at 10:04 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Is the term "Hiring Notice" accurate?

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On Aug 2, 2017, at 9:58 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I said earlier it's a personnel posting on an internal message board

On Aug 2, 2017, at 9:53 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Uh oh.
Then what is it?

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On Aug 2, 2017, at 9:39 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I haven't seen it. And it's not a memo.

On Aug 2, 2017, at 9:37 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Oh.
Understood.

Can you say whether the quotes from the memo in the NYT story are accurate or not?

On Aug 2, 2017, at 9:25 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Huh? It's some unauthorized posting on an internal message board. I don't even have it.

On Aug 2, 2017, at 9:04 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

How about a link (or some kind of details) to/about the vaguely worded personnel announcement?

On Aug 2, 2017, at 8:33 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I'd imagine if you look there has been reporting on specific allegations of Asian Americans being discriminated against. If there was such an allegation, that could lead to a DOJ investigation that we couldn't confirm. That could lead to a vaguely worded personnel posting. That's really all I can say.

On Aug 2, 2017, at 8:27 AM, Gibson, Jake
<Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Can you say whether these three graphs are accurate?
Would you point out anything that is inaccurate here?

The document, an internal announcement to the civil rights division, seeks current lawyers interested in working for a new project on "investigations and possible litigation related to intentional race based discrimination in college and university admissions."

The announcement suggests that the project will be run out of the division's front office, where the Trump administration's political appointees work, rather than its [Educational Opportunities Section](#), which is run by career civil servants and normally handles work involving schools and universities.

The document does not explicitly identify whom the Justice Department considers at risk of discrimination because of affirmative action admissions policies. But the phrasing it uses, "intentional race based discrimination," cuts to the heart of programs designed to bring more minority students to university campuses.

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On Aug 2, 2017, at 8:22 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
<Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Not providing document. And I'd note that the department can't confirm specific investigations so perhaps my hands would be tied except to say this does not reflect a new program or policy.

On Aug 2, 2017, at 8:20 AM, Gibson, Jake
<Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Duplicative Material, see next page for better formatting.



Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 8:20 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Anything on this?

Might you be able to provide the document in question?

If not can you say if this description of the doc is accurate? Including the quotes....

Is this section accurate?

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On background--this isn't a policy announcement. Also the story appears to assume it deals with white students without evidence. Whenever there's a credible allegation of discrimination on

the basis of race, the department should look into it.

On Aug 2, 2017, at 7:59 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

<https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/08/01/us/politics/trump-affirmative-action-universities.html?>

WASHINGTON -- The Trump administration is preparing to redirect resources of the Justice Department's civil rights division toward investigating and suing universities over affirmative action admissions policies deemed to discriminate against white applicants, according to a document obtained by The New York Times.

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 7:54 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Ian Mason
Subject: Re: Affirmative Action Investigation

Hi Ian-

Appreciate you reaching out, but we'll politely decline this interview request.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 2, 2017, at 7:46 AM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

>

> Doubtful but looping in Devin

>

> Ian D. Prior

> Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs > Office: 202.616.0911 > Cel (b) (6)

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>

>> On Aug 1, 2017, at 10:20 PM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:

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>> Ian,

>>

>> Any chance there'll be someone to interview tomorrow about this: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/01/us/politics/trump-affirmative-action-universities.html?smprod=nytcore-iphone&smid=nytcore-iphone-share> ?

>>

>> -Ian Mason

>>

Alex Pfeiffer

From: Alex Pfeiffer
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 6:24 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Wheeler lawsuit

Thanks. I'm just doing an overview on the lawsuit. I appreciate you getting back to me.

On Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 6:19 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:
Correct

On Aug 1, 2017, at 6:14 PM, Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com> wrote:

Okay. Thanks. The lawsuit says that Rich didn't come up. Is that the case?

Thanks,
Alex Pfeiffer
White House Correspondent
The Daily Caller

On Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 6:07 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Yes. He had been on fox and friends talking about the Baltimore consent decree. We invited him to stop by to talk about what we were doing at doj on law enforcement and violent crime issues. Adding Ian who was there too.

On Aug 1, 2017, at 6:01 PM, Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com> wrote:

Did you meet with Rod Wheeler? The lawsuit claims you did.

Thanks,
Alex Pfeiffer
White House Correspondent
The Daily Caller

On Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 3:36 PM, Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com> wrote:
Okay thanks.

On Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 3:34 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

On the record: "I have not communicated with Mr. Butowsky at any point this year."

off the record-- I think he might have left me a voicemail several months ago

but I didn't return the call (if I'm thinking of the right person).

> On Aug 1, 2017, at 3:34 PM, Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com> wrote:

>

> Hi Sarah - You're mentioned in this Rod Wheeler lawsuit. It claims "unbeknownst to Mr. Wheeler at the time, Butowsky had already reached out to talk with Ms. Flores about the Seth Rich murder 'investigation.' Butowsky sent a text message to Mr. Wheeler that stated: She [Ms. Flores] knows me well. Tell her I said hello. Let her know why I was calling her, Seth Rich. Ask her to keep it quiet because we don't know who the good or the bad people are anymore. But we know she's one of the really good ones."

>

> Is there any truth to this?

>

> Thanks,

> Alex Pfeiffer

> White House Correspondent

> The Daily Caller

Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 6:21 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: opioids
Attachments: Opioid PR.docx

Attached is a placeholder release for opioids I need to add speech to release tomorrow

But this can get you started with details.

Embargoed until speech tomorrow at 12:20 pm

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Attorney General Sessions Announces Opioid Fraud and Abuse Detection Unit

Attorney General Jeff Sessions today announced the formation of the Opioid Fraud and Abuse Detection Unit, a new Department of Justice pilot program to utilize data to help combat the devastating opioid crisis that is ravaging families and communities across America.

Speaking at the Columbus Police Academy today, Attorney General Sessions said that the new Opioid Fraud and Abuse Detection Unit will focus specifically on opioid-related health care fraud using data to identify and prosecute individuals that are contributing to this prescription opioid epidemic.

Additionally, as part of the program, the Department will fund twelve experienced Assistant United States Attorneys for a three year term to focus solely on investigating and prosecuting health care fraud related to prescription opioids, including pill mill schemes and pharmacies that unlawfully divert or dispense prescription opioids for illegitimate purposes.

The following districts have been selected to participate in the program:

1. Middle District of Florida,
2. Eastern District of Michigan,
3. Northern District of Alabama,
4. Eastern District of Tennessee,
5. District of Nevada,
6. Eastern District of Kentucky,
7. District of Maryland,
8. Western District of Pennsylvania,
9. Southern District of Ohio,
10. Eastern District of California,
11. Middle District of North Carolina, and
12. Southern District of West Virginia.

The Attorney General's remarks are provided below:

Aloi, Diana

From: Aloi, Diana
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 2:49 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: RE: request for statement

Thank you

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 2:48 PM
To: Aloi, Diana
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: Re: request for statement

DOJ declines comment

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 1, 2017, at 11:49 AM, Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thanks,
Theresa

From: Aloi, Diana [mailto:Diana.Aloi@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 11:42 AM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: request for statement

Fox News Channel is doing a story on the following
<http://lawnewz.com/high-profile/sessions-doj-is-now-using-term-illegal-aliens-and-advocates-are-outraged/>

Can you please let us know why the DOJ is now officially using the term illegal immigrant/illegal alien?

I'm working under deadline and would need this by 5pm et today

Thank you

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 5:55 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Any reaction to this?

And this is coming from Martha's show...

They want to know if there is any statement or guidance about the sudden use of the word "illegal."

Their question:

"But what about using the word "illegal" now?"

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 4:51 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: Any reaction to this?

Alien is defined in 8 USC 1101 to mean "any person not a citizen or national of the United States." Its also in 8 USC 1324, 1325, etc etc

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 3:44 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Any reaction to this?

Shep's show is asking...

<http://lawnewz.com/high-profile/sessions-doj-is-now-using-term-illegal-aliens-and-advocates-are-outraged/>

DOJ is Now Officially Using The 'I-Word,' and Advocates are Outraged

by [Rachel Stockman](#) | 11:00 am, July 31st, 2017

There has been shift in the language that the U.S. Department of Justice is using in its press releases, and it's not sitting well with some. The DOJ, under the leadership of Attorney General **Jeff Sessions**, has now begun using the term "illegal aliens" to refer to

immigrants who do not have the proper paperwork to be in the United States.

For example, just this Friday, the DOJ sent this out:

[Attorney General Sessions Speaks with Families of Victims Killed by Illegal Aliens](#)

06/29/2017 12:00 AM EDT

Today Attorney General Jeff Sessions met with families who have lost loved ones because of crimes committed by illegal aliens. In the meeting they discussed the progress being made by the Trump Administration to strengthen laws protecting Americans from crimes committed by illegal aliens and, the need to keep working to ensure that federal immigration laws are enforced.

Advocates for immigration reform contend that the term “illegal” is a “racial slur” and believe it is dehumanizing. Instead, they prefer if the term “undocumented immigrant” is used.

“They’re using a legally inaccurate term that’s deployed to unfairly label and scapegoat people who are out of status due to a variety of systemic circumstances,” **Xakota Espinoza** from the Center for Racial Justice Innovation, told LawNewz.com

Most major news outlets have not used “illegal immigrant” for several years now. Only conservative media organizations like *Breitbart* and *The Daily Caller* still utilize the term.

President **Barack Obama**, in his speeches, steered [clear of the term, and so do some Republicans](#).

“The i-word is legally inaccurate, politically loaded, dehumanizing to the people it describes and likely unintentionally fuels racial profiling and violence directed toward immigrants,” Espinoza said.

Advocates point to the 2012 Supreme Court ruling in which Justice **Anthony Kennedy** wrote, “As a general rule, it is not a crime for a movable alien to remain in the United States.”

In conservative circles, the term “illegal immigrant” is frequently used in the immigration battle. President **Donald Trump** has used the term repeatedly on Twitter during his term, and on the campaign trail.

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Do you believe it? The Obama Administration agreed to take thousands of illegal immigrants from Australia. Why? I will study this dumb deal!

[11:55 PM - Feb 1, 2017](#)

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During the GOP convention, CNN cut away from the victims of illegal immigrant violence. They don't want them heard. [http://www.breitbart.com/big-journalism/2016/07/19/republican-national-convention-cnn-victims-illegal-aliens/...](http://www.breitbart.com/big-journalism/2016/07/19/republican-national-convention-cnn-victims-illegal-aliens/)

6:54 PM - Aug 1, 2016



[How CNN Muzzled Victims' Voices at Republican National Convention](#)

[CNN cut away from speakers who spoke out against illegal immigration at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland on Monday night.](#)

breitbart.com

“I think this cuts to the heart of the debate over sanctuary cities and to what extent local law enforcement should cooperate with immigration authorities. Important legal nuances are reflected in words we use. A ‘detainee’ is not a ‘prisoner,’ for instance,” wrote **Ted Slowik** in a recent opinion piece for [The Chicago Tribune](#).

We reached out to the Department of Justice to find out more about why the decision was made.

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Berger, Judson

From: Berger, Judson
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 4:44 PM
To: Ehram, Lauren (OPA)
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA); Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: RE: FoxNews.com question on House Judiciary letter

Thank you.

From: Ehram, Lauren (OPA) [mailto:Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 4:43 PM
To: Berger, Judson <Judson.Berger@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>; Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: FoxNews.com question on House Judiciary letter

Hi Judson,

The Department is in receipt of the letter and it is under review. The Department of Justice has no further comment.

Thank you,
Lauren

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Berger, Judson" <Judson.Berger@FOXNEWS.COM>
Date: July 28, 2017 at 7:53:46 AM EDT
To: "Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: [FoxNews.com](#) question on House Judiciary letter

Mr. Prior Good morning, Judd here at Fox.

I wanted to check in early. Has Attorney General Sessions and/or DAG Rosenstein seen the letter from House Judiciary Republicans requesting a second special counsel be named to investigate various 2016 campaign-related issues?

What is the response is Sessions (or Rosenstein) willing to consider such an appointment?

Thank you. Happy to chat if it's easier.

Judson Berger
Senior Politics Editor, [FoxNews.com](#)

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@juddberger

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 3:49 PM
To: Lewkowict, David
Subject: Re: FOX News Channel

Thanks, David.

The ballroom is essentially in the basement, so I'm not sure sat truck is feasible. If you still want to move forward, I'd call the on site POC to see if it's possible.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2017, at 1:52 PM, Lewkowict, David <David.Lewkowict@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Do you have any info on satellite truck parking? Where? What time we can park?

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [<mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 10:46 AM
To: Lewkowict, David
Cc: Gibson, Jake; Boswell, John; Shapiro, Michael; Rosa, Kristina
Subject: Re: FOX News Channel

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2017, at 10:44 AM, Lewkowict, David <David.Lewkowict@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Devin

Good Morning. I hope all is well with you today.

I would like to credential the following staff for the FOX News Channel at the Attorney General's event in Atlanta August 1, 2017. I also wanted to discuss Satellite truck parking/logistics.

David Lewkowict	Producer
K. Jonathan Serrie	Correspondent
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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 10:52 AM
To: andrew.oreilly@foxnews.com
Cc: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: Re: MS-13

I think FBI can help you out quicker on this one, Andrew.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2017, at 9:29 AM, Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thanks

From: O'Reilly, Andrew [<mailto:Andrew.Oreilly@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 8:54 AM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: MS-13

Hi,

I'm a reporter for Fox News and we're looking to put together a story about the most wanted/dangerous MS-13 members still on the loose. I was hoping you could send me over any info you have or put me in contact with someone who could help me out with this. My deadline is noon today so any help would be greatly appreciated.

-Andrew

Andrew O'Reilly
Reporter
FoxNews.com

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@aoreilly

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Pappas, Alex

From: Pappas, Alex
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2017 3:54 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Comment for FoxNews.com on DHS?

OK, thanks Sarah.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2017 3:53 PM
To: Pappas, Alex
Subject: Re: Comment for FoxNews.com on DHS?

Decline

On Jul 29, 2017, at 2:10 PM, Pappas, Alex <Alex.Pappas@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Sarah,

Alex Pappas from FoxNews.com here. The WH referred me to you. I'm writing about the speculation that Attorney General Jeff Sessions could be moved over to DHS to replace John Kelly. Sen. Graham tweeted his opposition to the idea. Would someone at the DOJ like to comment? Thanks.

Alex

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Alex Pappas
Politics reporter
FoxNews.com

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 2:11 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: FARA - Sidney Blumenthal

Hi Sarah,

Hoping for a comment on something Sen. Grassley raised yesterday, questioning why Sidney Blumenthal was not required to register under FARA.

Does the Justice Department have a comment on this? Or a comment in regards to potential tighter enforcement of FARA?

Deadline is as soon as possible hoping before 3:30p EST.

Thank you !

Brooke Singman
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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Koerber, Ashley

From: Koerber, Ashley
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 8:28 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: I thought we were on the top of your list :(

Please consider us for an interview in the future

Ashley Koerber
Booking Producer
Special Report w/ Bret Baier
Fox News Channel - DC Bureau
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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:42 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Cc: O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA); Ehram, Lauren (OPA)
Subject: Re: Comment on leaks

Copy that.
And and thanks.

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice and Federal Law Enforcement Producer
Fox News Washington
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@JakeBGibson

On Jul 26, 2017, at 10:37 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I was watching Hannity's segment with Anthony Scaramucci tonight and have this comment on leaks:

"We have seen an astonishing increase in the number of leaks of classified national security information in recent months. We agree with Anthony that these staggering number of leaks are undermining the ability of our government to function and to protect this country. Like the Attorney General has said, "whenever a case can be made, we will seek to put some people in jail," and we will aggressively pursue leak cases wherever they may lead." Sarah Isgur Flores, DOJ Spokeswoman

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Wallace, Chris

From: Wallace, Chris
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:56 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: can you please call me. Tried to reach yo (b) (6) .

