

**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 6:18 PM  
**To:** Limbaugh, Christen  
**Subject:** Re: HANNITY INQUIRY FOR COMMENT ON JOHN SOLOMON STORY

We'll decline thanks

On Aug 28, 2018, at 5:37 PM, Limbaugh, Christen <[christen.limbaugh@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:christen.limbaugh@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Christen Limbaugh here with the Hannity staff. I hope you are well. Sean will be interviewing John Solomon tonight about his article just posted on The Hill's website (below). We're reaching out for comment from the DOJ.

<http://thehill.com/hilltv/rising/404061-russian-oligarch-justice-department-and-a-clear-case-of-collusion>

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

Christen

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**Maltas, Mike**

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**From:** Maltas, Mike  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 4:24 PM  
**To:** Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)  
**Subject:** Fox News RSVP: AG Sessions roundtable remarks with joint interagency task force, Aug 29

Hi Sarah,

Fox News would like to RSVP for AG Sessions 1145am roundtable remarks tomorrow at DOJ.

Our video photographer is (b)(6). (b)(6) knows the drill well.

Thanks

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**Cc:** "Laco, Kelly (OPA)" <[klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov)>, "Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)" <[sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** **\*\*DRAFT\*\* NINETEEN FOREIGN NATIONALS CHARGED FOR VOTING IN 2016 ELECTION**

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Robert J. Higdon, Jr.  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of North Carolina

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**Note:** To view the Charging Documents click [here](#).

## **NINETEEN FOREIGN NATIONALS CHARGED FOR VOTING IN 2016 ELECTION**

***Multiple Defendants Voted In More Than One Election***



WILMINGTON, NC – Robert J. Higdon, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina today announced that nineteen foreign nationals were charged with, among other crimes, voting by alien for their actions prior to and on November 8, 2016. A twentieth defendant was charged with aiding and abetting a fellow defendant in falsely claiming United States citizenship in order to register to vote.

A federal grand jury in Wilmington, North Carolina return an indictment charging the following foreign nationals with false claim of United States citizenship in order to register to vote, and voting by an alien:

- Jose Cruz Solano-Rodriguez, age 41, of Mexico;
- Guadalupe Espinosa-Pena, age 63, of Mexico;
- Sarah Emilia Silverio-Polanco, age 35, of the Dominican Republic;
- Elizabeth Nene Amachaghi, age 44, of Nigeria;
- Maria Rufina Castillo-Boswell, age 31, of Philippines;
- Dora Maybe Damatta-Rodriguez, age 64, of Panama;
  - Elvis David Fullerton, age 54, of Grenada;
  - Olive Agatha Martin, age 71, of Guyana; and
  - Kaoru Sauls, age 54, of Japan.

Separately, criminal charges of voting by an alien were filed against the following foreign nationals:

- Jose Jaime Ramiro-Torres, age 52, of El Salvador;
- Juan Francisco Landeros-Mireles, age 64, of Mexico;
  - Alessandro Cannizzaro, age 46, of Italy;
  - Dieudonne Soifils, age 71, of Haiti;
  - Hyo Suk George, age 69, of Korea;
  - Merius Jean, age 54, of Haiti;
- Rosemarie Angelika Harris, age 60, of Germany; and
- Daniel Tadeusz Romanowski, age 39, of Poland.

Also, a federal grand jury in Wilmington has returned an Indictment charging an eighteenth defendant, Diana Patricia Franco-Rodriguez, age 26, of Mexico, with fraud and misuse of visas, permits, and other documents, and voting by an alien.

Additionally, a federal grand jury in Wilmington has returned an Indictment charging Denslo Allen Paige, age 66, with aiding and abetting Espinosa-Pena in falsely claiming United States citizenship in order to register to vote.

Separately on August 14, 2018, Ramon Esteban Paez-Jerez, age 58, of the Dominican Republic, was charged and pleaded guilty to a two-count Criminal Information charging him with passport fraud and voting by an alien.

According to the Criminal Information, Paez-Jerez in 1988 was ordered deported



from the United States and failed to appear for his scheduled removal. According to court records, Paez-Jerez assumed a fraudulent identity and applied for amnesty. Paez-Jerez in 1989 was granted lawful permanent status under the false identity and in 1999 was naturalized contrary to law as a United States citizen. On July 7, 2007, Paez-Jerez registered to vote in North Carolina under his fraudulent identity.

On September 16, 2009, Paez-Jerez made a false statement in an application for a United States passport when he applied under the fraudulent identity and failed to disclose his real name.

On November 8, 2016, Paez-Jerez illegally voted in the General Election of 2016 in Wake County, North Carolina, knowing he had illegally obtained United States citizenship.

Paez-Jerez faces maximum penalties of eleven years' imprisonment, a \$350,000 fine, and a term of supervised release following any term of imprisonment. Sentencing is scheduled for the term of court commencing on December 11, 2018, in New Bern, North Carolina.

If convicted of false claim of United States citizenship in order to register to vote, and voting by an alien, Amachaghi, Castillo-Boswell, Damatta-Rodriguez, Espinosa-Pena, Fullerton, Martin, Sauls, Silverio-Polanco, And Solano-Rodriguez, would face maximum penalties of six years' imprisonment, a \$350,000 fine, and a term of supervised release following any term of imprisonment.

If convicted of voting by an alien, Cannizzaro, George, Harris, Jean, Landeros-Mireles, Ramiro-Torres, Romanowski, and Soifils would face maximum penalties of twelve months imprisonment, a \$100,000 fine, and a term of supervised release following any term of imprisonment.

If convicted of fraud and misuse of visas, permits, and other documents, and voting by an alien, Franco-Rodriguez, would face maximum penalties of twenty-six years imprisonment, a \$350,000 fine, and a term of supervised release following any term of imprisonment.

If convicted of aiding and abetting in falsely claiming United States citizenship in order to register to vote, Denslo Allen Paige would face a maximum imprisonment term of five years, a \$250,000 fine, and a term of supervised release following any term of imprisonment.

The charges and allegations contained in the Indictments and Criminal Informations are merely accusations. An Indictment is a formal written accusation originating with the United States Attorney and issued by a Grand Jury against a party charged with a crime. A Criminal Information is a formal written accusation filed directly by the United States Attorney. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

The cases are being investigated under the newly created framework of the Document and Benefit Fraud Task Force (DBFTF) in the Eastern District of North Carolina lead by Immigration and Customs Enforcement - Homeland Security Investigations, and assisted by Enforcement Removal Operations, and the

Department of State - Diplomatic Security Service. The investigation as to voting fraud is ongoing.