Thanks for getting back to me Sarah.
Like to talk to you tomorrow for background.
I can do anytime between 10:30 and 4 except for hit at 1 pm.
Let me know what time works.
Thanks Chris

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 26, 2017, at 8:52 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Im sorry I didn't give you a call today. Let me know if you'd like me to call tonight. Boss isn't doing any Sunday shows this weekend.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs
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From: Wallace, Chris [<mailto:Chris.Wallace@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:44 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: can you please call me. Tried to reach yo (b) (6) .

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 8:31 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: I'm incredibly angry and frustrated

I know. I had a frustrating day. It's ok.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 2:35 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: I'm incredibly angry and frustrated

Was not me or my boss...

From: Boughton, Bryan
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 2:31 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re:

Nope. Sure as hell didn't tell.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 2:04 PM
To: Horwitz, Sari; Gibson, Jake; 'Ruiz, Rebecca'; Jarrett, Laura
Subject: I'm incredibly angry and frustrated

When I tell yall something is not to be disseminated because of security concerns, this isn't a joke. Other reporters are hearing about el Salvador and citing yall are the source. That's not ok. We are talking about the Attorney General's safety this isn't a joke to me. All this does is convince me never to share information in advance because I cannot trust that you can actually keep information private.

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Director of Public Affairs

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 2:11 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: I'm incredibly angry and frustrated

Not us.

I told my buro chief and that is all... He has to know some of these things as well.
He doesn't talk.. former WH Unit Director.

Was NOT Fox.
At least not me or Bryan Boughton.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 2:04 PM
To: Horwitz, Sari; Gibson, Jake; 'Ruiz, Rebecca'; Jarrett, Laura
Subject: I'm incredibly angry and frustrated

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 3:39 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: Here are some points

Awesome...

Thanks!!!!

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice and Federal Law Enforcement Producer
Fox News Washington

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@JakeBGibson

On Jul 26, 2017, at 3:26 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

- President Trump and Attorney General Sessions have made eradicating transnational criminal organizations like MS-13 a top priority of this administration.
- Today [July 27, 2017](#), AG Sessions will travel to San Salvador, El Salvador. This trip will emphasize the Trump Administration's priorities to secure U.S. borders and eradicate MS-13.
- The Attorney General will be visiting the FBI's Transnational Anti-Gang ("TAG") Task Force, meeting with President Salvador Sanchez Ceren and the attorneys general from the Northern Triangle countries of El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala, and giving remarks at the graduation ceremony for the International Law Enforcement Academy, an international police academy administered by the U.S. Department of State.
- The AG's visit with our Central American partners will reaffirm and strengthen cooperation between the United States and the Northern Triangle countries with respect to several shared law enforcement objectives: combatting organized crime, including transnational criminal gangs like MS-13; information sharing in support of investigations and prosecutions in Central America and the U.S.; and eliminating the human smuggling and narcotics networks that threaten U.S. national security.
- This visit is an important display of America's solidarity with Northern Triangle partners in the fight against MS-13, and demonstrates the lengths to which the Attorney General will go in the mission to eradicate this gang.

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Lynn, Emily

From: Lynn, Emily
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 3:06 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Cc: Wells, Justin
Subject: Re: Tomorrow AM

Thank you Devin. It is my understanding that there are two gates a (b)(7)(E) gate and the main gate. Could you please specify which gate location and we are to arrive at? I understand it's the visitors lot however my driver is asking for a specific gate entrance.

Thank you very much,
Emily

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 26, 2017, at 2:49 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Please arrive to the address (b)(7)(E) NLT 6:00 am tomorrow.

You will meet SSgt Ryan Sonnier and a Public Affairs representative to check in and will follow the Public Affairs representative (via caravan) to the terminal. I will meet you all at the terminal.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Devin

Devin M. O'Malley
Department of Justice
Office of Public Affairs
Office: (202) 353-8763
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Lynn, Emily

From: Lynn, Emily
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 2:15 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Wells, Justin
Subject: Re: Time Sensitive Request for JFA

Hi Devin,

Please find the complete information request below.

Thank you!
Emily

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 26, 2017, at 12:23 PM, Lynn, Emily <Emily.Lynn@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Devin,

Please find below the requested information:

Tucker
Carlson

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(b) (6)

Fox News

Justin
Wells

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

Fox News

Emily
Lynn

(b) (6)

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Fox News

David
Tresnowski

(b) (6)

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Fox News

Christopher
Pontius

(b) (6)

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Fox News

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [<mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Wells, Justin <justin.wells@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Monsivais, Pablo <pmonsivais@ap.org>; Gurman, Sadie <SGurman@ap.org>; Lynn, Emily <Emily.Lynn@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Time Sensitive Request for JFA

DL is preferred. There's the possibility that folks (b)(7)(E) got their wires crossed and don't need this info, but I'm just requesting it from y'all to be safe.

Devin M. O'Malley
Department of Justice
Office of Public Affairs
Office: (202) 353 8763
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From: Wells, Justin [<mailto:justin.wells@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 11:58 AM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Monsivais, Pablo <pmonsivais@ap.org>; Gurman, Sadie <SGurman@ap.org>; Lynn, Emily <Emily.Lynn@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Time Sensitive Request for JFA

Hi Devin,
Adding Emily Lynn who will get this to you. Do you need DL numbers or will passport numbers suffice. I have several crew in the air and they likely won't be able to get us DL numbers until later but I do have their passport details.

On Jul 26, 2017, at 11:54 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

All:

I need the following information from all people coming into JFA tomorrow. Need this ASAP to get media cleared through JFA:

First Name
Last Name
DOB
DL #
Media Affiliation

Thank you!

Devin

Devin M. O'Malley
Department of Justice
Office of Public Affairs
Office: (202) 353 8763
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Conti, Andrew

From: Conti, Andrew
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 1:26 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Fox News Specialists- AG Request

Understood. thanks much for getting back.
All the best,
apc

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 1:25 PM
To: Conti, Andrew
Subject: Re: Fox News Specialists- AG Request

Nothing at this point--sorry

On Jul 26, 2017, at 11:19 AM, Conti, Andrew <Andrew.conti@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hello Sarah,
I hope all is well. I wanted to see if there is any chance AG Sessions might be available for an interview on the Fox News Specialists, a live show from 5p-6p et, Monday through Friday, on the Fox News Channel. The show is hosted by eric bolling, eboni k Williams and kat Timpf. I wanted to check if we could do a remote interview, possible from DOJ, to discuss the leaks investigation. Possibly even today if that works for your schedule.
Thanks very much.
Andrew

Andrew P. Conti
Fox News Channel
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DeVito, Andrea

From: DeVito, Andrea
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:49 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Sunday

Ok, thanks Sarah.

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

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:48 AM
To: DeVito, Andrea
Subject: RE: Sunday

We'll pass

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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

From: DeVito, Andrea [mailto:Andrea.DeVito@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:19 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Sunday

Good Morning Sarah--checking back in ---we could talk about criminal leak investigations, immigration and other parts of his agenda...

Thanks,
Andrea

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

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 10:23 AM
To: DeVito, Andrea
Subject: Re: Sunday

Will let you know. Pass for now.

> On Jul 25, 2017, at 10:19 AM, DeVito, Andrea <Andrea.DeVito@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

>

> Also, if AG Sessions is not available, we are interested in Rod Rosenstein. Would that request also go through you?

> Thanks,
> Andrea
>
> Andrea DeVito

> (b) (6)

>
>> On Jul 25, 2017, at 9:48 AM, DeVito, Andrea <Andrea.DeVito@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

>>
>> Hi Sarah--hope you are doing well. I would like to put in a request for an exclusive interview with AG Sessions for this coming Sunday, live at 9am to discuss his agenda at the Justice department. I am putting the request into the WH as well. Let me know what you think.

>> Thanks,
>> Andrea

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>> Andrea DeVito

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DeVito, Andrea

From: DeVito, Andrea
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 10:24 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Sunday

Thanks Sarah.

Andrea DeVito

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> On Jul 25, 2017, at 10:23 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:
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Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 9:17 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA); trey.yingst@oann.com
Subject: FW: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS ANNOUNCES IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAMS
Attachments: Byrne JAG Grant Policy Backgrounder.pdf

Hi Trey wanted to connect you with Devin O'Malley who is running point on our team. Please let him know what questions you have. Thank you!

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 9:12 PM
To: 'trey.yingst@oann.com' <trey.yingst@oann.com>
Subject: FW: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS ANNOUNCES IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAMS

Here you go!

From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs (SMO)
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 5:24 PM
To: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs (SMO) <Ex_PAOMailbox@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS ANNOUNCES IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAMS

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BACKGROUNDER ON GRANT REQUIREMENTS

The following is on background, attributable to a DOJ official:

- Today, consistent with the goal of increasing information sharing between federal, state, and local law enforcement, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (“Byrne JAG”) recipients for FY 2017 have been notified that they will be required to do the following:
 - certify compliance with section 1373, a federal statute applicable to state and local governments that generally bars restrictions on communications between state and local agencies and officials at the Department of Homeland Security;
 - permit personnel of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) to access any detention facility in order to meet with an alien and inquire as to his or her right to be or remain in the United States; and
 - provide at least 48 hours advance notice to DHS regarding the scheduled release date and time of an alien in the jurisdiction’s custody when DHS requests such notice in order to take custody of the alien.

For background on the Byrne JAG program, please click [here](#).

For more information on Byrne JAG allocation for past fiscal years, please click [here](#).

For more information on Byrne JAG as it pertains to FY2017, please click [here](#).

- Improving the flow of information between federal and state law enforcement authorities is paramount to ensuring that federal immigration authorities have the information they need to enforce the law and keep our communities safe.
- 8 U.S.C. § 1373 is a federal statute applicable to state and local governments that generally bars restrictions on communication between state and local agencies and officials at the Department of Homeland Security (and certain other entities) with respect to information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of any individual.
- In March 2016, the Department’s Office of Justice Programs (“OJP”) notified recipients of Byrne JAG grants of the requirement to comply with 8 U.S.C. § 1373. The Department has also announced that it will take all lawful steps to claw back any funds awarded to a jurisdiction that violates its grant agreement, including the condition to comply with section 1373.
- These common-sense measures will improve the flow of information between federal, state, and local law enforcement, and help keep our communities safe. Every year, the Department of Justice awards billions of dollars in grants to state and local jurisdictions across the United States. Unfortunately, some of these jurisdictions have adopted policies and regulations that frustrate the enforcement of federal immigration law, including by refusing to cooperate with federal immigration authorities in information sharing about illegal aliens who commit crimes.
- These measures will also prevent the counterproductive use of federal funds for policies that frustrate federal immigration enforcement. By refusing to communicate with the federal officials, these jurisdictions jeopardize the safety of their residents and undermine the Department’s ability to protect the public and reduce crime and violence.

O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 5:32 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS ANNOUNCES IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAMS

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 25, 2017, at 5:31 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

What is your cell please?

Thanks.

I don't have a question right now but may soon.

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [<mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 5:16 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS ANNOUNCES IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAMS

Giving you all a 10-minute head start on this.

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Wells, Justin

From: Wells, Justin
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:46 PM
To: Darden, Silas V. (OAG)
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: itinerary

Also, Tucker, me and his assistant will be breaking off after the Sessions interview Friday morning to catch a 12:16pm commercial flight back to Miami.

Our photographer and technician will stay with you to continue filming broll of the remainder of the trip.

From: Darden, Silas V. (OAG) [mailto:Silas.V.Darden@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:42 PM
To: Wells, Justin <justin.wells@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: itinerary

Justin,

Provided to you under separate cover. Please take care to protect the schedule and hotel information from unnecessary disclosure.

Thanks,
Silas

Sent from my iPhone

Silas V. Darden
Office of the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
202-532-5761

On Jul 25, 2017, at 12:39 PM, Wells, Justin <justin.wells@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Silas,

Is there any update on an itinerary / schedule for the El Sal trip? Even details like departure time from (b)(7)(E) and hotel location, etc would be appreciated.

Thank you and looking forward to Thursday!

Justin

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Justin Wells

Executive Producer, Tucker Carlson Tonight

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Wells, Justin

From: Wells, Justin
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:45 PM
To: Darden, Silas V. (OAG)
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: itinerary

Will do. Thank you Silas.

From: Darden, Silas V. (OAG) [mailto:Silas.V.Darden@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:42 PM
To: Wells, Justin <justin.wells@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: itinerary

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:41 PM
To: Gurman, Sadie
Cc: Darden, Silas V. (OAG); Wells, Justin; O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Re: El Salvador (27 Jul) Instructions (Please pack your passport)

At this point, Not until we're on our way. We'll have wifi on the plane.

On Jul 25, 2017, at 4:38 PM, Gurman, Sadie <SGurman@ap.org> wrote:

Thank you so much for this valuable information. Sarah, my editors are asking at what point we can report this trip. Can we talk about that at your soonest convenience?

Sadie Gurman
Reporter
The Associated Press
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On Jul 25, 2017, at 4:31 PM, Darden, Silas V. (OAG) <Silas.V.Darden@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

In preparation for your trip with the Attorney General, please see the following trip-specific information. We will continue to use this chain throughout the trip for trip-related schedule updates, staff communications, vehicle loads, and important messages relayed from the detail.

My contact information follows:
Silas Darden
Ce (b) (6)
Email: silas.v.darden@usdoj.gov

DEPARTURE INFORMATION (ARRIVE TO PASSENGER TERMINAL NLT 6:15 AM)

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Departure from (b)(7)(E)
7:00 A.M. EST Wheels U (b)(7)(E)

Arrival in El Salvador

9:31 A.M. MST Wheels Down: Monseñor Óscar Arnulfo Romero International
Airport (MSLP)

(b)(7)(E) Terminal is located (b)(7)(E)
(b)(7)(E). Please arrive by 6:15 am. Your arrival to the terminal on time ensures we gain accountability of the travel party so the party can be shuttled to the

aircraft prior to the AG's arrival. The aircraft departs when the AG arrives, but passengers will begin loading at approx. 6:30 am.

- DRIVING - All map or driving applications should place you through the front gate to within 500 ft of the Distinguished Visitor (DV) Lounge of the terminal. When you get close you should see a large aircraft on static display. There is parking available at the terminal.
- ENTRY REQUIREMENTS Please provide me with your vehicle information (make/model/tag number) by 3 pm on Wednesday, 26 Jul. If you do not have access to the terminal, we need to add your vehicle on the list. Please be aware that security conducts random vehicle searches and reviews of licenses and automobile registration documents. To avoid unnecessary delay and a potential citation, please verify your documents are in order before getting to the gate.

HOTEL

Sheraton Presidente San Salvador Hotel
Avenida La Revolucion, Colonia San Benito
San Salvador, El Salvador
Phone: +503 2283 4000

EVENT INFORMATION

There will be a press escort for the trip. Please look for directions from the escort and detail regarding vehicle loading and movements from site to site or room to room. Please be sure to always load in your assigned vehicle as determined by the detail. If for some reason the engagement wraps early, or some other event hastens the AG's departure, the van will depart when the AG is ready. If you do get left at a venue, please contact me and will marry you up at the next stop.

Thursday, July 27, 2017

11:30 A.M. MST Bilateral Meeting with Attorney General of El Salvador, Douglas Arquimides Melendez Ruiz

1:00 P.M. MST Transnational Anti-Gang (TAG) Task Force Initiative Briefing

1:30 P.M. MST Interview with Former Gang Member

3:30 P.M. MST Tour of Police Station and Detention Center

4:30 P.M. MST Tour of Prison

- The embassy will arrange a tour of a prison for you. Your security detail will provide security for this portion of the visit.

Friday, July 28, 2017

8:30 A.M. MST Interview with Director General de la Policía Nacional Civil Howard Augusto Cotto Castaneda

9:00 A.M. MST Interview with Attorney General Sessions

11:00 A.M. MST International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) Graduation (Attorney General Session will provide keynote address) (roughly 120 attendees)

2:40 p.m. MST Wheels Up: Monseñor Óscar Arnulfo Romero International Airport (MSLP)

9:00 p.m. EST Wheels Down

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

There will be breakfast served on the aircraft on Thursday and dinner served on Friday.
Please plan on providing \$18 for both meals:

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 12:57 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Prior, Ian (OPA); Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Subject: RE: Fox News request: Sen. Grassley letter to Deputy AG Rosenstein re: FARA

Thanks, Sarah.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 12:54 PM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>; Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Fox News request: Sen. Grassley letter to Deputy AG Rosenstein re: FARA

Nothing right now

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Singman, Brooke [mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <sflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Fox News request: Sen. Grassley letter to Deputy AG Rosenstein re: FARA

Hi All,

Following up on this request.

Thank you,

Brooke Singman
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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Brooke.singman@foxnews.com

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 9:16 AM
To: 'Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)' <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; 'Prior, Ian (OPA)' <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fox News request: Sen. Grassley letter to Deputy AG Rosenstein re: FARA

Good morning Sarah and Ian,

Hoping for a comment on behalf of the Deputy Attorney General in regards to the letter he received from Chairman of

the Senate Judiciary Committee Chuck Grassley, who wrote a letter to Mr. Rosenstein on Monday evening requesting information on actions the DOJ took to enforce FARA requirements regarding DNC consultant Alexandra Chalupa and her contacts on behalf of the Ukrainian government?

Grassley asked why the DOJ did not require her to register under FARA, and asked if the DOJ has sent a letter of inquiry to Chalupa.

Grassley questioned why the Podesta Group and Mercury LLC were required to register under FARA but Chalupa wasn't.. and whether the DOJ is investigating the Ukrainian government and individuals associated with the campaign of Hillary Clinton or the DNC.

He provided a deadline of August 3.

Are you able to comment on any of his requests at this point? Will the Deputy Attorney General meet the August 3 deadline?

Thank you!

My deadline is 10:30a EST.

Brooke Singman
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

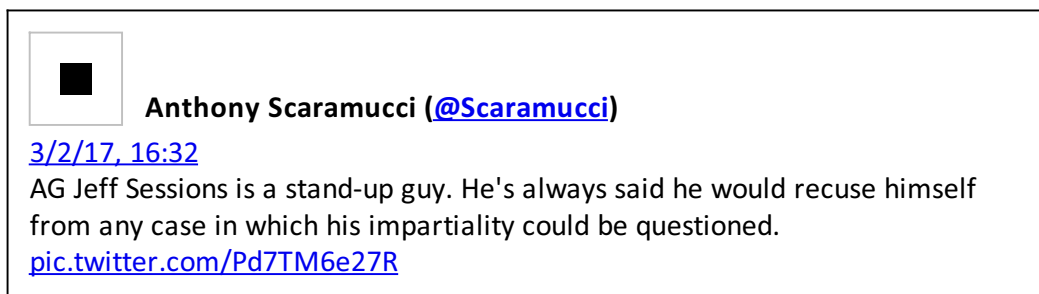
From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: Re: Flashback - Scaramucci tweet in March regarding Sessions recusal

Ha!

On Jul 25, 2017, at 10:36 AM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Jake Gibson
Department of Justice and Federal Law Enforcement Producer
Fox News Washington
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@JakeBGibson

Subject: Flashback - Scaramucci tweet in March regarding Sessions recusal



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Carlson, Tucker

From: Carlson, Tucker
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 9:05 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Sessions has support of law enforcement groups

I don't tweet. Don't trust myself. But good for you for fighting back against this bullshit.

On Jul 25, 2017, at 8:30 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

In case you feel like tweeting this morning

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/jul/24/jeff-sessions-has-support-of-national-fraternal-or/>

President [Trump](#) chided his own attorney general on Monday, calling him “beleaguered” and fueling speculation he may be the next official ousted from the administration. But law enforcement groups and [Trump](#) supporters are sticking by Jeff Sessions, saying dismissing the former Alabama senator would be a major blow to [Mr. Trump](#)’s own law-and-order agenda.

“Our support remains resolute for Attorney General Sessions,” said Jonathan Thompson, director of the National Sheriffs’ Association. “We have the greatest deal of respect for him.”

Jim Pasco, executive director of the National Fraternal Order of Police, said law enforcement groups are pleased with what Mr. Sessions and [Mr. Trump](#) have been able to accomplish thus far and are hopeful the partnership won’t fall apart.

“They are so philosophically in tune, the two of them, President [Trump](#) and Attorney General Sessions, with what rank-and-file cops think are law enforcement priorities that we’d like to see that team continue,” Mr. Pasco said.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 9:00 PM
To: Nestande, Francesca
Subject: RE: just sharing this with a few folks--can you pass on to Sean?

Ah great!

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Nestande, Francesca [mailto:Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 8:59 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: just sharing this with a few folks--can you pass on to Sean?

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On Jul 24, 2017, at 7:57 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Do you happen to have John Sununu's contact info?

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Nestande, Francesca [<mailto:Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 9:19 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: just sharing this with a few folks--can you pass on to Sean?

Any chance the AG can join us on Hannity tomorrow taping 440-6P ET.

Thank you!
Francesca

Francesca Nestande

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On Jul 23, 2017, at 8:32 PM, Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Copy- thank you and will do!

Francesca Nestande

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On Jul 22, 2017, at 4:39 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

1. **This is the same debunked intercept source from last time.** We can assume this reporting refers to the same intercept that the Washington Post and New York Times and others have been writing about since March. Remember the first time it was used as so-called evidence of a private meeting at the Mayflower that has now been widely debunked based on witnesses and video. And why trust it this time?
2. **Not a single reporter has ever seen the intercept that they have been reporting on.** All the reporting is off an anonymous source that claims to have seen it. The only way to trust the credibility of the intercept is to trust both that Sergey Kislyak was telling the truth (not exaggerating to impress his bosses or providing misinformation knowing the Americans were listening) AND that the source who has already admitted to committing a crime--leaking classified information and threatening our intelligence gathering methods--is telling the truth.
3. **Foreign policy discussions are not "campaign-related" issues.** The headline blares that the two discussed "campaign-related" issues. But the meat of the story describes the discussion as dealing with US-Russia relations. If that's campaign related, so is my lunch order. Attorney General Sessions has said numerous times that he discussed US-Russia relations with the ambassador at their only one-on-one meeting in his office. That's what ambassadors do! For this anonymous source to describe that as campaign related is silly, and for reporters to write off that is, to borrow a phrase, #fakenews.
4. **These are serious leaks of our national security.** These are not whistleblowers; these are criminals who are purporting to intentionally leak classified intelligence to reporters for a political purpose.
5. **This is innuendo at its worst.** Jeff Sessions has served this country since he was 27 years old in the United States Army Reserves through his time as a federal prosecutor, state attorney general, and US Senator. Even if entirely accurate, this story does not allege any wrong doing. They are beginning to get desperate and hoping nobody will notice that these "scandalous" allegations amount to a US Senator talking about foreign relations with an ambassador to the United States.

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 9:42 PM
To: Nestande, Francesca
Subject: Re: just sharing this with a few folks--can you pass on to Sean?

Probably not at this point but I'll let you know if that changes

On Jul 23, 2017, at 9:41 PM, Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Ok is there another day this week that might work?

Francesca Nestande

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On Jul 23, 2017, at 9:40 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

No sorry!

On Jul 23, 2017, at 9:18 PM, Nestande, Francesca
<Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 3:56 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: FW:

[You know anything about this?](#)

From: Donner, Jason
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 3:55 PM
To: 194 FOX DC Assign; 164 NationalDesk; 069 Politics; 050 Senior Producers
Subject:

Subject: Grassley Raises Further Concerns over Foreign Agent Registration



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Monday, July 24, 2017

Grassley Raises Further Concerns over Foreign Agent Registration
Report Alleges DNC Consultant Involved in Presidential Election Worked with Ukraine

WASHINGTON — Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley wrote to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein raising concerns over yet another instance of deficient enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) as it relates to the 2016 presidential election.

Media reports suggest that Ukrainian “political leadership” opposed the candidacy of Donald Trump for president of the United States and worked with a Democratic National Committee consultant to undermine his campaign. This consultant allegedly had various meetings with Ukrainian government officials, including embassy staff, to coordinate the dissemination of incriminating information about Trump campaign officials.

It appears that this consultant was operating to advance the interests of both the Democratic National Committee, the Clinton campaign, and a foreign government, which would have required registration under FARA.

In his [letter](#), Grassley requests information on any actions taken by the Justice Department

pursuant to FARA in this case, the differences between this case and similar cases in which the Justice Department required registration and whether the Department is investigating links and coordination between the Ukrainian government and individuals associated with the campaign of Hillary Clinton or the Democratic National Committee.

On July 26, the Judiciary Committee will [convene a hearing](#) to examine enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act and attempts to influence U.S. elections.

Full text of the [letter](#) follows.

July 20, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Rod J. Rosenstein
Deputy Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Rosenstein,

According to news reports, during the 2016 presidential election, “Ukrainian government officials tried to help Hillary Clinton and undermine Trump” and did so by “disseminat[ing] documents implicating a top Trump aide in corruption and suggested they were investigating the matter...”^[1] Ukrainian officials also reportedly “helped Clinton’s allies research damaging information on Trump and his advisers.”^[2] At the center of this plan was Alexandra Chalupa, described by reports as a Ukrainian American operative “who was consulting for the Democratic National Committee” and reportedly met with Ukrainian officials during the presidential election for the express purpose of exposing alleged ties between then candidate Donald Trump, Paul Manafort, and Russia.^[3] *Politico* also reported on a Financial Times story that quoted a Ukrainian legislator, Serhiy Leschenko, saying that Trump’s candidacy caused “Kiev’s wider political leadership to do something they would never have attempted before: intervene, however indirectly, in a U.S. election.”^[4]

Reporting indicates that the Democratic National Committee encouraged Chalupa to interface with Ukrainian embassy staff to “arrange an interview in which Poroshenko [the president of Ukraine] might discuss Manafort’s ties to Yanukovich.”^[5] Chalupa also met with Valeriy Chaly, Ukraine’s ambassador to the U.S., and Oksana Shulyar, a top aid to the Ukrainian ambassador in March 2016 and shared her alleged concerns about Manafort. Reports state that the purpose of their initial meeting was to “organize a June reception at the embassy to promote Ukraine.” However, another Ukrainian embassy official, Andrii Telizhenko, told *Politico* that Shulyar instructed him to assist Chalupa with research to connect Trump, Manafort, and the Russians. He reportedly said, “[t]hey were coordinating an investigation with the Hillary team on Paul Manafort with Alexandra Chalupa” and that “Oksana [Shulyar] was keeping it all quiet...the embassy worked very closely with” Chalupa.^[6]

Chalupa’s actions appear to show that she was simultaneously working on behalf of a foreign government, Ukraine, and on behalf of the DNC and Clinton campaign, in an effort to influence not only the U.S voting population but U.S. government officials. Indeed, Telizhenko recalled that Chalupa told him and Shulyar, “[i]f we can get enough information on Paul

[Manafort] or Trump's involvement with Russia, she can get a hearing in Congress by September."^[7] Later, Chalupa did reportedly meet with staff in the office of Democratic representative Marcy Kaptur to discuss a congressional investigation. Such a public investigation would not only benefit the Hillary Clinton campaign, but it would benefit the Ukrainian government, which, at the time, was working against the Trump campaign. When *Politico* attempted to ask Rep. Kaptur's office about the meeting, the office called it a "touchy subject."

Aside from the apparent evidence of collusion between the DNC, Clinton campaign, and Ukrainian government, Chalupa's actions implicate the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). As you know, the Committee is planning a hearing on FARA enforcement. Given the public reporting of these activities in support of a foreign government, it is imperative that the Justice Department explain why she has not been required to register under FARA.

FARA requires individuals to register with the Justice Department if they act, even through an intermediary, "as an agent, representative, employee, or servant" or "in any other capacity" at the behest of a foreign principal, including a foreign political party, for purposes of engagement with a United States official.^[8] The registration applies to anyone who attempts to influence a U.S. government official on behalf of a foreign principal in an effort to "formulat[e], adopt[,], or chang[e] the domestic or foreign policies of the United States."^[9] As such, the focus of FARA is to require registration for individuals engaged in political or quasi political activity on behalf of a foreign government. Likewise, an individual whose activities are subject to registration under FARA and who sends informational material "for or in the interest of [a] foreign principal" with the intent or belief that such material will be circulated among at least two persons must transmit the material to the Attorney General no later than 48 hours after actual transmission.^[10] Notably, an ongoing failure to register is an ongoing offense.^[11]

According to documents provided to the Committee, the Justice Department required the Podesta Group and Mercury LLC to register under FARA for working on behalf of the Ukrainian government.^[12] Their registration was required even though the client, the European Centre for the Modern Ukraine (ECFMU), wrote a letter saying it was not directly or indirectly controlled by the Ukrainian government. That did not matter to the Justice Department because their lobbying activity was not to "benefit commercial interests" of the ECFMU but instead to promote the "political or public interests of a foreign government or foreign political party." The Justice Department made clear that an individual acting in the political or public interests of a foreign government must register under FARA. As such, because Podesta and Mercury were effectively working on behalf of Ukrainian government interests, they were required to register.

Unlike that situation where the Podesta Group and Mercury LLC worked for the middleman (EFCMU) and not the Ukrainian government, here Chalupa reportedly worked directly with Ukrainian government officials to benefit Ukraine, lobbying Congress on behalf of Ukraine, and worked to undermine the Trump campaign on behalf of Ukraine and the Clinton campaign. Accordingly, these facts appear to be exactly the type of activity Congress intended to reach with FARA. Please answer the following:

1. What actions has the Justice Department taken to enforce FARA's requirements regarding Chalupa given the public reporting of her actions on behalf of the Ukrainian government?

2. Why has the Justice Department not required her to register under FARA?
3. Has the Justice Department sent a letter of inquiry to Chalupa? If so, please provide a copy. If not, why not?
4. Under 28 C.F.R. § 5.2, any present or prospective agent of a foreign entity may request an advisory opinion from the Justice Department regarding the need to register. Has Chalupa ever requested one in relation to her work on behalf of the Ukrainian government? If so, please provide a copy of the request and opinion.
5. Please differentiate the facts that required the Podesta Group and Mercury LLC to register with Chalupa's.
6. Are you investigating the Ukrainian government's intervention in the 2016 presidential election on behalf of the Clinton campaign? If not, why not?
7. Are you investigating links and coordination between the Ukrainian government and individuals associated with the campaign of Hillary Clinton or the Democratic National Committee? If not, why not?

I anticipate that your written response and the responsive documents will be unclassified. Please send all unclassified material directly to the Committee. In keeping with the requirements of Executive Order 13526, if any of the responsive documents do contain classified information, please segregate all unclassified material within the classified documents, provide all unclassified information directly to the Committee, and provide a classified addendum to the Office of Senate Security. The Committee complies with all laws and regulations governing the handling of classified information. The Committee is not bound, absent its prior agreement, by any handling restrictions or instructions on unclassified information unilaterally asserted by the Executive Branch.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this request. Please respond no later than August 3, 2017. If you have questions, contact Josh Flynn Brown of my Judiciary Committee staff at (202) 224 5225.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary

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Alex Pfeiffer

From: Alex Pfeiffer
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 1:04 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: I'm sure you guys saw the tweet just now

okay thanks.

On Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 1:01 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Not responding

Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

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From: Alex Pfeiffer [mailto:pfeiffer@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 12:56 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: I'm sure you guys saw the tweet just now

I guess since I have you here, I'll ask you does the attorney general have any thoughts on being called "beleaguered?"

On Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 9:11 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We'll pass for now--thanks!

> On Jul 24, 2017, at 9:06 AM, Alex Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@dailycaller.com> wrote:

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> Any chance the attorney general would be able to sit down for an interview this week?

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> Thanks,

> Alex Pfeiffer

> White House Correspondent

> The Daily Caller

>

> Sent from my iPhone

Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 1:04 PM
To: Singman, Brooke
Subject: RE: Rudy Giuliani?

nope

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Singman, Brooke [mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 12:46 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Rudy Giuliani?

Hi Sarah,

Hope you had a nice weekend.