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**Subject:** press release  
**Attachments:** 180824 26 VoterFraudPR (v9) Final.docx

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**FRIDAY - August 24, 2018**

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**TWENTY FOREIGN-BORN NATIONALS CHARGED FOR FALSE CLAIMS OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP IN ORDER TO REGISTER TO VOTE, VOTING BY ALIENS, AND OTHER VIOLATIONS, ONE OF WHOM ALREADY PLEADS GUILTY TO PASSPORT FRAUD AND VOTING BY AN ALIEN**

**WILMINGTON** - Robert J. Higdon, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, announces that **RAMON ESTEBAN PAEZ-JEREZ**, age 58, of the Dominican Republic, pled guilty to a two-count Criminal Information charging him with passport fraud and voting by an alien. According to the Criminal Information, **PAEZ-JEREZ** was ordered deported from the United States and failed to appear for his scheduled removal. Thereafter, according to court records, **PAEZ-JEREZ** assumed a fraudulent identity and applied for amnesty. **PAEZ-JEREZ**, as mentioned in the charging document, was granted lawful permanent status under the false identity and eventually was naturalized contrary to law as a United States citizen. On September 16, 2009, **PAEZ-JEREZ** made a false statement in an application for a United States passport when he applied under the fraudulent identity and failed to

disclose his real name. Moreover, on November 8, 2016, **PAEZ-JEREZ** illegally voted in the General Election of 2016 in Wake County, North Carolina, knowing he had illegally obtained United States citizenship. **PAEZ-JEREZ** faces maximum penalties of eleven years' imprisonment, a \$350,000 fine, and a term of supervised release following any term of imprisonment. Sentencing is scheduled for the term of court commencing on December 11, 2018, in New Bern, North Carolina.

Additionally, a Federal Grand Jury in Wilmington has returned Indictments charging **ELIZABETH NENE AMACHAGHI**, age 44, of Nigeria, **MARIA RUFINA CASTILLO-BOSWELL**, age 31, of Philippines, **DORA MAYBE DAMATTA-RODRIGUEZ**, age 64, of Panama, **GUADALUPE ESPINOSA-PENA**, age 63, of Mexico, **ELVIS DAVID FULLERTON**, age 54, of Grenada, **OLIVE AGATHA MARTIN**, age 71, of Guyana, **KAORU SAULS**, age 54, of Japan, **SARAH EMILIA SILVERIO-POLANCO**, age 35, of the Dominican Republic, and **JOSE CRUZ SOLANO-RODRIGUEZ**, age 41, of Mexico, with false claim of United States citizenship in order to register to vote, and voting by an alien.

Additionally, a federal grand jury in Wilmington has returned an Indictment charging **DENSLO ALLEN PAIGE**, age 66, with aiding and abetting **ESPINOSA-PENA** in falsely claiming United States citizenship in order to register to vote.

Furthermore, a federal grand jury in Wilmington has returned an Indictment charging **DIANA PATRICIA FRANCO-RODRIGUEZ**, age 26, of

Mexico, with fraud and misuse of visas, permits, and other documents, and voting by an alien.

Moreover, Criminal Informations have been filed charging **ALESSANDRO CANNIZZARO**, age 46, of Italy, **HYO SUK GEORGE**, age 69, of Korea, **ROSEMARIE ANGELIKA HARRIS**, age 60, of Germany, **MERIUS JEAN**, age 54, of Haiti, **JUAN FRANCISCO LANDEROS-MIRELES**, age 64, of Mexico, **JOSE JAIME RAMIRO-TORRES**, age 52, of El Salvador, **DANIEL TADEUSZ ROMANOWSKI**, age 39, of Poland, and **DIEUDONNE SOIFILS**, age 71, of Haiti, with voting by an alien.

If convicted of false claim of United States citizenship in order to register to vote, and voting by an alien, **AMACHAGHI, CASTILLO-BOSWELL, DAMATTA-RODRIGUEZ, ESPINOSA-PENA, FULLERTON, MARTIN, SAULS, SILVERIO-POLANCO**, and **SOLANO-RODRIGUEZ**, would face maximum penalties of six years' imprisonment, a \$350,000 fine, and a term of supervised release following any term of imprisonment.

If convicted of aiding and abetting in falsely claiming United States citizenship in order to register to vote, **DENSLO ALLEN PAIGE** would face a maximum imprisonment term of five years, a \$250,000 fine, and a term of supervised release following any term of imprisonment.

If convicted of fraud and misuse of visas, permits, and other documents, and voting by an alien, **FRANCO-RODRIGUEZ**, would face maximum penalties of twenty-six years imprisonment, a \$350,000



fine, and a term of supervised release following any term of imprisonment.

If convicted of voting by an alien, **CANNIZZARO, GEORGE, HARRIS, JEAN, LANDEROS-MIRELES, RAMIRO-TORRES, ROMANOWSKI,** and **SOIFILS** would face maximum penalties of twelve months imprisonment, a \$100,000 fine, and a term of supervised release following any term of imprisonment.

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**From:** jpollak@breitbart.com  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 12:31 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Interview request

Dear Sarah

You know I'm a fan of the AG -- I loved his statement today. But I have a nagging question: if the DOJ is free from political influence, how come it is going after so many political targets? I find it hard to believe the Trump Organization, Trump's lawyer, etc. would have been scrutinized had Trump not run for president. Even from my perspective, this looks very worrying. I would like to ask the AG about that -- how can he reassure the public that what is going on -- right before the midterms -- is not politically motivated?

Joel



Carey, Alyssa

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**From:** Carey, Alyssa  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 23, 2018 8:01 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Hannity Statement

Hi Sarah-

Can you please provide a statement to us on this by 9pm et?

<https://saraacarter.com/time-for-sessions-to-leave-doj-senior-senate-leaders-say/>

Thank you!

Alyssa Carey

"Hannity"

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 23, 2018 1:02 PM  
**To:** Singman, Brooke  
**Subject:** FW: Statement from the Attorney General

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 23, 2018 1:01 PM  
**Cc:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Statement from the Attorney General

Statement from the Attorney General:

"I took control of the Department of Justice the day I was sworn in, which is why we have had unprecedented success at effectuating the President's agenda—one that protects the safety and security and rights of the American people, reduces violent crime, enforces our immigration laws, promotes economic growth, and advances religious liberty.

While I am Attorney General, the actions of the Department of Justice will not be improperly influenced by political considerations. I demand the highest standards, and where they are not met, I take action. However, no nation has a more talented, more dedicated group of law enforcement investigators and prosecutors than the United States.

I am proud to serve with them and proud of the work we have done in successfully advancing the rule of law."

xxx

Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs  
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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 23, 2018 1:01 PM  
**To:** Singman, Brooke

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/aryan-circle-gang-leader-and-two-subordinate-gang-members-plead-guilty-accessory-after-fact>

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 23, 2018 1:00 PM  
**To:** Singman, Brooke  
**Subject:** denatz

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-secures-denaturalization-convicted-war-criminal-who-fraudulently-obtained>

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
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**Subject:** speech

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-sessions-makes-multiple-major-announcements-justice-department-continues>

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**Gibson, Jake**

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**From:** Gibson, Jake  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 23, 2018 12:27 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: You here today?

Lemme know when you have time to talk...

Jake Gibson  
Department of Justice Producer  
Fox News Washington  
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On Aug 23, 2018, at 10:34 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <[Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov](mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

If so, let me know if you want to chat about this: <https://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2018/08/22/docs-obama-doj-lax-oversight-caused-georgia-county-to-close-polling-locations/>

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**Gibson, Jake**

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**From:** Gibson, Jake  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 23, 2018 10:39 AM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: You here today?