Any comment on the recent reports that President Trump is in talks with Mayor Rudy Giuliani to replace the attorney general?

Thanks,

Brooke Singman
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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Brooke.singman@foxnews.com

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Koerber, Ashley
Subject: RE: Bret Baier soon?

Probably wont work this week will let you know if that changes

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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From: Koerber, Ashley [mailto:Ashley.koerber@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 11:18 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Bret Baier soon?

Please let me know if we could make any night this week work.

Ashley Koerber
Booking Producer
Special Report w/ Bret Baier
Fox News Channel - DC Bureau
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On Jul 19, 2017, at 22:10, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Loved the package tonight. Y'all are high on my list.

On Jul 19, 2017, at 9:42 PM, Koerber, Ashley <Ashley.koerber@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hey Sarah,

Apologies for the late email. I know the Deputy AG was just on Martha, but we're still very interested in having AG Sessions on the show soon.

Please let me know if any opportunities arise in the coming weeks!

Best,
Ashley

Ashley Koerber
Booking Producer

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Peter Hasson

From: Peter Hasson
Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 4:46 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Media inquiry on deadline

Thanks, Sarah. Much appreciated.

Peter Hasson
Associate Editor
The Daily Caller

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On Sat, Jul 22, 2017 at 4:44 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Roger looking into this

Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

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From: Peter Hasson [mailto:hasson@dailycaller.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 4:37 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Media inquiry on deadline

Hi Sarah,

Couple quick questions I was hoping you could help me out with. I noticed the attorneys for the Catholic Benefits Association and Dr. James Dobson filed a motion to dismiss in the 10th Circuit yesterday in the contraception mandate case and that the court ordered DOJ to respond by July 31.

Does the DOJ plan on challenging the motion to dismiss? If so, why is the DOJ continuing its appeal six months into the new administration? Does Attorney General Jeff Sessions approve of the current strategy?

I know it's the weekend but if it's possible to get a response sometime today that would be great. Story should be going up late tonight.

Thanks!

Peter Hasson
Associate Editor
The Daily Caller

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 4:36 PM
To: Wells, Justin
Subject: just sharing this with a few folks

1. **This is the same debunked intercept source from last time.** We can assume this reporting refers to the same intercept that the Washington Post and New York Times and others have been writing about since March. Remember the first time it was used as so-called evidence of a private meeting at the Mayflower that has now been widely debunked based on witnesses and video. And why trust it this time?
2. **Not a single reporter has ever seen the intercept that they have been reporting on.** All the reporting is off an anonymous source that claims to have seen it. The only way to trust the credibility of the intercept is to trust both that Sergey Kislyak was telling the truth (not exaggerating to impress his bosses or providing misinformation knowing the Americans were listening) AND that the source who has already admitted to committing a crime--leaking classified information and threatening our intelligence gathering methods--is telling the truth.
3. **Foreign policy discussions are not "campaign-related" issues.** The headline blares that the two discussed "campaign-related" issues. But the meat of the story describes the discussion as dealing with US-Russia relations. If that's campaign related, so is my lunch order. Attorney General Sessions has said numerous times that he discussed US-Russia relations with the ambassador at their only one-on-one meeting in his office. That's what ambassadors do! For this anonymous source to describe that as campaign related is silly, and for reporters to write off that is, to borrow a phrase, #fakenews.
4. **These are serious leaks of our national security.** These are not whistleblowers; these are criminals who are purporting to intentionally leak classified intelligence to reporters for a political purpose.
5. **This is innuendo at its worst.** Jeff Sessions has served this country since he was 27 years old in the United States Army Reserves through his time as a federal prosecutor, state attorney general, and US Senator. Even if entirely accurate, this story does not allege any wrong doing. They are beginning to get desperate and hoping nobody will notice that these "scandalous" allegations amount to a US Senator talking about foreign relations with an ambassador to the United States.

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Director of Public Affairs

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 6:21 PM
To: Gibson, Jake
Subject: RE: Hey there... is this accurate?

We sent out a release. Also, if you need from me:

“The individual involved in this case was indicted in 2011 in federal district court. The United States has consistently used the extradition process to obtain indicted fugitives who are overseas, so that they can stand trial in our federal courts.”

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202.616.0911
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From: Gibson, Jake [mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 3:43 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Hey there... is this accurate?

And if so do you have any of the court docs?

Thanks,

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/21/world/europe/al-qaeda-suspect-court-trump-sessions-guantanamo.html?emc_edit_na_20170721&nl_breaking-news&nlid_70176004&ref_cta

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Ian Mason

From: Ian Mason
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 4:59 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Next Week

Sounds great, have fun Ian and thanks for letting us know!

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

From: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 4:51pm
To: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Cc: "Ehram, Lauren (OPA)" <Lauren.Ehram@usdoj.gov>, "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>, "Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)" <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Next Week

I am going to be on vacatio (b) (6)

If you need anything next week, I probably won't be checking email/work phone with super frequency, so please contact Sarah, Devin, or Lauren who will get you what you need.

Thanks!

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
Office: 202.616.0911
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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 4:54 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: RE: Next Week

Thanks.

Have a nice week off.

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 4:52 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Ehram, Lauren (OPA); O'Malley, Devin (OPA); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Next Week

Duplicative Material



Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)

From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 4:08 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: Re: RSVP for Brand Meet and Greet

No worries!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 21, 2017, at 4:08 PM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:

Ah, OK. Well apologies again. Thanks for letting me know.

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

From: "Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)" <Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 4:05pm
To: "Ian Mason" <imason@breitbart.com>
Subject: Re: RSVP for Brand Meet and Greet

I was just told that it will probably be over by 4:30 just fyi

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 21, 2017, at 3:53 PM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:

Mark,

I'm terribly sorry, but I got called in to write something urgent and I'm running behind. Is the event relatively informal and something it wouldn't be disruptive to come to at 4:30 or is it more of a set schedule? Don't want to cause any inconvenience on your end.

Just let me know. Apologies again, and thanks for everything.

-Ian Mason

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

From: "Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)" <Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 7:36pm
To: "Ian Mason" <imason@breitbart.com>
Subject: Re: RSVP for Brand Meet and Greet

Got ya! Thanks Ian!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 20, 2017, at 6:51 PM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:

Mark,

If it's still possible, I'd like to RSVP for tomorrow's event.

Thanks very much,
Ian Mason
DOJ/Courts Reporter, Breitbart News

Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)

From: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 3:57 PM
To: Ian Mason
Subject: RE: RSVP for Brand Meet and Greet

That should be OK.

Mark T. Pettit
Confidential Assistant
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
Office: 202.514.1449
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From: Ian Mason [mailto:imason@breitbart.com]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 3:54 PM
To: Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: RSVP for Brand Meet and Greet

Duplicative Material



Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)

From: Ehrsam, Lauren (OPA)
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 11:41 AM
To: sberry@breitbart.com
Subject: RE: Breitbart News Media Inquiry
Attachments: Blackburn.Doj.resp.12.15.16.pdf

Hi Susan,

Here's what I can confirm, in addition to the attached response:

11/2/16-Blackburn; DOJ responded.
12/20/16-Blackburn; DOJ responded w/12/15/16 resp.
12/21/16-Blackburn; No resp
12/13/16-Grassley; No resp
4/24/16-Grassley; No resp

The Department of Justice does not confirm, or otherwise comment, on the existence or nonexistence of investigations.

Thank you,
Lauren

Lauren Ehrsam
Spokeswoman and Media Affairs Specialist
O: (202) 307-0046 (b) (6)

From: Dr. Susan Berry [<mailto:sberry@breitbart.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 11:40 PM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Breitbart News Media Inquiry

What action has been taken by the DOJ in the criminal referrals sent by the House Select Panel on Infant Lives and the Senate Judiciary Committee regarding Planned Parenthood and their partners in the fetal tissue procurement industry?

<https://energycommerce.house.gov/news-center/letters/select-investigative-panel-final-report>

<https://energycommerce.house.gov/sites/republicans.energycommerce.house.gov/files/documents/114/letters/20161221DOJ.pdf>

<https://energycommerce.house.gov/sites/republicans.energycommerce.house.gov/files/documents/114/letters/20161221-DOJ%20%28StemExpress%20shredding%29%20REDACTED.pdf>

<https://energycommerce.house.gov/sites/republicans.energycommerce.house.gov/files/documents/114/letters/2016-DOJ%20%28PP%20and%20Novo%29%20%28REDACTED%29.pdf>

<https://www.grassley.senate.gov/sites/default/files/judiciary/upload/Life,%2012-12-16,%20Referral%20letter%20to%20DoJ%20Fetal%20Tissue%20oversight.pdf>

Did DOJ ever respond to Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley's letter?

[https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2017-04-24%20CEG%20to%20DOJ%20FBI%20\(follow-up%20on%20fetal%20tissue%20investigation%20referrals\)%20with%20original%20referral.pdf](https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2017-04-24%20CEG%20to%20DOJ%20FBI%20(follow-up%20on%20fetal%20tissue%20investigation%20referrals)%20with%20original%20referral.pdf)

My deadline is 12:00 noon Friday, July 21, 2017.

Thank you.

Susan Berry

Dr. Susan Berry
Breitbart News Network
sberry@breitbart.com



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legislative Affairs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

December 15, 2016

The Honorable Marsha Blackburn
Chair
Select Investigative Panel
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Chair:

This responds to your letter to the Attorney General, dated November 2, 2016, expressing your concern about StemExpress, LLC in connection with possible violations of federal and California law.

We have referred your letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for consideration and appropriate action.

We hope that this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. J. Kadzik".

Peter J. Kadzik
Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable Jan Schakowsky
Ranking Member

The Honorable Vern Pierson
El Dorado County District Attorney

Dhanis, Marta

From: Dhanis, Marta
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 5:22 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Cc: Prindiville, Tara
Subject: Re: RSVP: AG Sessions Meeting

Crew will be Ben West. Thanks again!

Sent from my iPhone
Excuse me for typos

> On Jul 20, 2017, at 4:42 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>
> Thanks

>
> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Jul 20, 2017, at 4:36 PM, Dhanis, Marta <marta.dhanis@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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>> Dear Devin,

>>
>> I'm from Fox News Channel and I'd like to RSVP for both me and Tara Prindiville (cced) for tomorrow's AG Jeff Sessions meeting on sanctuary cities.

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>> We will also have a camera crew and I will let you know his name as soon as he's assigned.
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>> Please let me know if you have any questions.

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>> Thanks,
>> Marta

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DeVito, Andrea

From: DeVito, Andrea
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Sunday

Thanks Sarah.

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 10:14 AM
To: DeVito, Andrea
Subject: Re: Sunday

I think we'll pass. I'll let you know if that changes.

On Jul 20, 2017, at 9:32 AM, DeVito, Andrea <Andrea.DeVito@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah hope you are doing well. I would like to put in a request for an exclusive interview with AG Sessions for this coming Sunday, live at 9am ET. I have also put the request into the WH as well. Let me know what you think.

Thanks,
Andrea

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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 9:35 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: Fox News request-- POTUS comments about AG

Thank you--- worth a shot... (sorry to be a pest) now there are reports that the attorney general does not plan to resign... is there anything you can give me on background on this?

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 7:59 AM
To: Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Fox News request-- POTUS comments about AG

Decline comment

On Jul 20, 2017, at 7:44 AM, Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Do you have any response to the president's comments last night criticizing the Attorney General for recusing himself from the Russia investigation?
Also, do you have any comment, response, or even reports on the possibility of the Attorney General resigning?

I can speak on background if that works for you (you can call my ce (b) (6)), or, of course, a comment for the record.

Hoping for this by 9:30a EST.

Thank you,

Brooke Singman
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel
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Singman, Brooke

From: Singman, Brooke
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 8:01 AM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Fox News request-- POTUS comments about AG

Okay. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 20, 2017, at 7:59 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
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To: Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM
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WASHINGTON – Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and other law enforcement officials will hold a press conference **TOMORROW, THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. EDT** to announce an international cybercrime enforcement action.

WHO: Attorney General Jeff Sessions
Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein
FBI Acting Director Andrew McCabe

DEA Deputy Administrator Robert Patterson
Europol Executive Director Robert Mark Wainwright

WHEN: THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017
10:00 a.m. EDT

WHERE: Department of Justice
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Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 6:27 PM
To: Martha.MacCallum@foxnews.com
Subject: RJR interview

I felt I owed you an email to let you know the frustrations we had working with your show.

First, when we agreed to the interview, we agreed to 3 topics (forfeiture, US Attorneys, charging memo) and then Karrah told us that there would be one broad Russia related question at the very end of the interview with potentially a follow up. Instead, Russia questions came before the half way point of the interview and continued for over 7 minutes. There were more than twice as many Russia related questions as questions on every other topic combined, in fact.

Second, we agreed the substance of show to be embargoed for tonight aside from promo spots yet a detailed "preview" transcript was sent to reporters which included a heavily edited version of the Comey portion. So edited, in fact, that when we sent the Examiner and the Hill the full transcript of that exchange both outlets changed their stories.

I understand the pressure to make news in the current environment, but I also need to be able to take your staff at their word as we negotiate ground rules for an interview and trust that they speak for you. For what its worth, we probably would have agreed to everything that you wanted but unfortunately, I do not believe that I can trust information from your show moving forward.

Sarah

Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Firth, Thomas

From: Firth, Thomas
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 4:04 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Subject: RE: The Interview

Of course thank you for bringing it to our attention!

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 4:03 PM
To: Firth, Thomas <thomas.firth@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah <Karrah.kaplan@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: The Interview

Thank you!

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Office: 202.616.0911
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On Jul 19, 2017, at 4:02 PM, Firth, Thomas <thomas.firth@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Had them send updated tweet and new header

<https://twitter.com/foxnewspolitics/status/887763789491392513>

**Fox News Exclusive:
Rosenstein says internal
memos should stay
'confidential,' after Comey
leak**

From: Firth, Thomas
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:44 PM
To: 'Prior, Ian (OPA)' <lan.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah <Karrah.kaplan@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: The Interview

I am sending a note on it...

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [<mailto:lan.Prior@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:41 PM
To: Firth, Thomas <thomas.firth@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah <Karrah.kaplan@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: The Interview

Unfortunately the Fox social media team is doing the same thing as the Examiner

<https://twitter.com/foxnews/status/887753824299036674>

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On Jul 18, 2017, at 11:25 AM, Firth, Thomas <thomas.firth@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hey Ian,

Just to reiterate what Karrah said never our intention to pull a “bait and switch” and we of course value a great relationship with you all...additionally we don’t plan on editing anything out we will keep all his answers in there including of course the ones on civil forfeiture, the new sentencing guidelines, and the US attorneys.

As for the repeated Q’s on the investigation, his answers were (as Karrah noted) much more concise thus leading to eventual follow-ups...additionally, as the Deputy AG himself noted many of the answers were ones he had already provided in public testimony. We knew many of them were ones he answered from Senators last month, but hope you know we had to get it on the record again from a reputational standpoint.

Also I think if anything the Deputy AG’s adroitness on navigating these issues was on full display something which should come as no surprise to you. My two cents: everyone acquitted themselves very well. I think this was a great opportunity to get the Deputy AG out there to assure the public that this investigation is moving forward unobstructed and I believe he did just that.

Do feel free to follow-up with Karrah or myself on any questions or concerns you have as I would be more than happy to address them.

Appreciate you setting this all up
Tommy

From: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <ian.prior@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Firth, Thomas <thomas.firth@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: The Interview
Importance: High

Hey Ian,

First off I want to apologize that you guys were anything less than happy with the interview. That's NEVER my intention and I value my relationships with guests.

We understand that the meat of the interview was to be the new policy and the end could be Russia.

Just spoke with Martha and she says that she asked less questions on the prior because Mr. Rosenstein actually gave much longer and "meaty" responses to the DOJ/civil those forfeiture program etc. questions.

She felt like she asked morw questions on the Russia investigation because he answered in very short "no comment" answers. So from her vantage point that section was moving quickly and there wasn't a lot to the answers. Does that make sense?

That said, she said that we will make sure the interview is not taken out of context and it doesn't come off as if the whole interview was on the investigations and that we highlight your new policy.

I've copied my boss on this email to answer any further questions you may have as well.

Again, I apologize! Martha and I both agree that we value the show's relationship with you and your team.

Thank you of course for all your time and energy and let me know if I can answer any additional questions.

Best,
Karrah

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:39 AM
To: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Subject: The Interview

Hi Karrah,

Thanks for setting this up. Overall, however, I think that we feel a bit burned here. We had agreed to do the interview if it was focused on DOJ policies (which only a short part was) and did not want to spend an inordinate amount of time talking about things that the DAG wasn't going to comment on. That is why we discussed that any questions re: Russia/Comey etc. would be at the end and would be limited to a broad question and perhaps a follow up or two. Ultimately, though, there were close to 17 questions on that issue such to the point where the vast majority of the interview was about that, making it feel like the ultimate bait and switch.

This of course, makes me lose credibility because I sold the interview as being what we had discussed, and this makes it harder for us to secure future interviews if there is not a level of trust that what I am saying is going to be accurate.

Hopefully when it is edited it doesn't look like the whole interview was about the special counsel investigation, Comey, etc.

Thank you

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Firth, Thomas

From: Firth, Thomas
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:34 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: RE: The Interview

Apologies sent too soon

MARTHA MACCALLUM: With regards to James Comey's decision to leak his memorandums from his conversations with the President, did you -- what was your reaction to that when he said that he leaked that information to the press?

ROD ROSENSTEIN: As I explained previously, I'm not going to be comment about anything that may be related to the ongoing investigation. So, I have nothing to say.

MARTHA MACCALLUM: Well just in general, do you think it would ever be -- would it ever be proper for a FBI director to make notes of a conversation in that regard and leak them to the press? Would that ever be proper?

ROD ROSENSTEIN: Those are two different issues. As a general propositioner, you have to understand the Department of Justice. We take confidentiality seriously, so when we have memoranda about our ongoing matters, we have an obligation to keep that confidential.

MARTHA MACCALLUM: So, I would take that that you would not approve of any releasing of memorandum written in an interviewer discussion with the President to the Press?

ROD ROSENSTEIN: As I said, I'm avoiding on commenting on any particular case. But as a general position, I think it is quite clear. It's what we were taught, all of us as prosecutors and agents. So, we have an obligation to keep information confidential. I think that's critical for a variety of reason. We have a responsibility to the people who we are investigating, we have a responsibility to the people conducting those investigations to keep our investigations confidential.

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:32 PM
To: Firth, Thomas <thomas.firth@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah <Karrah.kaplan@FOXNEWS.COM>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: The Interview

Actually we're looking for the transcript of the piece about the Comey memo leak. The one I'm pasting below

On former FBI director James Comey's leaks to the press:

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On Jul 19, 2017, at 3:29 PM, Firth, Thomas <thomas.firth@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hey Ian Our media relations department sent out snippets from the transcript but it has not been run as video anywhere on our air...I have my own issues with the Washington Examiner piece as they were obviously looking for a "click-bait" headline...

Below is the entire transcript of this particular exchange... and just a heads up we are running the portion of the interview discussing civil asset forfeiture first and in its own block

MCCALLUM: Whose idea was it originally to fire the former FBI director?

ROSENSTEIN: Well, I've also testified about that. As I've explained, I'm not going to be talking publically about anything that may be within the scope of the ongoing investigation.

MCCALLUM: But in that testimony, you did indicate that you wrote the memo and you believed that the president was on board with that idea when you wrote the memo, correct?

ROSENSTEIN: Yes.

MCCALLUM: So, you felt compelled to write this memo based on James Comey's decision not to prosecute Hillary Clinton, which you felt was the wrong decision.

ROSENSTEIN: I don't think that's a fair characterization. My memo addressed not the decision whether or not to prosecute or to investigate, it addressed the communication of that information to the public.

MCCALLUM: How so?

ROSENSTEIN: Well, as I explained in the memo, as I've explained publically, there's a principal in the Department of Justice that's a very important principal, and that is, that when we're investigating people, we do it confidential. We make a determination that is, our agents make a

determination whether to recommend the prosecution. Our federal prosecutors make the ultimate decision whether or not to prosecute. If we decide to prosecute, then we return an indictment and the charges become public, people find out about that (ph) information. If we decide not to prosecute, we don't make any disparaging comments about the people, we investigate. That's a very fundamental principal of law enforcement.

MCCALLUM: So, given your assessment of that of his statement in July, and the investigation that you did personally come to that conclusion; do you see any reason to reopen the investigation into Hillary Clinton's email and the server?

ROSENSTEIN: I'm not going to comment about any of our investigations.

MCCALLUM: Did you do a deep dive into that investigation in order to come to come to that conclusion that James Comey had stepped out of bounds in the statement that he made last July?

ROSENSTEIN: You know, I've explained the rationale, and the memo reflects my rationale. I don't have anymore to say about that.

MCCALLUM: In terms of those just one more on that in terms of the people who were a part of that investigation who felt that he arrived at the wrong conclusion in not prosecuting, do you feel that they deserve to have that investigation reopened? And did you agree with him or sympathize with that point of view when you dug into it yourself?

ROSENSTEIN: That's a very creative to pose the question. But again, coming back to my answer; I'm not going to be commenting on that. What I've commented on was the gist of each (ph) surrounding the investigation. I never commented on the substance (ph) of the investigation, I'm not going to do that now.

From: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:20 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Sarah Flores <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>; Firth, Thomas <thomas.firth@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: The Interview
Importance: High

Hi Ian,

I am copying in my boss to respond since I am out of the office toda (b) (6)
Also to make clear, you did say we could promote the interview during the show last night. You also did NOT say we couldn't promote the interview today. It was my understanding the policy was being announced TODAY so promoting an interview on it today would be fine. So apologies if there was a miscommunication on timing of the policy promotion for tonight. I obviously would have flagged that had I known. In terms of content of the promotion for the interview - Tommy is responsible for that so I will let him respond.
Apologies for any grief this is causing as that's not the way I work.
Best,
Karrah

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 2:56 PM

To: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Subject: RE: The Interview

Karrah,

So I have a new problem that we need to resolve. I was fine with doing a promotion of the spot, but what is now out there is (1) more than I thought I authorized as I wanted the substance embargoed until tonight, and (2) very focused, not on civil asset forfeiture, but Comey and the Russia investigation.

To make matters worse, the Washington Examiner took what was sent out below and turned it into this story: <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/rod-rosenstein-comey-broke-fbi-policy-by-leaking-memos-to-press/article/2629109>

The issue here is that (as I recall) Rod specifically said before the part released that he wasn't speaking specifically about the Comey memo leak, then went into general policy. So without the added context, it is going to be difficult for me to correct all the stories from that.

I would appreciate it if I could get that piece from the transcript so that I can give Washington Examiner.

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Kaplan (Levine), Karrah

From: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:22 PM
To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: The Interview

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From: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:09 PM
To: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: FW: The Interview

Karrah

Given the repeated issues we've had with this interview, I'd like to email Martha directly to explain why we won't be working with your show moving forward. Can you send along her email address?

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Sarah Isgur Flores
Director of Public Affairs

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Subject: RE: The Interview

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Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Firth, Thomas
Subject: Re: The Interview

Also - Tommy can you send them the transcript please to provide context to the Washington Examiner?

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Cc: Sarah Flores; Firth, Thomas
Subject: Re: The Interview

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Kaplan (Levine), Karrah

From: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:27 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: I asked tommy to talk to you both bc I am out of the office and have no idea what's happening -

So sorry I am totally plugged out toda (b) (6), but Ian as I know it what we discussed should be happening. Regarding the promotions - I just thought we couldn't air the interview until tonight but we could promote it starting last night. I was pushing the civil forfeiture teases because that's what I thought you all wanted pushed...

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Anna Giaritelli

From: Anna Giaritelli
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 2:52 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Fwd: FOX News' Martha MacCallum Interviews Deputy AG Rod Rosenstein

Now you have my info, too. Jessica's email is below.

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From: **Jensen, Jessica** <Jessica.Jensen@foxnews.com>
Date: Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 1:43 PM
Subject: RE: FOX News' Martha MacCallum Interviews Deputy AG Rod Rosenstein
To: "Jensen, Jessica" <Jessica.Jensen@foxnews.com>

Not for publication/for your guidance only – due to an error by the transcription service, the word “if” was missing from the below quote. Sorry for any confusion. Below is the correct quote.

Thanks,
Jessica

MACCALLUM: Does his relationship with James Comey give you any pause in terms of the appointment -- the decision to appoint him for the post?

ROD ROSENSTEIN: I've got to explain that I made the decision to appoint Director Mueller based upon his reputation. He had an excellent reputation. Really bi-partisan support for his integrity. That's why I made that decision. ..But, I can assure you that if there were conflicts that arose, because Director Mueller or anybody employed by Director Mueller, we have a process within the department to take care of that.

From: Jensen, Jessica
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:19 PM
To: Jensen, Jessica (Jessica.Jensen@FOXNEWS.COM)
Subject: FOX News' Martha MacCallum Interviews Deputy AG Rod Rosenstein

Please see below for excerpts from Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein's upcoming interview with FOX News Channel's Martha MacCallum. The exclusive interview will air in full tonight during

The Story with Martha MacCallum at 7PM/ET.

Thanks,

Jessica

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ROD ROSENSTEIN TELLS FOX NEWS' MARTHA MACCALLUM "WHEN WE HAVE MEMORANDA ABOUT OUR ONGOING MATTERS, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO KEEP THAT CONFIDENTIAL" WHEN PRESSED ON FORMER FBI DIRECTOR JAMES COMEY'S LEAKS TO THE MEDIA

In an exclusive interview to be presented during tonight's edition of *The Story with Martha MacCallum* (weekdays at 7PM/ET), Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein discussed asset forfeiture and whether he stands by his decision to fire former FBI director James Comey with anchor Martha MacCallum. Please see below for advanced excerpts from the interview. The full transcript will be available after the interview airs tonight at 7PM/ET.

****ALL MUST BE ATTRIBUTED TO FOX NEWS CHANNEL'S *THE STORY WITH MARTHA MACCALLUM***

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On the Department of Justice's recent announcement regarding the expansion of civil asset forfeiture:

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ROD ROSENSTEIN: In order to seize property, police need probable cause, the same standards that police need to make an arrest. And when a decision is made to forfeit property federally, we conduct an independent review of the facts and circumstances.

MARTHA MACCALLUM: What about when police just pull someone over and decide to seize a wallet, money in that situation? Is that all right?

ROSENSTEIN: Well keep in mind that the federal government doesn't regulate all police conduct. What we're talking about here are cases where a decision's made that a federal forfeiture is appropriate.

On whether Robert Mueller's relations with former FBI director James Comey is a conflict of interest:

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MARTHA MACCALLUM: So it has come out and some of the attorneys that he has hired that several of them have made donations to Hilary Clinton, to the Clinton Campaign. Does that bother you?

ROD ROSENSTEIN: The Department of Justice, we judge by results and so my view about that is, we'll see if they do the right thing.

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Gibson, Jake

From: Gibson, Jake
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:56 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)
Subject: Re: Question about today's Policy Announcement

Thanks!

Jake Gibson
DOJ Producer
Fox News Washington
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On Jul 19, 2017, at 1:48 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Let me get you what I have

Ian D. Prior
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Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:44 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Question about today's Policy Announcement

Jake, Thanks for the chat just now, my friend. This is for my story on “Special Report with Bret Baier” [tonight at 6p](#). Wondering if DOJ’s press office has any actual statutory or guideline text, and/or fact sheets, associated with today’s event where the AG announced a new policy on civil assets seizures/forfeitures. Some dollar figures and sheer numbers would be helpful (e.g., how much is at stake, how many such proceedings are executed each year, whether that’s been growing or declining under Obama, etc.). Finally, in announcing that the practice of seizure/forfeiture is going to expand as a result of his directive today, Sessions emphasized that DOJ’s protections for innocent people against seizures/forfeitures are being strengthened. How are those additional protections actually enacted by what new guidelines, rules, etc.? Many thanks, James

James Rosen
Chief Washington Correspondent

Jake Gibson
Field Producer
Fox News Washington

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In case you missed it, please see the below release and attached background on the Justice Department's policy and guidelines on federal adoptions of assets seized by state or local law enforcement. Please contact us with any questions.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS ISSUES POLICY AND GUIDELINES ON FEDERAL ADOPTIONS OF ASSETS SEIZED BY STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

WASHINGTON Attorney General Jeff Sessions today announced a new Department of Justice policy (attached) regarding the federal adoption of assets seized by state or local law enforcement under state law.

The Department's new policy strengthens the civil asset forfeiture program to better protect victims of crime and innocent property owners, while streamlining the process to more easily dismantle criminal and terrorist organizations.

The policy and guidelines were formulated after extensive consultation with the Task Force on Crime Reduction and Public Safety, as well as line Assistant United States Attorneys, career officials in the Criminal Division's Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (MLARS), and career Main Justice attorneys.

In issuing this new policy, Attorney General Sessions made the following remarks to law enforcement officials:

"Good morning, and thank you all for being here. I especially want to thank our law enforcement partners like the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Sheriffs' Association, the Major City Chiefs Association, the IACP, and so many others from all over the country who are here. Thank you for your service to this country and for keeping us all safe.

"As any of these law enforcement partners will tell you and as President Trump knows well, civil asset forfeiture is a key tool that helps law enforcement defund organized crime, take back ill-gotten gains, and prevent new crimes from being committed, and it weakens the criminals and the cartels. Even more importantly, it helps return property to the victims of crime. Civil asset forfeiture takes the material support of the criminals and instead makes it the material support of law enforcement, funding priorities like new vehicles, bulletproof vests, opioid overdose reversal kits, and better training. In departments across this country, funds that were once used to take lives are now being used to save lives.

"It also removes the instrumentalities of crimes, such as illegal firearms, ammunition, explosives and property associated with child pornography from criminals preventing them from being able to use these tools in further criminal acts.

"President Trump has directed this Department of Justice to reduce crime in this country, and we will use every lawful tool that we have to do that. We will continue to encourage civil asset forfeiture whenever appropriate in order to hit organized crime in the wallet.

"At the same time, we must protect the rights of the people we serve. Law-abiding people whose property is used without their knowledge or without their consent should not be punished because of crimes that others have committed.

"Now, let me just say, in the vast majority of cases, this is not an issue. Our law enforcement officers do an incredible job. In fact, over the last decade, four out of five administrative civil asset forfeitures filed by federal law enforcement agencies were never challenged in court.

"Even so, we must take every precaution to protect the rights of claimants in that small minority of cases.

“And so today, the Department of Justice is issuing legal guidance that will clarify DOJ policy on the adoption of seized assets. It will return us to longstanding DOJ policy and also provide additional, supplemental protections for law-abiding Americans. This will make us more effective at bankrupting organized criminals and at safeguarding the property of law-abiding Americans.

“Under today’s guidance, the federal government will not adopt seized property unless the state or local agency involved provides information demonstrating that the seizure was justified by probable cause. We will accomplish this through a new adoption form that state and local law enforcement must fill out before we will agree to adopt any property, which will include the necessary information to allow Department lawyers to carefully review and determine whether adoption is proper. Further, law enforcement agencies who wish to participate in the Department’s Equitable Sharing Program now must now provide their officers with enhanced training on asset forfeiture laws.

“The Department will adopt smaller seizures of cash between \$5,000 and \$10,000 only if there exists some level of criminality or with the express concurrence of the U.S. Attorney’s office.

“When I was in the Senate, I worked with Senator Schumer to make modifications to the civil asset forfeiture program. We required probable cause for the seizure of property. And we raised the burden on the government, who has the initial burden in all of these cases, to the same preponderance of the evidence standard used in all civil cases. In addition, if the government lost the case, then the government pays attorneys’ fees. I believe those were good reforms that strengthened the program.