No...

But I can talk over the phone....

We're doing lives in front of EDVA about the Manafort juror we talked to last night.

On fox right now!

Jake Gibson  
Department of Justice Producer  
Fox News Washington  
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Alex Pfeiffer

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**From:** Alex Pfeiffer  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 23, 2018 10:20 AM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** New year, new email Re: ICYMI

Hi - I am no longer with The Daily Caller. I am working as an off-air reporter for Tucker Carlson Tonight and can be reached at [Alex.Pfeiffer@Foxnews.com](mailto:Alex.Pfeiffer@Foxnews.com)

Thanks

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 23, 2018 10:20 AM  
**To:** pfeiffer@dailycaller.com  
**Subject:** ICYMI

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**McDonnell, Brigid Mary**

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**From:** McDonnell, Brigid Mary  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 22, 2018 3:25 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Touching Base

Hey Sarah—

If there's an opp for Shannon & the AG to discuss his accouchement on the opioid crisis, we'd love to make something work this week or next.

Thank you!

**Brigid Mary McDonnell**

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**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2018 7:42:52 AM  
**To:** Ikeda, Emilie  
**Subject:** Re: RSVP Fox News

You can come back in to check mics now!

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> On Aug 16, 2018, at 14:55, Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> Thanks Emilie! I can call with more details shortly.

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>> On Aug 16, 2018, at 14:54, Ikeda, Emilie <emilie.ikeda@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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>> Hi Sarah,

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>> I just want to confirm my RSVP for the rotary club event tomorrow. Please pass along any information.

>>

>> Thank you,

>> Emilie Ikeda, Fox News

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>>> On Aug 16, 2018, at 1:39 PM, Ikeda, Emilie <emilie.ikeda@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

>>>

>>> Hi Sarah,

>>>

>>> I will be attending Sessions' appearance at the rotary club in Des Moines. Can you forward me any details on the event? Will there be time for a quick question?

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>>> Emilie Ikeda, Fox News

>>> (b)(6)

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**Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)**

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**From:** Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2018 11:09 PM  
**To:** Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) - Personal Email Address  
**Bcc:** Stephen.Azzato@nbcuni.com; ajaffe@curiouseye.tv; mhorine@curiouseye.tv; emilie.ikeda@FOXNEWS.COM  
**Subject:** AG Press Logistics for Speech to the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM

Good evening,

You are receiving this email because you or a colleague RSVP'd for the Attorney General's speech tomorrow, Friday, August 17, 2018 at the Wakonda Club at 7:30 A.M. CDT. The contents of this email are off the record and for planning purposes only (unless otherwise specified).

For reporting purposes, his remarks will be to the **Rotary Club of Des Moines AM**.

**Location**

Wakonda Club  
3915 Fleur Dr.  
Des Moines, IA 50321

**Check-in/Security**

Every member of the media must check in at the table through the entrance doors. You must be RSVP'd and present valid media credentials and a government issued ID to enter. All press will then be directed to the area for set up.

**Preset/Camera logistics**

Cameras and gear must arrive no later than 6:15 a.m. for a K9 sweep. Any media bringing cameras, gear, recording equipment etc. must be checked in and in set up location for 6:15 a.m. sweep time. Print media not bringing gear will have final access at 7:10 a.m. Cameras will be located in the left of the room facing the podium. There an estimated 40ft camera throw. We do not have a multibox for audio, so you will want portable mics for the podium for more clear audio. AG remarks will last approx. 22 mins and remarks as prepared for delivery will be emailed out to all press at the beginning of the speech. Press must pack up and leave immediately after the conclusion of the AG's remarks. There will be no press questions to the AG.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me by my cell (b)(6) or send me an email. I will be onsite tomorrow.

Thanks,

***Sarah Sutton***

Press Assistant  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Public Affairs

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Cell: (b)(6)  
Email: [sarah.e.sutton@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.e.sutton@usdoj.gov)

**Browne, Pamela**

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**From:** Browne, Pamela  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2018 5:04 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA); Gibson, Jake; Upson, Cyd; Herridge, Catherine  
**Subject:** RE: Bruce Ohr

Thank you.

**Pamela K. Browne**

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Senior Executive Producer  
Director, Long-Form Series and Specials  
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USA

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2018 5:00 PM  
**To:** Herridge, Catherine <Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM>  
**Cc:** Prior, Ian (OPA) <Ian.Prior@usdoj.gov>; Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>; Browne, Pamela <pamela.browne@foxnews.com>; Upson, Cyd <Cyd.Upson@FOXNEWS.COM>  
**Subject:** Re: Bruce Ohr

No we'll decline.

On Aug 16, 2018, at 4:51 PM, Herridge, Catherine <[Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

Good afternoon –

We have reviewed records, including work emails and handwritten notes from Bruce Ohr, that show multiple contacts with Christopher Steele as well as Glenn Simpson, who according to Ohr's notes, provided a memory stick to Ohr at a December 2016 meeting.

Ohr is scheduled for a closed door deposition before two house panels August 28. Is the department offering any further comment on his current status with DOJ and scope of his responsibilities?

If Mr. Ohr is fielding questions prior to the deposition, our queries are below.

Thank you for the consideration.

Thank you for the consideration.

Catherine V. Herridge

1. Mr. Ohr, did you serve as a "back channel" between the FBI and Steele after Steele was terminated by the FBI as a source?
2. Did you document your wife's work for Fusion GPS on government financial disclosure forms?
3. Did your wife's work for Fusion GPS, and her work on the dossier, present a conflict of interest?
4. According to your notes, in December 2016, Glenn Simpson provided a memory stick to you. What did the memory stick contain?
5. Did the memory stick include memos from the Trump dossier? Was the contents of the memory stick provided to a third party?

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**Ikeda, Emilie**

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**From:** Ikeda, Emilie  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2018 3:40 PM  
**To:** JudConf@ca8.uscourts.gov  
**Cc:** Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Fox News RSVP

Unfortunately I am on the road so hopefully typed answers will suffice. Also, I wasn't sure which address you meant - so I put my home address. I am also trying to attend the rotary club event. Does this response apply to both?

Emilie Ikeda  
Multimedia Reporter  
Fox News Channel  
TV  
3315 Roswell Rd NE apt 2052, Atlanta GA 30305  
(b)(6)  
[Emilie.ikeda@foxnews.com](mailto:Emilie.ikeda@foxnews.com)

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 16, 2018, at 2:30 PM, "[JudConf@ca8.uscourts.gov](mailto:JudConf@ca8.uscourts.gov)" <[JudConf@ca8.uscourts.gov](mailto:JudConf@ca8.uscourts.gov)> wrote:

Please complete the attached form for each registrant and return to me as soon as possible.

Thank you,  
8th Circuit Judicial Conference Staff

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**From:** "Ikeda, Emilie" <[emilie.ikeda@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:emilie.ikeda@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**To:** "[JudConf@ca8.uscourts.gov](mailto:JudConf@ca8.uscourts.gov)" <[JudConf@ca8.uscourts.gov](mailto:JudConf@ca8.uscourts.gov)>  
**Date:** 08/16/2018 01:40 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Fox News RSVP

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Hi,

I am just looking to confirm my RSVP for Sessions' appearance at the convention center. Also, can you forward me any information on the event?