“Further, to better protect claimants, the Department will expedite the review of civil asset forfeiture cases. State and local law enforcement agencies requesting federal adoption must do so within 15 calendar days following the date of seizure. The adopting federal agency must then send notice to interested parties within 45 days of the date of seizure. This is twice as fast of a review as is required by statute. This streamlined process will ensure that people receive speedy resolutions of their cases, and that rightful owners will get their property back as soon as possible.

“In addition to these safeguards on federal adoptions, I am asking Department attorneys to proceed with an abundance of caution when handling all forfeitures involving vehicles and especially residences. I think that Department attorneys should think hard before they agree to forfeit these types of property, or waive any asset thresholds associated with them. Just like with cash seizures, if we operate this program in a careful and responsible way, something I believe the American people expect and deserve with a program such as this, the Department’s federal asset forfeiture program will be an effective tool, while at the same time protecting the rights of property owners.

“Finally, I am directing agencies and components adopting seized property to prioritize assets that will most effectively advance our overall goal of reducing violent crime. We need to send clear message that crime does not pay.

“This policy is effective immediately and applies to all new requests for adoption.

“With this new policy, the American people can be confident knowing that we are taking action to defund criminals and at the same time protecting the rights of law-abiding people.”

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FEDERAL FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY SEIZED
BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Attorney General, including 28 U.S.C. §§ 509 and 510, 18 U.S.C. §§ 981 and 982, and the other civil and criminal forfeiture statutes enforced or administered by the Department of Justice, I hereby direct that the following policy be followed by all Department of Justice attorneys and components, and all participants in the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program, concerning the federal adoption of property seized by state or local law enforcement under state law in order for the property to be forfeited under federal law ("federal adoption"):

Federal forfeiture of property seized lawfully by state and local law enforcement agencies is authorized whenever the conduct giving rise to the seizure is in violation of federal law.

Asset forfeiture is one of law enforcement's most effective tools to reduce crime and its use should be encouraged where appropriate. To ensure that this tool is used appropriately, the Department is implementing safeguards to make certain that there is sufficient evidence of criminal activity before a federal adoption occurs, that the evidence is well documented, that our state and local law enforcement partners have appropriate training to use this tool, and that there is appropriate supervisory review of decisions to approve forfeiture.

The Department also commits to giving individual property owners notice and an opportunity to challenge federal adoptions earlier than the law requires.

This order does not affect the ability of state and local agencies to pursue the forfeiture of assets pursuant to their respective state laws, but instead makes another tool available to our state and local partners.

This order is effective immediately and applies prospectively to all federal adoptions. Attorney General Order No. 3488-2015 of January 16, 2015, and Attorney General Order No. 3485-2015 of January 12, 2015, are revoked. To the extent that prior Department of Justice orders, directives, and policies are inconsistent with this order, those orders, directives, and policies are superseded.

July 19, 2017
Date


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Attorney General



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POLICY DIRECTIVE 17-1

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Participants in the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program

FROM: Deborah Connor, Acting Chief *Deborah Connor by NKD*
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SUBJECT: Policy Guidance on the Attorney General's Order on Federal Adoption and Forfeiture of Property Seized by State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies

On July 19, 2017, the Attorney General issued an Order allowing Department of Justice components and agencies to forfeit assets seized by state or local law enforcement (referred to in the order as "federal adoptions"). Under the Attorney General's Order, federal adoption of all types of assets seized lawfully by state or local law enforcement under their respective state laws is authorized whenever the conduct giving rise to the seizure violates federal law. The net equity and value thresholds found in the Department of Justice *Asset Forfeiture Policy Manual* will continue to apply.¹ Agencies and components should prioritize the adoption of assets that will advance the Attorney General's Violent Crime Reduction Strategy.

The Department, through legal counsel for federal investigative agencies as well as through the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, will continue to ensure that adoptions are conducted in compliance with law and Department policies. Specifically, the following safeguards, among others, shall be maintained and implemented to ensure that there is sufficient evidence of criminal activity and that the evidence is well documented:

- To ensure that adoptions involve property lawfully seized, legal counsel at the federal agency adopting the seized property must continue to review all seizures

¹ See *Asset Forfeiture Policy Manual* (2016), Chap. 1, Sec. I.D.1, establishing minimum net equity thresholds of at least \$5,000 for vehicles, and a minimum amount of \$5,000 for cash seizures, or at least \$1,000 if the person from whom the cash was seized either was, or is, being criminally prosecuted by state or federal authorities for criminal activities related to the property. U.S. Attorneys' Offices, in consultation with local federal law enforcement agencies, may continue to establish higher thresholds for judicial forfeiture cases in order to best address the crime threat in individual judicial districts.

for compliance with law, especially seizures made pursuant to an exception to the Fourth Amendment's warrant requirement.

- To assist federal legal counsel in this review process, the form used by state and local agencies seeking federal adoption of seized assets, *Request for Adoption of State and Local Seizure* ("adoption form"), will require that the state or local agency provide additional information about the probable cause determination justifying the seizure. This additional information in the adoption form will better document probable cause in the first instance, and provide federal legal counsel with the relevant information relating to probable cause for review. State and local agencies will also be required to certify on the form that they have obtained a turnover order, if necessary.
- Adoptions of cash in amounts equal to or less than \$10,000 may require additional safeguards. Those adoptions will be permissible where the seizure was conducted: (1) pursuant to a state warrant, (2) incident to arrest for an offense relevant to the forfeiture, (3) at the same time as a seizure of contraband relevant to the forfeiture, or (4) where the owner or person from whom the property is seized makes admissions regarding the criminally derived nature of the property. If a federal agency seeks to adopt cash equal to or less than \$10,000 and none of these safeguards is present, then the agency may proceed with the adoption only if the U.S. Attorney's Office first concurs.
- Department officials should proceed with particular caution when deciding whether to waive the Department's net equity thresholds for real property, *see Policy Manual: Asset Forfeiture Policy* (2016), Chap. 13, Sec. I.B, and in considering the forfeiture of personal residences where title or ownership lies with persons not implicated in illegal conduct. *See id.* at Chap. 2, Sec. VIII.C.

In order to give individual property owners an opportunity to challenge the seizure as soon as practicable, the Department will expedite federal agencies' decisions regarding adoptions and their provision of notice to interested parties. State and local law enforcement agencies must request federal adoption within 15 calendar days following the date of seizure. The adopting federal agency must send notice to interested parties within 45 days of the date of seizure. These time limitations may be extended for good cause by the supervisory forfeiture counsel (or higher-level official) of the adopting agency, provided that such extensions are documented in writing and include a description of the circumstances justifying the extension. Any such extensions remain subject to statutory time limits pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(1)(A)(iv).

To facilitate implementation of these safeguards and help ensure that federal adoptions advance federal law enforcement objectives,² the Department is enhancing its asset forfeiture

² This change in Department policy does not affect the ability of state and local agencies to pursue the forfeiture of assets pursuant to their respective state laws. Moreover, when a state or local agency has seized property as part of an ongoing state criminal investigation and the criminal defendants are being prosecuted in state court, any forfeiture action should generally be pursued in state court assuming that state law authorizes the forfeiture. *See Asset Forfeiture Policy Manual* (2016), Chap. 14, Sec. I.

training. Beginning in 2018, law enforcement agencies participating in the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program must provide annual training on state and federal laws related to asset forfeiture to their law enforcement officers. Specialized course material for state and local law enforcement will be available later this year.

This policy is effective immediately and applies prospectively to all new requests for adoption by state and local law enforcement. The Order and this policy guidance supersede all inconsistent adoption policy and procedures in any Department of Justice publication, including the U.S. Attorney's Manual § 9-116.000 *et seq.*; the *Attorney General's Guidelines to Seized and Forfeited Property* (2005); the *Asset Forfeiture Policy Manual* (2016), Chapter 14; and the *Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies* (2009), Sections III.B and III.B.2. In particular, the Order supersedes Attorney General Order Nos. 3485-2015 and 3488-2015, "Prohibition on Certain Federal Adoptions of Seizures by State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies" (Jan. 12 and 16, 2015). This policy directive supersedes Policy Directive 15-1, "Policy Limiting the Federal Adoptions of Seizures by State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies" (Jan. 16, 2015); and Policy Directive 15-2, "Additional Guidance on the Policy Limiting the Federal Adoption of Seizures by State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies" (Feb. 10, 2015). Accordingly, the *Determination of Sufficient Federal Involvement for an Asset Seized by State or Local Law Enforcement* form is no longer required.

The adoption form will be updated to reflect these policy changes. The Department also will make conforming updates to the Consolidated Asset Tracking System (CATS). Until the CATS update is complete, agencies must manually track this information so that it is available for subsequent submission and review.

Consistent with current policy, state and local agencies are required to complete the adoption form only when seeking federal adoptions. Seizures made as part of joint federal-state investigations or pursuant to federal seizure warrants are not considered adoptions. Agency participants must review the circumstances of a seizure by state and local law enforcement to determine whether it is a federal adoption.

If you have questions regarding this policy directive or the application of the Attorney General's Order, please contact the Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section at (202) 514-1263.

Civil Asset Forfeiture Backgrounder

- The Department’s new forfeiture policy enhances protections of innocent property owners while ensuring law enforcement officials have the tools necessary to recover money and assets for victims and strip criminals and criminal organizations (including international drug traffickers, terrorist groups, and violent gangs) of their ill-gotten gains and the resources they use to perpetuate their criminal activity.

Civil Asset Forfeiture Generally

- Asset forfeiture is an essential law enforcement tool in combating the very worst criminals – violent, organized criminal organizations (primarily drug traffickers and gangs) – whose leaders insulate themselves from prosecution by funneling the profits of their illicit activities through money launderers and couriers.
- Sophisticated criminals including international drug traffickers, fraudsters, and violent gangs engage in crime principally, if not exclusively, for profit. Asset forfeiture hits these organizations where it hurts – their wallets.
- The vast majority of federal law enforcement agency seizures are never challenged in court. Criminal organizations such as drug cartels and gangs typically do not challenge seizures of their ill-gotten gains. This is due to both their unlikelihood of success in challenging the seizure (given the clear tie of the gains to criminal activity) as well as a fear of potential prosecution for their crimes if they show up in court.
- Since 2008, approximately 58 percent of assets where the federal government initiated civil administrative forfeitures were weapons and ammunition. Approximately 25 percent were cash proceeds of illicit activity, and approximately 16 percent were other types of assets.
- Federal law and Department of Justice policy directives provide enhanced protections for innocent owners of property, including special protections for residences. Regardless of the type of asset seized, the initial burden of proof is on the government, not the property owner. The Justice Department rigorously adheres to the protections provided by law as well as additional protections contained in Department policies and guidance that are beyond what the law requires. In total, these provisions ensure that innocent owners have the ability to timely and fairly challenge the seizure of their assets.
- The Department’s Asset Forfeiture Program also provides critical financial resources to valued State, local, and tribal law enforcement partners, allowing them to repurpose criminal gains to help fund better training, lifesaving equipment such as bulletproof vests and naloxone (opioid overdose reversal) kits, bomb-disposal equipment, and additional vehicles and facilities.
- In most cases (except where multiple people file claims for the same property), if the claimant substantially prevails in the case either because they were an innocent owner or because the government didn’t meet its burden of proof, then the United States not only returns the property, but

also pays the claimant's attorney fees.¹ In some cases, the government is even required to pay interest on the seized property for the time until it was returned to the claimant.

Strengthening Asset Forfeiture through Improved Protection for Innocent Property Owners

- For the federal government to adopt a state or local seizure under the Department's new policy, a state or local agency will now have to provide additional information demonstrating that the seizure was justified by probable cause. This will enhance protections, better document whether the seizure was justified, streamline the process for review, and facilitate determinations regarding whether an owner is entitled to the return of the assets.
- This policy creates additional safeguards for adoptions of cash in amounts equal to or less than \$10,000 (double the current threshold) by requiring U.S. Attorneys Offices to expeditiously determine whether the seizure was conducted pursuant to a warrant or a criminal arrest, or whether the property is criminal contraband, or whether the owner made an admission of wrongdoing.
- The Department will expedite decisions regarding adoptions and expedite notice to interested parties. This will ensure that, in most cases, interested parties, and particularly potentially innocent owners, will receive notice of their rights (including information on how to challenge the seizure) within 45 days twice as quickly as required by current law. Likewise, the Department will require the state or local partner requesting adoption to do so within 15 days of the seizure, in most cases. This streamlined process will ensure speedy case resolutions and that truly innocent owners have their assets returned as quickly as possible.
- Law enforcement agencies who wish to participate in the Department's Asset Forfeiture Program will now be required to provide their officers with enhanced training on state and federal laws related to asset forfeiture, or else they are ineligible to receive a share of the forfeited assets. The Department will make available specialized course material for use in this training. Greater expertise and training will help to prevent inadvertently invalid seizures, and will help ensure that the rights of innocent property owners are consistently and rigorously protected.

Background: How Civil Asset Forfeiture Works

- There are two types of civil asset forfeiture: administrative forfeiture and judicial forfeiture. Administrative forfeiture makes up the vast majority of the Department's forfeiture cases, but administrative forfeiture cannot be used for certain types of property (such as houses and real property²) or if the value of the seizure is \$500,000 or more.
- Administrative forfeiture occurs when the government seizes assets for example, ill-gotten gains of drug trafficking or other criminal activity or property such as illegal weapons that have been used to facilitate the commission of those crimes. The government is then required to send interested parties notice of the seizure and how to challenge it. If no claim is filed to contest the forfeiture, the proceedings are complete and the property is forfeited to the United States for the benefit of the public. If a claim is filed, then the case is handled as a judicial forfeiture.

¹ 28 U.S.C. § 2465(b).

² 18 U.S.C. § 985(a).

- Civil judicial forfeiture proceedings are initiated in one of two ways. First, as noted, if a claim is filed in response to an administrative forfeiture, it is transferred to be considered for judicial forfeiture. Following thorough but expedited review by an Assistant US Attorney, the United States either files a civil forfeiture action in federal court (essentially the same as civil lawsuit) or returns the seized assets. Second, the forfeiture may be (and with some types of property must be) initiated by the United States filing the judicial forfeiture action (or civil lawsuit) in federal court.
- In a civil judicial forfeiture, the United States must prove by a *preponderance of the evidence* that the seized assets were sufficiently connected to criminal activity, either as proceeds of criminal activity, property used to facilitate a crime, or property actually involved in the crime (for example, money in a money laundering scheme).³ The preponderance of the evidence standard requires the United States to meet the same standard that private citizens must meet in any other civil case.
- If the government meets its burden of proof that the property is subject to forfeiture, then the burden shifts to the person claiming innocent ownership to prove, again by preponderance of the evidence, that they are an innocent owner.⁴ Typically, this is someone who loaned their property (*e.g.*, a car) to someone else, who then used that property in commission of a crime. To recover the property, the owner need only prove they (1) did not know of the criminal conduct that made the property subject to forfeiture; *or* (2) if they did know, they did what could reasonably be expected under the circumstances (*e.g.*, made a good faith attempt to revoke permission to use the property, or notified law enforcement).⁵
- If the person claiming to be an innocent owner acquired the property *after* it was used in the commission of a crime or not knowing that it was the proceeds of criminal activity, to recover the property they need only prove they were a “bona fide purchaser” (unless certain other conditions were met, such as if the property in question is the person’s primary residence), and they did not know and reasonably did not have cause to believe the property was subject to forfeiture.⁶
- As in other federal civil cases, in civil judicial forfeiture cases the person claiming an ownership in the seized property has the right to conduct pretrial discovery and the right to a trial in federal court.
- If the person whose property was seized is financially unable to obtain an attorney, and the property seized is the person’s primary residence, the court will appoint a government-funded attorney to represent that person in the civil forfeiture proceeding.⁷

President Trump on Asset Forfeiture

- At a meeting with county sheriffs on February 7, President Trump made clear to law enforcement that he is a strong supporter of the civil asset forfeiture program, and directed the Department of Justice to rescind the prior restrictions on the practice.⁸

³ 18 U.S.C. § 983(c).