Thank you,  
Emilie Ikeda

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 16, 2018, at 11:38 AM, Ikeda, Emilie <[emilie.ikeda@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:emilie.ikeda@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

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> Emilie Ikeda will be covering Sessions' appearance in Iowa. Any details on the topic of discussion?

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**Lamagna, Jenna**

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**From:** Lamagna, Jenna  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 14, 2018 12:30 PM  
**To:** Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

I appreciate any response at all! Please do let me know if there is anything I can do on my end to help make this happen in the future.

Thank you,  
Jenna

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**From:** Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) [mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 14, 2018 12:17 PM  
**To:** Lamagna, Jenna <Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

Hey Jenna,  
Thanks as always for reaching out! And sorry to sound like a broken record, but unfortunately we won't be able to make this happen (don't worry I keep sending your requests up the chain!)  
Best,  
Mark

**Mark T. Pettit**  
Confidential Assistant  
Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Office: 202.514.1449  
Cell: (b)(6)

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**From:** Lamagna, Jenna <Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 14, 2018 11:41 AM  
**To:** Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

Hi Mark,

Reaching out again in the hopes that Attorney General Sessions might be available on this – let me know!

We would love the chance to speak with the Attorney General following Thursday's School Safety Commission meeting. Please let me know if we can set up a live interview with Neil this Saturday 8/18, or a pretaped interview Friday 8/17, to air on Saturday.

Thank you!  
Jenna

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Noyes, Kirsten

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**From:** Noyes, Kirsten  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 14, 2018 9:35 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: media inquiry - Bruce Ohr status & title?

Thank you, again.

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 14, 2018 9:08 AM  
**To:** Noyes, Kirsten <kirsten.noyes@FOXNEWS.COM>  
**Cc:** Press <Press@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: media inquiry - Bruce Ohr status & title?

He is and in the criminal division

On Aug 14, 2018, at 8:39 AM, Noyes, Kirsten <[kirsten.noyes@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:kirsten.noyes@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

Hi –

Hoping you might be able to confirm if Bruce Ohr is still a Department of Justice employee.

Also, if possible, is Mr. Ohr's current title public information?

Thank you very much,

Kirsten Noyes  
Information Specialist  
Fox News Channel  
1211 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10036

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Singman, Brooke

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**From:** Singman, Brooke  
**Sent:** Monday, August 13, 2018 11:33 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News request- Strzok fired

Thank you!

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 13, 2018 11:29 AM  
**To:** Singman, Brooke <brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM>  
**Cc:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Fox News request- Strzok fired

No this was handled by FBI

On Aug 13, 2018, at 11:28 AM, Singman, Brooke <[brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

Hi Sarah and Ian,

Can you comment on the firing of FBI Special Agent Peter Strzok?

Deadline ASAP.

Thanks!

Brooke Singman  
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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[Brooke.singman@foxnews.com](mailto:Brooke.singman@foxnews.com)

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Herridge, Catherine

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**From:** Herridge, Catherine  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 11, 2018 8:56 PM  
**To:** Aloï, Diana  
**Cc:** Mckee, Susan T. (DO) (FBI); Cratty, Carol A. (DO) (FBI); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Gibson, Jake; npo@fbi.gov  
**Subject:** Re: HELLO

+FBI NPO

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 11, 2018, at 8:53 PM, Herridge, Catherine <[Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Catherine.Herridge@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

Sorry for the delay  
Have copied FBI and DOJ for assistance  
Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 11, 2018, at 3:34 PM, Aloï, Diana <[Diana.Aloi@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Diana.Aloi@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

WHO CAN I REACH OUT TO OVER AT FBI OR DOJ FOR A STATEMENT ON THIS?  
<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/trump-questions-why-fbi-hasnt-released-mccabe-text-messages-warns-i-may-have-to-get-involved>

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Aloi, Diana

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**From:** Aloi, Diana  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:49 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** request for statement

Hello we are doing this story tomorrow with Tom Fitton of judicial watch  
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/08/11/trump-threatens-get-involved-fbi-handling-andrew-mccabe-texts/965752002/>

any statement on releasing mccabe messages

best,  
Diana

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**O'Malley, Devin (OPA)**

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 9:25 AM  
**To:** Gibson, Jake  
**Subject:** For your enjoyment  
**Attachments:** FW: Good morning. Fox News Channel inquiry re: Grave v. Sessions.msg; FW: Fox News request for comment regarding Judge threatening to hold Sessions in contempt.msg; Fwd: Press Inquiry .msg; FW: Request for comment--judge halts mother daughter deportation-threatens to hold Sessions in contempt.msg

Looks like your colleagues were losing their minds about this last night 😊

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

## Press

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**From:** Press  
**Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 8:46 AM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Cc:** Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA); Press  
**Subject:** FW: Fox News request for comment regarding Judge threatening to hold Sessions in contempt

Thanks,

**Catherine Leonard**  
Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530  
202.514.2007 | Office

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**From:** Dedaj, Paulina <Paulina.dedaj@FOXNEWS.COM>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 9, 2018 8:03 PM  
**To:** Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** Fox News request for comment regarding Judge threatening to hold Sessions in contempt

Hi – My name is Paulina and I am a reporter with Fox News reaching out for a comment in regards to U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan threatening to hold U.S. AG Sessions in contempt.

Thanks you,

Paulina Dedaj  
Digital Reporter  
FoxNews.com

C: (b)(6)

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**Press**

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**From:** Press  
**Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 9:06 AM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Cc:** Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA); Press  
**Subject:** FW: Good morning. Fox News Channel inquiry re: Grave v. Sessions

Thanks,  
**Catherine Leonard**  
Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530  
202.514.2007 | Office

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**From:** LeCroy, Lillian <Lillian.LeCroy@FOXNEWS.COM>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 8:12 AM  
**To:** Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>; 531-DCDeskOps <DCdeskops@foxnews.com>  
**Subject:** Good morning. Fox News Channel inquiry re: Grave v. Sessions

Good morning,

This is Lillian LeCroy with Fox News Channel. Judge Emmett Sullivan requested that the Department of Justice give him a status update on the Grace v. Sessions case today. Have you given him an update yet? If so, can we get a copy of the update? If you haven't yet, is there a time when you will do so and can you provide us a copy and a statement at that time?

Thank you.  
Lillian

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## Press

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**From:** Press  
**Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 8:48 AM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Cc:** Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA); Press  
**Subject:** FW: Request for comment--judge halts mother daughter deportation-threatens to hold Sessions in contempt

Thanks,

Catherine Leonard  
Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530  
202.514.2007 | Office

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**From:** DiBartolo, Danielle <Danielle.DiBartolo@FOXNEWS.COM>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 9, 2018 8:21 PM  
**To:** Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Pamas, Alexandra <Alexandra.Pamas@FOXNEWS.COM>  
**Subject:** Request for comment--judge halts mother daughter deportation-threatens to hold Sessions in contempt

Good evening,

Looking to see if the DOJ has statement on following story. A federal judge in Washington state has halted a deportation in progress and threatened to hold Attorney General Jeff Sessions in contempt. This involves a woman and daughter being removed while their court hearing appealing their deportation was in progress.