⁴ 18 U.S.C. § 983(d)(1).

⁵ 18 U.S.C. § 983(d)(2)(A).

⁶ 18 U.S.C. § 983(d)(2)(B).

⁷ 18 U.S.C. § 983(b)(2).

⁸ <https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4655402/trump-comments-asset-forfeiture>

Examples of Civil Asset Forfeiture at Work

- Civil asset forfeiture takes the profit out of crime, returns money to victims, and prevents criminals, violent gangs, drug cartels, and other organized criminal organizations from using property such as firearms to further their violent crimes.

What kinds of assets are seized?

- Cash proceeds of criminal activity such as illicit drug sales. Often, these are enormous bundles of cash totaling tens of thousands of dollars or more. By seizing the profits of crime, we prevent the crime bosses, gang and cartel leaders, and terrorist organizations from ever receiving the benefits of their lawlessness.
- Firearms and ammunition, which are seized in large numbers from gang members and international drug traffickers. By taking these guns off the streets and away from criminals, we prevent their use in violent acts such as intimidation, assault, and murder.
- Computers, printers, cell phones, and other electronic devices used by child pornographers to create and disseminate the sickening images of their crimes. By seizing this equipment, we can permanently remove some of these materials from circulation and make it more difficult for child pornographers to create more.
- Illicit drugs, such as heroin and fentanyl. By seizing criminals' stashes of drugs, we take them off the streets and prevent hundreds or even thousands of potential overdose deaths. We also take the supply of poisons away from the violent gangs and cartels before they are able to turn it into profits that would only be used to buy more drugs and fuel more violence.
- Businesses used to commit financial crimes such as insurance fraud or Ponzi schemes. By seizing these businesses and their assets, as in the Bernie Madoff case, we can return the proceeds of crime to the victims and make it clear to fraudsters that crime is not a good business model.
- Repurposed residences such as crack houses and meth dens, which are used to stash drugs, distribute them to street dealers, and dispense them directly to drug abusers in an attempt to create life-ruining addiction just to create a profit.

What Does Civil Asset Forfeiture Look Like in Practice?

- In 2013, the government used a civil asset forfeiture proceeding to seize nearly \$8 million in proceeds of a fraud scheme. In that case, a man named Allen Hilly used three separate companies to defraud clients of more than \$15 million by tricking companies into thinking they were purchasing workers' compensation coverage for their employees when he was really diverting that money to his own accounts. After his arrest, Hilly committed suicide, leaving civil asset forfeiture as the only possible method to recover funds for the victims.¹

¹ *United States v. \$7,599,358.09*, 953 F. Supp. 2d 549, (D.N.J. 2013).

- In 2011, the Baltimore County Police Department seized \$90,000 from the car of a drug dealer who had died in a homicide related to a drug deal. One of the drug dealer’s associates admitted that they had been planning a trip to New York to purchase more drugs, and an anonymous tipster had told the police he had seen the deceased drug dealer put a bag in the car before he was killed. Police located the bag, which was filled with the \$90,000 split into \$1,000 bundles. By forfeiting the property, the government was able to prevent other associates of the deceased drug dealer from using the funds to purchase more drugs and perpetuate the cycle of violence.²
- In 2016, the government used a civil asset forfeiture case to seize a house and several acres of land belonging to a lady named Maureen Long, who from 2007-2015 had preyed on terminally ill cancer patients, defrauding them of more than \$100,000, by offering fake cancer “treatments.” After one elderly woman died from complications brought on by one of these “treatments,” the government filed a criminal indictment against Long, who fled the country to Mexico to avoid being prosecuted for her crimes. Because Long is outside the United States, the best remaining way to achieve restitution for the victims of her crimes was to seize her property that remains in the country.³
- In 2012, an Iowa state trooper pulled over a man named Chaim Marcus for speeding. When Marcus was shaking and sweating during the stop, the officer asked if he had any drugs or large amounts of currency in the car, and a drug dog indicated the presence of narcotics. While searching the car, the officer found a black duffle bag and asked Marcus what was inside, to which Marcus replied that he did not know. In addition to bits of marijuana, the bag contained heat-sealed packages of money totaling more than \$150,000. After his arrest, Marcus claimed he didn’t know about the money and that someone had given him the bag. The criminal drug charges against Marcus were later dropped, but a civil asset forfeiture case allowed the government to prevent Marcus from taking the \$150,000 in drug proceeds back to a drug supplier in exchange for more drugs.⁴
- In 2012, the government used civil asset forfeiture proceedings to seize more than \$11 million in brokerage accounts held by an “ostrich farming” business that had been established by a drug trafficking ring to launder money related to its business of supplying cocaine to the Sinaloa drug cartel in Mexico. All of the corporate officers of the business live outside the United States, leaving civil forfeiture as the only effective option to prevent the cartels from profiting from their drug trafficking operations.⁵

² *United States v. \$90,000 in United States Currency*, 56 F. Supp. 3d 744 (D. Md. 2014).

³ *United States v. 7208 E. 65th Place*, 185 F. Supp. 3d 1288 (N.D. Okla. 2016).

⁴ *United States v. \$154,853.00 in United States Currency*, 744 F.3d 559 (8th Cir. 2014).

⁵ *United States v. Eleven Million Seventy One Thousand One Hundred & Eighty Eight Dollars & Sixty Four Cents (\$11,071,188.64) in United States Currency*, 825 F.3d 365 (8th Cir. 2016).

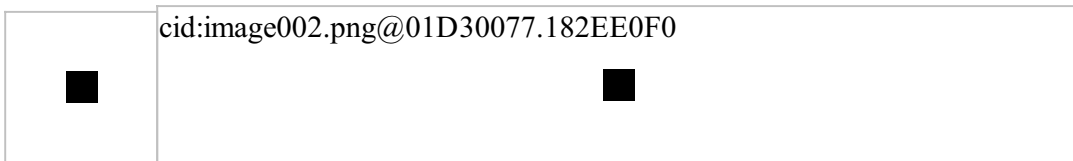
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In issuing this new policy, Attorney General Sessions made the following remarks to law enforcement officials:

“Good morning, and thank you all for being here. I especially want to thank our law enforcement partners like the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Sheriffs' Association, the Major City Chiefs Association, the IACP, and so many others from all over the country who are here. Thank you for your service to this country and for keeping us all safe.

“As any of these law enforcement partners will tell you and as President Trump knows well, civil asset forfeiture is a key tool that helps law enforcement defund organized crime, take back ill-gotten gains, and prevent new crimes from being committed, and it weakens the criminals and the cartels. Even more importantly, it helps return property to the victims of crime. Civil asset forfeiture takes the material support of the criminals and instead makes it the material support of law enforcement, funding priorities like new vehicles, bulletproof vests, opioid overdose reversal kits, and better training. In departments across this country, funds that were once used to take lives are now being used to save lives.

“It also removes the instrumentalities of crimes, such as illegal firearms, ammunition, explosives and property associated with child pornography from criminals preventing them from being able to use these tools in further criminal acts.

“President Trump has directed this Department of Justice to reduce crime in this country, and we will use every lawful tool that we have to do that. We will continue to encourage civil asset forfeiture whenever appropriate in order to hit organized crime in the wallet.

“At the same time, we must protect the rights of the people we serve. Law-abiding people whose property is used without their knowledge or without their consent should not be punished because of crimes that others have committed.

“Now, let me just say, in the vast majority of cases, this is not an issue. Our law enforcement officers do an incredible job. In fact, over the last decade, four out of five administrative civil asset forfeitures filed by federal law enforcement agencies were never challenged in court.

“Even so, we must take every precaution to protect the rights of claimants in that small minority of cases.

“And so today, the Department of Justice is issuing legal guidance that will clarify DOJ policy on the adoption of seized assets. It will return us to longstanding DOJ policy and also provide additional, supplemental protections for law-abiding Americans. This will make us more effective at bankrupting organized criminals and at safeguarding the property of law-abiding Americans.

“Under today’s guidance, the federal government will not adopt seized property unless the state or local agency involved provides information demonstrating that the seizure was justified by probable cause. We will accomplish this through a new adoption form that state and local law enforcement must fill out before we will agree to adopt any property, which will include the necessary information to allow Department lawyers to carefully review and determine whether adoption is proper. Further, law enforcement agencies who wish to participate in the Department’s Equitable Sharing Program now must now provide their officers with enhanced training on asset forfeiture laws.

“The Department will adopt smaller seizures of cash between \$5,000 and \$10,000 only if there exists some level of criminality or with the express concurrence of the U.S. Attorney’s office.

“When I was in the Senate, I worked with Senator Schumer to make modifications to the civil asset forfeiture program. We required probable cause for the seizure of property. And we raised the burden on the government, who has the initial burden in all of these cases, to the same preponderance of the evidence standard used in all civil cases. In addition, if the government lost the case, then the government pays attorneys’ fees. I believe those were good reforms that strengthened the program.

“Further, to better protect claimants, the Department will expedite the review of civil asset forfeiture cases. State and local law enforcement agencies requesting federal adoption must do so within 15 calendar days following the date of seizure. The adopting federal agency must then send notice to interested parties within 45 days of the date of seizure. This is twice as fast of a review as is required by statute. This streamlined process will ensure that people receive speedy resolutions of their cases, and that rightful owners will get their property back as soon as possible.

“In addition to these safeguards on federal adoptions, I am asking Department attorneys to proceed with an abundance of caution when handling all forfeitures involving vehicles and especially residences. I think that Department attorneys should think hard before they agree to forfeit these types of property, or waive any asset thresholds associated with them. Just like with cash seizures, if we operate this program in a careful and responsible way, something I believe the American people expect and deserve with a program such as this, the Department’s federal asset forfeiture program will be an effective tool, while at the same time protecting the rights of property owners.

“Finally, I am directing agencies and components adopting seized property to prioritize assets that will most effectively advance our overall goal of reducing violent crime. We need to send clear message that crime does not pay.

“This policy is effective immediately and applies to all new requests for adoption.

“With this new policy, the American people can be confident knowing that we are taking action to defund criminals and at the same time protecting the rights of law-abiding people.”

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From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 9:44 AM
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Subject: Fwd: DOJ Civil Asset Forfeiture Press Event Speakers List

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: July 19, 2017 at 9:33:10 AM EDT
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Cc: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Laco, Kelly (OPA)" <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>, "Ehram, Lauren (OPA)" <lehram@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: DOJ Civil Asset Forfeiture Press Event Speakers List

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Fraternal Order of Police

Chairman, Fraternal Order of Police Legislative Committee

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National District Attorneys Association

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Chief William Brooks III

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Joost, Nathalie

From: Joost, Nathalie
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 5:37 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Subject: Fox pool tomorrow
Importance: High

Hi Devin,

Fox will be your pool for tomorrow.

We would like to request access to DOJ at 0800 tomorrow so we can set up equipment to try to get the event fed live to the network pool.

Can this be arranged?

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From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 5:18 PM
To: Mears, William
Subject: RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL TO MEET WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE

Correct, thank you!

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From: Mears, William [mailto:William.Mears@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 5:17 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL TO MEET WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE

Will do, I think Fox is pool for this so, so we'll get you the info shortly

From: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 5:15 PM
To: Mears, William <William.Mears@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>; Laco, Kelly (OPA) <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>; Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL TO MEET WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE

Thanks, Bill. Can you send the name for your cameraman and any others, so we may get them to security to ensure your entry?

For logistical purposes, you will enter the Visitors' Center entrance on Constitution Avenue NLT 10:45 am. You will provide them with your name and government issued ID. A member of our team will meet you at the entrance and escort you around the building.

Do you have any questions?

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From: Mears, William [mailto:William.Mears@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 5:10 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Fw: ATTORNEY GENERAL TO MEET WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE

I plan to attend this on behalf of Fox News. I have a DOJ media hard pass.

Bill Mears
Fox News Producer

From: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs (SMO) <USDOJ-Office.of.Public.Affairs@usdoj.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 5:01 PM

To: USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs (SMO)

Subject: ATTORNEY GENERAL TO MEET WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE



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**ATTORNEY GENERAL TO MEET WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS
CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE**

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Jeff Sessions will hold a meeting tomorrow, **WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017**, with law enforcement officials to discuss civil asset forfeiture.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions;
Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein;
Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association;
International Association of Chiefs of Police;
Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund;
Major Cities Chiefs Association;
Major County Sheriffs Association;
Major County Sheriffs of America;
National Association of Assistant U.S. Attorneys;
National Association of Police Organizations;
National District Attorneys Association;
National Fraternal Order of Police;
National Narcotics Officers Association Coalition;
National Sheriffs' Association;
Sergeants Benevolents Association NYPD.

Meeting to discuss the Department of Justice's new policy on civil asset forfeiture

WHEN: 11:30 a.m. EDT

WHERE: Department of Justice
5th Floor Conference Room
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

POOL SPRAY AT THE TOP FOR OPENING REMARKS – CLOSED FOR DISCUSSION
(Camera Preset by: 10:45 a.m. EDT // Final Access: 11:10 a.m. EDT)

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Nestande, Francesca

From: Nestande, Francesca
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 12:33 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA)
Subject: RE: AG call in tomorrow-Hannity

Great thanks!

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) [mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 12:12 PM
To: Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: AG call in tomorrow-Hannity

Correct. Thanks.

Kelly Laco
Office of Public Affairs
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Office: 202-353-0173
Cell (b) (6)

From: Nestande, Francesca [mailto:Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 12:04 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: AG call in tomorrow-Hannity

Great thanks- to confirm this is just a phone call between the two of them not a television or radio appearance- correct?

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) [mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:25 AM
To: Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: AG call in tomorrow-Hannity

Great, thanks. This is the cell # for our Director Sarah Isgur Flores, as backu (b) (6).

Kelly Laco
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From: Nestande, Francesca [mailto:Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:17 AM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: AG call in tomorrow-Hannity

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From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) [<mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: AG call in tomorrow-Hannity

Great! What is the call-in number?

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From: Nestande, Francesca [<mailto:Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:00 AM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: AG call in tomorrow-Hannity

Great! This works for Sean. The 630-7P ET range works best on his end.

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) [<mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:31 AM
To: Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: AG call in tomorrow-Hannity

Yes, between 6-7pm ET.

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From: Nestande, Francesca [<mailto:Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:21 AM
To: Laco, Kelly (OPA) <klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: AG call in tomorrow-Hannity

Checking to confirm that's 6-7P ET

Francesca Nestande
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On Jul 18, 2017, at 9:06 AM, Laco, Kelly (OPA) <Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hi Francesca,

I would like to schedule a time tomorrow between 6-7 for the Attorney General to call into Hannity to speak about a new policy initiative.

Please let me know if there is a particular time that works best. If you need any additional information, please let me know.

Best,

Kelly

Kelly Laco

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Kaplan (Levine), Karrah

From: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 7:56 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Makeup

I will ask Martha's person!

Original Message
From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 7:46 AM
To: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Subject: Makeup

Will there be anyone that can do makeup for Rod?

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs Office: 202.616.0911 Cel (b) (6)

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Wei, Jovian

From: Wei, Jovian
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 7:54 AM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA); Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: Re: Question from our crew producer -
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Kaplan (Levine), Karrah

From: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 6:12 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Topics

Awesome thank you!