Link of Washington Post article is below. If you have any information please reply all.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/immigration/judge-halts-mother-daughter-deportation-threatens-to-hold-sessions-in-contempt/2018/08/09/a23a0580-9bd6-11e8-8d5e-c6c594024954\\_story.html?noredirect=on&utm\\_term=.25aff8038185](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/immigration/judge-halts-mother-daughter-deportation-threatens-to-hold-sessions-in-contempt/2018/08/09/a23a0580-9bd6-11e8-8d5e-c6c594024954_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.25aff8038185)

Thank you,  
Danielle DiBartolo

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**Laco, Kelly (OPA)**

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**From:** Laco, Kelly (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 9, 2018 8:28 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Press Inquiry

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Dedaj, Paulina" <[paulina.dedaj@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:paulina.dedaj@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Date:** August 9, 2018 at 8:27:35 PM EDT  
**To:** "Laco, Kelly (OPA)" <[Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov](mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry

Hi Kelly,

I am a reporter with Fox News reaching out to see if the DOJ had a comment in regards to U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan threatening today to hold U.S. AG Sessions in contempt after learning that a mother and daughter were sent on a plane back to Central America despite an agreement between the DOJ and ACLU to delay the deportation.

Thanks,

Paulina

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

**From:** Laco, Kelly (OPA) [<mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 09, 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Dedaj, Paulina <[paulina.dedaj@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:paulina.dedaj@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Subject:** Press Inquiry

Hi Paulina —

Please let me know your inquiry so I can assist.

Thanks,

Kelly

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**Dedaj, Paulina**

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**From:** Dedaj, Paulina  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 9, 2018 9:08 PM  
**To:** Laco, Kelly (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry

Thanks Kelly

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

From: Laco, Kelly (OPA) [mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2018 8:54 PM  
To: Dedaj, Paulina <paulina.dedaj@FOXNEWS.COM>  
Subject: Re: Press Inquiry

Hi Paulina,

Thanks for reaching out! DOJ declines to comment.

Best,

Kelly

> On Aug 9, 2018, at 8:27 PM, Dedaj, Paulina <paulina.dedaj@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 7:43 AM  
**To:** Gibson, Jake  
**Subject:** Re: Hi Jake - Do you have anything on this?

Nope

You going to come see us today?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2018, at 7:22 AM, Gibson, Jake <[Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

Any DOJ comment on this?

Jake Gibson  
Department of Justice Producer  
Fox News Washington  
(b)(6)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Curtis, Jodie" <[Jodie.Curtis@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jodie.Curtis@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Date:** August 10, 2018 at 7:20:09 AM EDT  
**To:** "Gibson, Jake" <[Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Subject:** Hi Jake - Do you have anything on this?

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/courts\\_law/judge-halts-deportation-threatens-sessions-with-contempt/2018/08/09/3ea05406-9c1d-11e8-a8d8-9b4c13286d6b\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.bf0c894fae40](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/courts_law/judge-halts-deportation-threatens-sessions-with-contempt/2018/08/09/3ea05406-9c1d-11e8-a8d8-9b4c13286d6b_story.html?utm_term=.bf0c894fae40)



US judge halts  
deportation,  
threatens Sessions  
with contempt  
[www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)

A federal judge on  
Thursday halted a  
deportation in progress  
and threatened to hold  
Attorney General Jeff

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**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 9, 2018 9:47 PM  
**To:** Carey, Alyssa  
**Cc:** Luton, Andrew  
**Subject:** Re: Hannity Fox News Statement Request

We'll decline

On Aug 9, 2018, at 7:02 PM, Carey, Alyssa <[Alyssa.Carey@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Alyssa.Carey@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

Hello Sarah,  
Can you please send us a statement on the following story by 9pm et?  
<http://thehill.com/hilltv/rising/401185-the-handwritten-notes-exposing-what-fusion-gps-told-doj-about-trump>  
Thanks,  
Alyssa

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**From:** Carey, Alyssa  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 08, 2018 7:52 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Luton, Andrew <[Andrew.Luton@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Andrew.Luton@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Subject:** Re: Hannity Fox News Statement Request

Hi again Sarah,  
Can you provide a comment to us on this new article by 9pm et?  
<http://thehill.com/hilltv/rising/401007-opinion-top-doj-official-discussed-getting-steele-back-into-fbi-mueller-probe>

Thanks,  
Alyssa

On Aug 7, 2018, at 6:08 PM, Carey, Alyssa <[Alyssa.Carey@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Alyssa.Carey@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

Hello Sarah,  
Can you provide a statement to us on this article by 9pm et?  
<http://thehill.com/hilltv/rising/400810-opinion-how-a-senior-justice-official-helped-dems-on-trump-russia-case>

Thanks,  
Alyssa

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Gibson, Jake

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**From:** Gibson, Jake  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 9, 2018 5:30 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Flagging from today's speech

Copy that.

Jake Gibson  
Department of Justice Producer  
Fox News Washington

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> On Aug 9, 2018, at 4:57 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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> You can tell them. It's her quote--so that's easy.

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>> On Aug 9, 2018, at 4:50 PM, Gibson, Jake <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

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>> Did he identify her in the speech or I can I just tell everyone that's who he was talking about?

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>> Jake Gibson

>> Department of Justice Producer

>> Fox News Washington

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>>> On Aug 9, 2018, at 4:37 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>>> Ag calls out senator Warren:

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>>> Earlier this week, a U.S. Senator called our justice system "racist...And when I say our system, I mean all the way. I mean front to back...on the front end—what you declare to be illegal—[and] on how you enforce it, on who gets arrested."

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>>> This is a slander of every law officer and every prosecutor in America. And, frankly, I think it is an insult to their families and to the crime victims they have helped to face their attacker.

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>>> And so this slur isn't just wrong. It's sad.

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>>> Also this week, a crowd of protesters in Philadelphia chanted "no good cops in a racist system."

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>>> Our officers face enough challenges—long and unpredictable work days, threats from violent criminals, and exposure to dangerous drugs, to name a few. The last thing that you need are political leaders and fellow citizens disrespecting you and the goals that you work so hard to accomplish.

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>>> Every time an officer in the United States dies in the line of duty, it comes across my desk. And as a small expression of my appreciation, I send a condolence letter to their families.

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>>> I've already sent 70 this year.

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Neil Munro

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**From:** Neil Munro  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 9, 2018 11:20 AM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Re. request for Gene Hamilton...

Yeah, pretty dramatic.

Thanks.

FWIW, I've gotten nothing from DHS or the WH.

> On Aug 9, 2018, at 8:30 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:  
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> Hi Neil-  
>  
> Sorry for the delay. Off the record- It took a while because I've been going back and forth with our legislative affairs folks because they don't want me to discuss this matter since it's ongoing with the Hill.  
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> Here are some points on background as a source familiar:  
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> - Committee leadership did not consult with DHS or DOJ prior to the amendment being offered, which resulted in both Departments being notified the day of the vote > - Upon learning of it, both Departments immediately started engaging stakeholders (CIS, etc.) > - The Attorney General personally made multiple phone calls to committee members conveying the problems with the amendment > - It remains unclear at this time whether Yoder has contacted the Departments to discuss further despite offers to assist  
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> Devin M. O'Malley  
> Department of Justice  
> Office of Public Affairs  
> Office: (202) 353-8763  
> Cell: (b)(6)  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Neil Munro <nmunro@breitbart.com>  
> Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 5:01 PM  
> To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
> Subject: Re: Re. request for Gene Hamilton...  
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> Shall we get something today?  
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> Neil

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>> On Aug 7, 2018, at 10:24 PM, Neil Munro <nmunro@breitbart.com> wrote:

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>> Thanks and goodnight

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>>> On Aug 7, 2018, at 10:20 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>>> Trying for tomorrow

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>>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>>> On Aug 7, 2018, at 3:26 PM, Neil Munro <nmunro@breitbart.com> wrote:

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>>>> Any idea of a date?

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>>>>> On Aug 7, 2018, at 3:25 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>>>>> Gene is likely unable to do a call, but we are working on putting something on paper for you.

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>>>>> Devin M. O'Malley

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>>>>> From: Neil Munro <nmunro@breitbart.com>

>>>>> Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 3:24 PM

>>>>> To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>

>>>>> Subject: Re: Re. request for Gene Hamilton...

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>>>>> Any progress on talking with Gene Hamilton?

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>>>>> Neil

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>>>>>> On Aug 6, 2018, at 3:34 PM, Neil Munro <nmunro@breitbart.com> wrote:

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>>>>>> No deadline.

>>>>>> He can call me at 2am if that suits him.

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>>>>>> Neil

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>>>>>> On Aug 6, 2018, at 3:31 PM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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>>>>>> Thanks, Neil. I'm trying to determine if Gene's schedule allows for this. Did you have a deadline you are working on?

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>>>>>> -----Original Message-----

>>>>>> From: Neil Munro <nmunro@breitbart.com>

>>>>>> Sent: Monday, August 6, 2018 3:28 PM

>>>>>> To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>

>>>>>> Subject: Re. request for Gene Hamilton...

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>>>>>> Devin,

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>>>>>> I'm trying to write up the Yoder fisaco of an appropriations bill.

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>>>>>> I'd like to speak to Hamilton about the administration's pushback before, during and after the vote, and what reassurances they've gotten back from Ryan or MacCarthy about the changes in the appropriations bill.

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>>>>>> Neil Munro

>>>>>> Breitbart

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 8, 2018 7:07 PM  
**To:** Laura.Jarrett@cnn.com; Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM; jmordock@washingtontimes.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: \*\*EMBARGOED\*\* ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS DELIVERS REMARKS AT THE ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM'S SUMMIT ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018

**ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS DELIVERS  
REMARKS AT THE ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM'S  
SUMMIT ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

*Remarks as prepared for delivery*

Thank you all for being here.

On behalf of the President of the United States, Donald Trump, I want to thank all of you for your work for and commitment to religious freedom at such a time as this.

As President Trump said to the National Prayer Breakfast last year, "freedom of religion is a sacred right, but it is also...under threat all around us...I've never seen it so openly [threatened]."

This is a problem around the world.

In the Middle East, some religious minorities like the Yazidis and Christians, after centuries of coexistence with religious majorities, are facing the possibility of extinction.

In Russia, it is illegal to be a Jehovah's Witness or to publish their translation of the Bible.

In the Philippines, three Catholic priests have been assassinated so far this year. In June, a priest was shot to death at the altar right in front of the congregation.

According to Pew Research, 82 countries have "high" or "very high" restrictions on religion.

These facts reflect a rise in religious persecution in areas of the world where religious groups have been able to live peacefully together.

To avoid such results, our Founders made a commitment to religious freedom



that was truly historic—and it remains exceptional today.

The Founders understood the evil of religious persecution and violence. They intended this country to be a safe haven where law-abiding people could live quietly, justly, and devoutly.

The dearest expression of this idea perhaps came from James Madison and shaped the American consensus.

Americans moved from the Locke view of tolerating people's religious views to respecting and acknowledging one's right to freely exercise their religious faith.

As Madison expressed it: "Religion; or the duty one owes to our Creator," cannot be directed by government power, and that duty "... is precedent in order of time and degree of obligation to the claims of civil society." He declared that right, "Unalienable."

The final product—the First Amendment—actually gives religious expression a double protection in the supreme law of the land. Not only do we possess freedom to exercise our beliefs but we also enjoy the freedom of speech.

Twenty years later, in 1812, former President John Adams remarked that "nothing is more dreaded than the National Government meddling with Religion."

Adams and Jefferson were political opponents—but they agreed on the human right of religious freedom. But that consensus seems to be eroding. We've seen nuns ordered to pay for contraceptives. We've seen U.S. Senators ask judicial and executive branch nominees about their dogma—a clear reference to their religious beliefs—even though the Constitution explicitly forbids a religious test for public office.

Here in Georgia, there was a religious liberty bill proposed in the legislature. Those moral enforcers, Bob and Harvey Weinstein, were so offended that they threatened to stop filming their movies here. The people of Georgia don't measure up to the Weinstein standard.

And, of course, we've seen the ordeal faced bravely by Jack Phillips. He simply refused to yield his beliefs. And perhaps most tragically, I hear that his ordeal is far from over. But that's why ADF and other groups are right to give serious thought to and to take action on these matters.

The people of this nation are still the most religious nation in the developed world.

Yet people of faith are facing a new hostility. Really, a bigoted ideology which is founded on animus towards people of faith.

You'll notice that they don't rely on the facts. They don't make better arguments. They don't propose higher ideals.

No, they just call people names—like "hate group."

Does that sound familiar?

You know I'm from Alabama—the home of the Southern Poverty Law Center, an organization that did important work in the South, vital work at a pivotal time. As you know well, the law is only words on paper until there are people brave enough to stand up for their rights.

There were hate groups in the South I grew up in. They attacked the life, liberty, and the very worth of minority citizens. You may not know this, but I helped prosecute and secure the death penalty for a klansman who murdered a black teenager in my state. The resulting wrongful death suit led to a \$7 million verdict and the bankruptcy of the Klu Klux Klan in the South. That case was brought by



the Southern Poverty Law Center.

But when I spoke to ADF last year, I learned that the Southern Poverty Law Center had classified ADF as a "hate group." Many in the media simply parroted it as fact. Amazon relied solely on the SPLC designation and removed ADF from its Smile program, which allows customers to donate to charities.

They have used this designation as a weapon and they have wielded it against conservative organizations that refuse to accept their orthodoxy and choose instead to speak their conscience. They use it to bully and intimidate groups like yours which fight for the religious freedom, the civil rights, and the constitutional rights of others.