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 6:10 PM
To: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Subject: Topics

Some thoughts (worth noting first national televised interview with Rod):

1. Civil Asset Forfeiture this is being announced at 11:30 on Wed so this will be new. We have a backgrounder attached (not for on the record, just informational) that may help prep.
2. Charging policy this has gotten a lot of press and Rod is a unique person in that he was a United States Attorney under Bush and Obama, so he has experience both before and during the Holder era and can speak as an experienced voice. <http://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/article/Attorney-General-Jeff-Sessions-is-serious-about-11290350.php>
3. United States attorneys there was a lot of press about us firing all the United States attorneys and not filling those spots. Interestingly though, we have actually nominated 23, with the first 10 nominations occurring on 6/12/2017. This is actually before Clinton, GW Bush, or Obama nominated their first US atty (and Clinton also fired all of his). Below is when the first nominations occurred in those admins:

President Barack Obama June 6, 2009 Joyce Vance, Todd Jones, John Kacavas, Paul Fishman, Preet Bharara, Tristram Coffin, Jenny Durkan

President George W. Bush September 4, 2001 Tim Burgess, Leura Canary, Tom Gean, Paul Charlton, John Suthers, Howard Roscoe, Colm Connolly, Chuch Larson, Tom Moss, Joe Van Bokkelen, Susan Brooks, Greg Van Tatenhove, Steve Pence, Mike Sullivan, Margaret Chiara, Tom Heffelfinger, Ray Gruender, Todd Graves, Jim Greenlee, Bill Mercer, Anna Mills Wagoner, Bob Conrad, Mike Heavican, David C. Iglesias, Robert G. McCampbell, Mike Mosman, Pat Meehan, Strom Thurmond, Harry Mattice Jr., Terry Harris, Paul McNulty, John Brownlee, Matthew H. Mead

President Bill Clinton June 17, 1993 Zach W. Carter

Based on our research, by end of July 2009, the Obama administration had 17 USAs nominated, and by end of July 1993, the Clinton administration had 20 USAs nominated.

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Civil Asset Forfeiture Backgrounder

- The Department’s new forfeiture policy enhances protections of innocent property owners while ensuring law enforcement officials have the tools necessary to recover money and assets for victims, and strip criminals and criminal organizations (including international drug traffickers, terrorist groups and violent gangs) of their ill-gotten gains and the tools they use to perpetuate their criminal activity.

Civil Asset Forfeiture Generally

- Asset forfeiture is an essential law enforcement tool used in combating the very worst criminals violent, organized criminal organizations (primarily drug traffickers) whose leaders insulate themselves from prosecution by funneling the profits of their illicit activities through money launderers and couriers.
- Sophisticated criminals, including international drug traffickers, fraudsters, and violent gangs engage in crime principally, if not exclusively, for profit. Asset forfeiture hits these organizations where it hurts the most their wallets.
- The vast majority of federal law enforcement agency seizures are never challenged in court. Criminal organizations typically do not challenge seizures of their ill-gotten gains. This is due to both their unlikelihood of success in challenging the seizure (given the clear tie of the gains to criminal activity) as well as a fear of potential prosecution for their crimes if they show up in court.
- Federal law and Department of Justice policy directives provide enhanced protections for innocent owners of property, including protections for residences. The initial burden of proof is on the government, not the property owner. The Justice Department rigorously adheres to the protections provided by law as well as additional protections contained in Department policies and guidance that are beyond what the law requires. In total, these provisions ensure that innocent owners have the ability to timely and fairly challenge the seizure of their property.
- The Department’s Asset Forfeiture Program also provides critical financial resources to valued State, local, and tribal law enforcement partners, allowing them to repurpose criminal gains to help fund better training, lifesaving equipment such as bulletproof vests and naloxone (opioid overdose reversal) kits, bomb-disposal equipment, and additional vehicles and facilities.

Strengthening Asset Forfeiture through Improved Protection for Innocent Property Owners

- For the federal government to adopt a state or local seizure under the Department’s new policy, a state or local agency will now have to provide additional information demonstrating that the seizure was justified by probable cause. This will enhance protections, better document whether the seizure was justified, streamline the process for review, and facilitate determinations regarding whether an owner is entitled to the return of the property.
- This policy creates additional safeguards for adoptions of cash in amounts equal to or less than \$10,000 (double the current threshold) by requiring U.S. Attorneys Offices to expeditiously determine whether the seizure was conducted pursuant to a warrant or a criminal arrest, or whether the property is criminal contraband, or whether the owner made an admission of wrongdoing.

- The Department will expedite decisions regarding adoptions and expedite notice to interested parties. This will ensure that, in most cases, interested parties, and particularly potentially innocent owners, will receive notice of their rights (including information on how to challenge the seizure) within 45 days—twice as quickly as required by current law. This streamlined process will ensure speedy case resolutions and that truly innocent owners have their property returned as quickly as possible.
- Law enforcement agencies who wish to participate in the Department’s Asset Forfeiture Program will now be required to provide their officers with enhanced training on state and federal laws related to asset forfeiture. The Department will make available specialized course material for use in this training. Greater expertise and training will help to prevent inadvertently invalid seizures, and will help ensure that the rights of innocent property owners are consistently and rigorously protected.

Background: How Civil Asset Forfeiture Works

- There are two types of civil asset forfeiture: administrative forfeiture and judicial forfeiture. Administrative forfeiture makes up the vast majority of the Department’s forfeiture cases, but administrative forfeiture cannot be used for certain types of property (such as houses and real property¹) or if the value of the seizure is \$500,000 or more.
- Administrative forfeiture occurs when the government seizes property, for example, ill-gotten gains of drug trafficking or other criminal activity or property that has been used to facilitate the commission of crimes. The government is then required to send interested parties notice of the seizure and how to challenge it. If no claim is filed to contest the forfeiture, the proceedings are complete and the property is forfeited to the United States for the benefit of the public. If a claim is filed, the case is then handled as a judicial forfeiture.
- Civil judicial forfeiture proceedings are initiated in one of two ways. First, as noted, if a claim is filed in response to an administrative forfeiture, it is transferred to be considered for judicial forfeiture. Following thorough but expedited review by an Assistant US Attorney, the United States either files a civil forfeiture action in federal court (essentially the same as civil lawsuit) or returns the property. Second, the forfeiture may be (and with some types of property must be) initiated by the United States filing the judicial forfeiture action (or civil lawsuit) in federal court.
- In a civil judicial forfeiture, the United States must prove by a *preponderance of the evidence* that the seized assets were sufficiently connected to criminal activity, either as proceeds of criminal activity, property used to facilitate a crime, or property actually involved in the crime (for example, money in a money laundering scheme).² The preponderance of the evidence standard requires the United States to meet the same standard that private citizens must meet in any other civil case.
- If the government meets its burden of proof that the property is subject to forfeiture, then the burden shifts to the person claiming innocent ownership to prove, again by preponderance of the evidence,

¹ 18 U.S.C. § 985(a).

² 18 U.S.C. § 983(c).

that they are an innocent owner.³ Typically, this is someone who loaned their property (*e.g.*, a car) to someone else, who then used that property in commission of a crime. To recover the property, the owner need only prove they (1) did not know of the criminal conduct that made the property subject to forfeiture; *or* (2) if they did know, they did what could reasonably be expected under the circumstances (*e.g.*, made a good faith attempt to revoke permission to use the property, or notified law enforcement).⁴

- If the person claiming to be an innocent owner acquired the property *after* it was used in the commission of a crime or not knowing that it was the proceeds of criminal activity, to recover the property they need only prove they were a “bona fide purchaser” (unless certain other conditions were met, such as if the property in question is the person’s primary residence), and they did not know and reasonably did not have cause to believe the property was subject to forfeiture.⁵
- As in other federal civil cases, in civil judicial forfeiture cases the person claiming an ownership in the seized property has the right to conduct pretrial discovery and to a trial in federal court.
- If the person whose property was seized is financially unable to obtain an attorney, and the property seized is the person’s primary residence, the court will appoint a government-funded attorney to represent that person in the civil forfeiture proceeding.⁶

President Trump on Asset Forfeiture

- At a meeting with county sheriffs on February 7, President Trump discussed civil asset forfeiture with county sheriffs. After the sheriffs and then-acting Attorney General Boente explained the changes that had curtailed the asset forfeiture program, President Trump said, “So, asset forfeiture, we’re going to go back on, okay?”
- In the same meeting, President Trump asked then-acting Attorney General Boente whether legislation or executive orders would be needed to reverse the curtailment of the asset forfeiture program, and when Boente said we “just need some kind of encouragement to move in that direction,” President Trump said, “I love it. You’re encouraged. Good. Asset forfeiture. You’re encouraged.”

³ 18 U.S.C. § 983(d)(1).

⁴ 18 U.S.C. § 983(d)(2)(A).

⁵ 18 U.S.C. § 983(d)(2)(B).

⁶ 18 U.S.C. § 983(b)(2).

Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 6:01 PM
To: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Subject: RE: Did you get the longer credential list I sent?

Yes please

Ian D. Prior
Principal Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Office: 202.616.0911
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From: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah [<mailto:Karrah.kaplan@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 6:01 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Did you get the longer credential list I sent?

I will be coming with Martha at 9a
Should I call you when we are going through security?

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 5:59 PM
To: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Subject: RE: Did you get the longer credential list I sent?

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From: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah [<mailto:Karrah.kaplan@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 5:54 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Did you get the longer credential list I sent?

Great
And did we decide on the room?

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 5:50 PM
To: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Subject: RE: Did you get the longer credential list I sent?

yep

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Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 5:50 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Did you get the longer credential list I sent?

I didn't go through to me so just making sure

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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 5:58 PM
To: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Subject: RE: Did you get the longer credential list I sent?

(b) Floor Conference room. Someone will be at the door at 8 to get the crew there

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Subject: Re: Did you get the longer credential list I sent?

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Kaplan (Levine), Karrah

From: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 5:44 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA); Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA); Karrah Kaplan
Subject: Credential info for Martha's team tomorrow
Attachments: SecureMessageAtt.html
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Kaplan (Levine), Karrah

From: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 5:41 PM
To: Wei, Jovian; Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA); Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: Re: Question from our crew producer -
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Wei, Jovian

From: Wei, Jovian
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 5:37 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA); Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: RE: Question from our crew producer -
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Prior, Ian (OPA)

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:51 PM
To: Mears, William
Subject: Re: Pen-and-pad with the DAG

Moved to wed

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On Jul 17, 2017, at 4:50 PM, Mears, William <William.Mears@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi can you let me know for guidance only whether this pen-and-pad with the Deputy AG is still on for tomorrow morning. I'm filling in for my colleague Jake Gibson and would plan to attend. Thanks.

Bill Mears
Fox News Producer

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Wei, Jovian

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Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:44 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA); Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: RE: Question from our crew producer -

Ian, can you confirm which room exactly we'll be using so I can let our crew know? Thanks!

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:37 PM
To: Wei, Jovian <Jovian.We@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah <Karrah.kaplan@FOXNEWS.COM>; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) <Ashley.L.McGowan@usdoj.gov>; Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Question from our crew producer -

10-4 thx

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On Jul 17, 2017, at 4:36 PM, Wei, Jovian <Jovian.We@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

We just confirmed our crew. I'm gathering all the info from them and will get this to you ASAP!

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [mailto:ian.prior@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:35 PM
To: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah <Karrah.kaplan@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Wei, Jovian <Jovian.We@FOXNEWS.COM>; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) <Ashley.L.McGowan@usdoj.gov>; Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Question from our crew producer -

Going to need vitals of crew really soon for our security. Thx

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On Jul 17, 2017, at 4:21 PM, Kaplan (Levine), Karrah <Karrah.kaplan@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Thank you! Do you want to send me a list of topics other than the new policy that you'd like to hit?

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:17 PM
To: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah; Wei, Jovian; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA)
Cc: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: RE: Question from our crew producer

Also, know you all have covered this before so might want to ask about this as it relates to DOJ policy undoing Obama era: <http://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/article/Attorney-General-Jeff-Sessions-is-serious-about-11290350.php>

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From: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah [<mailto:Karrah.kaplan@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:11 PM
To: Wei, Jovian <Jovian.Wei@FOXNEWS.COM>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) <almcgowan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Question from our crew producer -

Hey Ian! So taking the earliest train doesn't get Martha to DC until 8:45am. Then she needs to get there. Jake Gibson warns security can take up to 30 minutes. If that's the case she won't get in until just before 9:30a.

Is there a way to speed up the process or push the interview back 15 minutes? I just want to ensure she is there on time. And she will also need hair/makeup once she gets in...

Thanks for all your help!

From: Wei, Jovian
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:04 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA); Kaplan (Levine), Karrah; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA)
Cc: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: RE: Question from our crew producer

Yes that should work fine. Thank You!

From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [<mailto:Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 3:33 PM
To: Wei, Jovian <Jovian.Wei@FOXNEWS.COM>; Kaplan (Levine), Karrah <Karrah.kaplan@FOXNEWS.COM>; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) <Ashley.L.McGowan@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Question from our crew producer -

8:00 am give you enough time?

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From: Wei, Jovian [<mailto:Jovian.We@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 2:38 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Kaplan (Levine), Karrah <Karrah.kaplan@FOXNEWS.COM>; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) <almcgowan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Question from our crew producer -

Hi Ian,
If we can't cable from the location it's not a problem at all. We were just hoping we could have a director in our control room mix the cameras during the interview just to save ourselves time. We can have our crew go in and tape it and feed it afterwards without using a satellite truck. Just let us know what time the crew is allowed to go in and start setting up. Thank You!

Jovian Wei
The Story w/ Martha MacCallum

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From: Prior, Ian (OPA) [<mailto:ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah <Karrah.kaplan@FOXNEWS.COM>; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) <Ashley.L.McGowan@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Wei, Jovian <Jovian.We@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Question from our crew producer -

Im confused. Since this won't be live why do we need that?

Last time we did an in-person taped interview with the AG and Judge Janine up on 7 can't we just do something like that?

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From: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah [<mailto:Karrah.kaplan@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 2:09 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) <almcgowan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Wei, Jovian <Jovian.We@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Question from our crew producer -

Also copying in Jovian who is handling the crew - so she can ask any questions!

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 2:05 PM
To: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA)
Subject: RE: Question from our crew producer

Ashley, do you know?

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From: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah [<mailto:Karrah.kaplan@FOXNEWS.COM>]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 2:02 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Question from our crew producer -

Do you know if we can do this?

Karrah can you see if we are able to cable from inside the DOJ to a sat truck? If we can't, then we won't be able to route this interview live to NY and mix cameras. That means we will need to book an editor and piece this thing together ourselves.

The DC Desk says the last time they were allowed to cable in from the DOJ was 9/11 ... There's a fiber line from one of the press rooms but that's for reporter hits and standups, not a sit-down style shoot.

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To: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Cc: Wei, Jovian; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA); Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: Re: Question from our crew producer -

Yup waiting on that

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:35 PM
To: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Cc: Wei, Jovian; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA); Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: Re: Question from our crew producer

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From: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:21 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA); Wei, Jovian; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA)
Cc: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: Re: Question from our crew producer -

Ok cool
We are going to confirm the crew can do this
Thank you so much!

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:19 PM
To: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah; Wei, Jovian; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA)
Cc: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: RE: Question from our crew producer

10m works would have 15 min

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From: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah [mailto:Karrah.kaplan@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:18 PM
To: Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Wei, Jovian <Jovian.Wei@FOXNEWS.COM>; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) <almcgowan@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Cc: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Question from our crew producer -

Can he do 10a? Or 945a even helps

From: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:15 PM
To: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah; Wei, Jovian; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA)
Cc: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)
Subject: RE: Question from our crew producer

So what time for interview?

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From: Kaplan (Levine), Karrah [mailto:Karrah.kaplan@FOXNEWS.COM]

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:11 PM

To: Wei, Jovian <Jovian.Wei@FOXNEWS.COM>; Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov>; McGowan, Ashley L. (OPA) <almcgowan@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Cc: Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Re: Question from our crew producer -

Duplicative Material



Ian Mason

From: Ian Mason
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 1:19 PM
To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA)
Cc: Prior, Ian (OPA)
Subject: Re: Livestream for Session at NDAA

Fantastic thanks.

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

From: "O'Malley, Devin (OPA)" <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 1:17pm
To: "Prior, Ian (OPA)" <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>
Cc: "Ian Mason" <imason@breitbart.com>
Subject: Re: Livestream for Session at NDAA

www.wcco.com

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 17, 2017, at 12:16 PM, Prior, Ian (OPA) <IPrior@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

Adding Devin. Not sure but he'll know

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On Jul 17, 2017, at 1:11 PM, Ian Mason <imason@breitbart.com> wrote:

Ian,

Do you know if there will be a livestream for today's address to the National Attorneys Association?

Thanks,
Ian