You and I may not agree on everything—but I wanted to come back here tonight partly because I wanted to say this: you are not a hate group.

You have a 9-0 record at the Supreme Court over the past seven years—and that includes two of the most important cases of the last term. Two of those nine cases were 7-2, one was per curiam, and one was 9-0. In the lower courts, you've won hundreds of free speech cases.

That's an impressive record. These are not fringe beliefs that you're defending.

You endeavor to affirm the Constitution and American values.

As for me, I am not going to apologize for the United States of America or our First Amendment. I am not ashamed of this country or our people. This is the greatest, most generous country in the history of the world.

Let me say this loud and clear: at the Department of Justice, we will not partner with hate groups. Not on my watch.

I have ordered a review at the Department of Justice to make sure that we do not partner with any groups that discriminate. We will not partner with groups that unfairly defame Americans for standing up for the Constitution or their faith.

The American people care about this issue. Many people are deeply concerned about it.

Americans from a wide variety of faiths are asking themselves, how much longer until I am in Jack Phillips' position? How much longer until the state, the media, the academy, the tech companies, or the global corporations come down on me because of my beliefs?

Fortunately, President Donald Trump has heard these concerns. Unlike some, he is not afraid of the name-calling and the fake news. He has endured relentless media attacks in order to speak up for the forgotten people of this country. He made a promise—and from day one of this administration he has delivered. He is defending religious freedom at home and abroad.

Just last week, the Treasury Department sanctioned Turkey's Minister of Justice and Minister of the Interior, both of whom played leading roles in the arrest of American pastor Andrew Brunson.

Turkey was kind enough to return the favor—and sanction me. Yes, I was informed that they have frozen all of my Turkish assets.

President Trump has appointed 24 circuit court judges, more than any other president at this point in his presidency. One out of every seven circuit court judges is a Trump judge.

These are judges who will honor their oath to serve under the Constitution and laws of the United States. They are not above them.



Shortly after he took office, President Trump directed me to issue legal guidance to ensure that all executive agencies would faithfully apply the religious liberty protections in federal law.

Our team embraced that challenge. I spoke about it at the ADF conference in Dana Point last July.

I issued that guidance in October, and it lays out 20 fundamental principles for the Executive Branch to follow.

Under this guidance, the federal government is not just reacting—we are actively seeking, carefully, thoughtfully and lawfully, to accommodate people of faith.

And under President Donald Trump, this Department of Justice is going to court across America to defend the rights of people of faith.

We are aggressively enforcing our civil rights laws, our hate crimes laws, and laws protecting churches and faith groups.

Since January 2017, we have obtained 11 indictments and eight convictions in cases involving arson or other attacks or threats against houses of worship. Our Civil Rights Division has also obtained 13 indictments in other attacks or threats against people because of their religion. And we are not slowing down.

Three weeks ago, we obtained a jury verdict against a man who set fire to a mosque in Texas and a man from Missouri for threatening to kill members of a mosque.

Yesterday, we obtained a life sentence for a man who murdered an Indian-American man—a Sikh as it turned out—because he thought he was Muslim.

And in addition to protecting the safety of people of faith, we are also protecting them against unjust discrimination.

The Department of Justice has settled 24 civil cases with 90 plaintiffs regarding the previous administration's wrong application of the contraception mandate to objecting religious employers.

Earlier this year, a district court in Colorado issued a permanent injunction protecting the Little Sisters of the Poor from a government mandate that unnecessarily and unlawfully restricted their right to exercise their faith. In this case, the Department took the unusual step of formally switching sides in the case from the previous administration to successfully support the result that they sought.

In January, we filed a brief in a Montana court to defend parents who claim that the state barred their children from a private school scholarship program because they attend a religious school.

We also filed an amicus brief on behalf of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., which was refused advertising space for having a religious message.

And we filed supporting briefs in two ADF wins you may have been celebrating this week—Masterpiece Cake Shop and NIFLA.

We got involved in a lawsuit filed by ADF against Georgia Gwinnett College, a taxpayer-funded school that punished a student for sharing his faith outside of a designated "free speech zone."

How big was that free speech zone? Just 0.0015 percent of campus — and even inside the free speech zone, you need permission. Give me a break. It is exercise of religion and free speech.

There has been a lot to be proud of in the past year. But at the Department of

Justice, we are taking steps to become even more effective for the years ahead.

In June, I announced the “Place to Worship” Initiative. Under this initiative, the Department of Justice is holding public events across America and improving training for federal prosecutors about legal protections for houses of worship.

That same day, we filed suit against a town in New Jersey for using zoning regulations to allegedly discriminate against an Orthodox Jewish congregation that tried for eight years without success to buy land for a synagogue.

In July, we filed a brief in federal court supporting the case of a Hindu temple in Maryland that claimed to have suffered discrimination in its attempts to purchase land.

Last Monday we held a religious liberty summit at the Department of Justice and I announced our next steps. I announced our new Religious Liberty Task Force.

More than 100,000 people tweeted about it. It was the third most tweeted-about topic on Earth at one point that day. Late-night comedians joked about it—although ‘joke’ is a generous term for their doings.

Contrary to the elites and their “resistance,” this task force is simply going to help us fully protect our religious freedoms that are preexisting, unalienable.

It will make sure that we practice what we preach by holding federal agencies accountable to federal law.

It will help us identify more cases that are right and just and deserve to be brought.

We intend to keep winning.

We will not be intimidated, of that you can be sure.

Under President Donald Trump, we are going to continue to uphold the Founders’ tradition of religious liberty—and we will keep defending the rights of the American people.

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**O'Malley, Devin (OPA)**

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 8, 2018 6:42 PM  
**To:** Fanning, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** RE: Can you call me ASAP?

Awesome....I wonder if the Mayor will stand to account, or if any of the press who misreported child separations will report on this.

**Devin M. O'Malley**  
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**From:** Fanning, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 8, 2018 5:09 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Can you call me ASAP?

We're covering this tonight

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA) [mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 07, 2018 6:39 PM  
**To:** Fanning, Elizabeth <[Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Subject:** Can you call me ASAP?

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**Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)**

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**From:** Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 8, 2018 1:42 PM  
**To:** Lillian.LeCroy@FOXNEWS.COM  
**Subject:** RE: Good afternoon. Checking to get information about AG Sessions speaking at Alliance Defending Freedom's Summit

Hi Lillian,

No cameras or photographers attending this event, but you will have access to his remarks livestreamed [here](#).

Thanks!

Sarah

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**From:** LeCroy, Lillian <[Lillian.LeCroy@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Lillian.LeCroy@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 8, 2018 12:39 PM  
**To:** Press <[Press@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:Press@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Good afternoon. Checking to get information about AG Sessions speaking at Alliance Defending Freedom's Summit

Good afternoon,

This is Lillian LeCroy with Fox News Channel. Can we please send our photographer to cover Attorney General Session's speech to the Alliance Defending Freedom Summit tonight. We tried to call the organization and they told us that they could not disclose the location of the event. This seems very strange to me. Is the event happening at the Department of Justice? Can Fox send a camera to cover if we decide we want to? Do you have a good contact at the organization? Do you know where it is taking place?

Thanks so much.

Lillian

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**Press**

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**From:** Press  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 8, 2018 1:38 PM  
**To:** LeCroy, Lillian  
**Cc:** Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA); Press  
**Subject:** RE: Good afternoon. Checking to get information about AG Sessions speaking at Alliance Defending Freedom's Summit

Hi Lillian, the Department of Justice is not disclosing the location of this event.

Thank you,

**Catherine Leonard**  
Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530  
202.514.2007 | Office

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**O'Malley, Devin (OPA)**

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 7, 2018 6:39 PM  
**To:** Fanning, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** Can you call me ASAP?  
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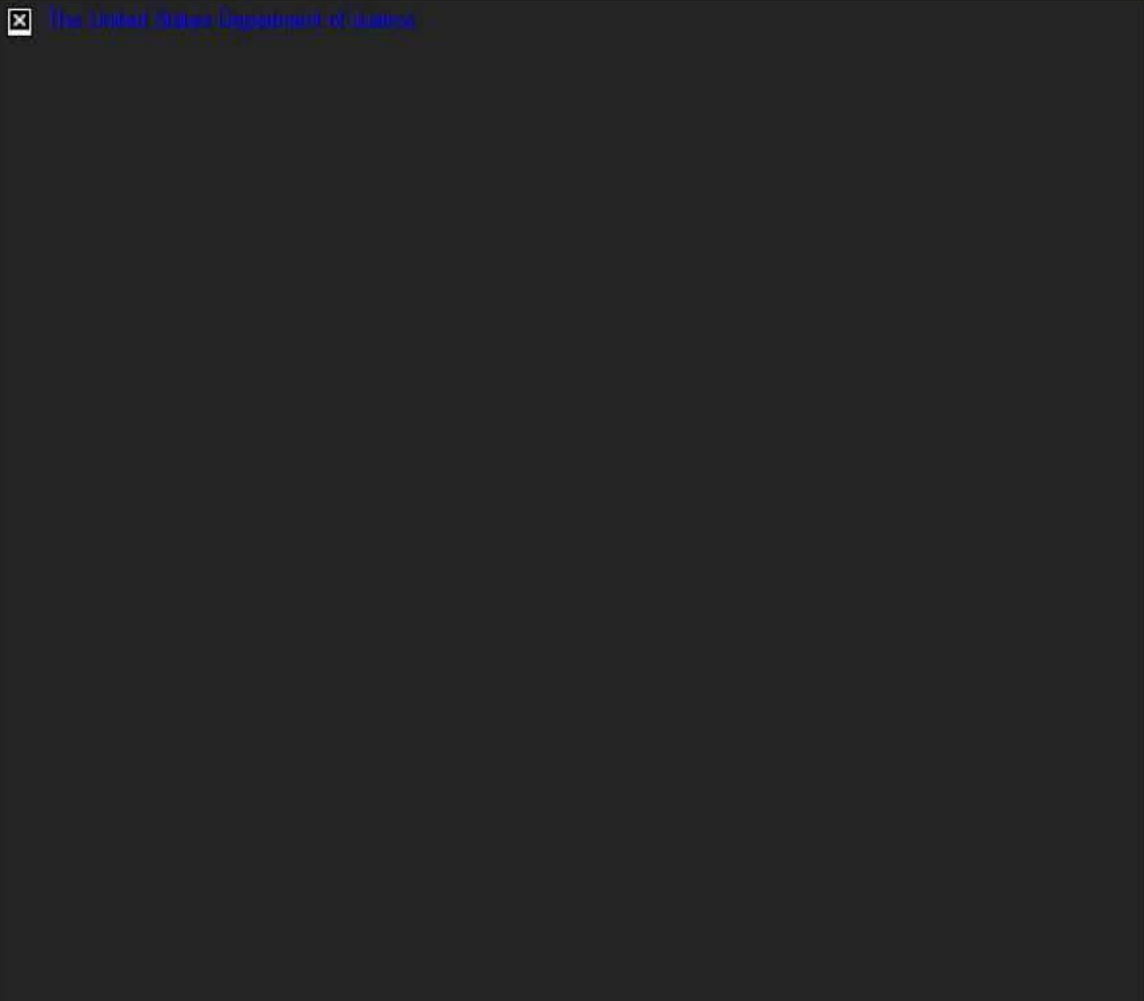
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**From:** USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs  
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**Subject:** DEFENDANT RELEASED FROM LOCAL CUSTODY DESPITE OUTSTANDING ICE DETAINER  
PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL REENTRY FOLLOWING PHILADELPHIA CONVICTION FOR  
RAPE OF CHILD

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Eastern District of Pennsylvania

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**DEFENDANT RELEASED FROM LOCAL CUSTODY DESPITE  
OUTSTANDING ICE DETAINER PLEADS GUILTY TO**

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

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**To:** Gibson, Jake; Singman, Brooke  
**Subject:** FW: DEFENDANT RELEASED FROM LOCAL CUSTODY DESPITE OUTSTANDING ICE DETAINER PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL REENTRY FOLLOWING PHILADELPHIA CONVICTION FOR RAPE OF CHILD

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August 7, 2018

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**O'Malley, Devin (OPA)**

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 7, 2018 2:13 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA); Gibson, Jake  
**Subject:** RE: Question about this weekend

[Brian.McGinn@usdoj.gov](mailto:Brian.McGinn@usdoj.gov)

**Devin M. O'Malley**  
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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 7, 2018 2:06 PM  
**To:** Gibson, Jake <[Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Cc:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <[domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Question about this weekend

I'd reach out to wdva office

On Aug 7, 2018, at 1:53 PM, Gibson, Jake <[Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

Hello there!  
Hope all is well with you all...  
Any guidance on this?

Thanks!

Jake Gibson  
Department of Justice Producer  
Fox News Washington  
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**From:** "Buchholz, Jenny" <[Jenny.Buchholz@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jenny.Buchholz@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Date:** August 7, 2018 at 1:14:51 PM EDT  
**To:** "Gibson, Jake" <[Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Subject:** Question about this weekend

Hey Jake!

I know you are busy with Manafort stuff, but any chance you can reach out and see what level of involvement Federal Law Enforcement will have in Charlottesville safety this weekend on anniversary of last year's violent rally? Also for the Lafayette Park Unite the Right 2 rally?



Thank you!

**Jenny Buchholz**

*Producer, Fox News Channel*

*Washington, DC Bureau*

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**McDonnell, Brigid Mary**

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**From:** McDonnell, Brigid Mary  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 7, 2018 1:20 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Shannon Tomorrow?

Yes absolutely would work

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 7, 2018, at 1:05 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

I don't think this week will work bc of travel but maybe next week would and should still be fresh enough?

On Aug 7, 2018, at 11:21 AM, McDonnell, Brigid Mary  
<[BrigidMary.McDonnell@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:BrigidMary.McDonnell@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

Hey Sarah -

Would the AG be avail to join Shannon before or after this tomorrow? Lots of interesting pending religious liberty cases right now.

Thx!

**Subject: AG Sessions religious liberty speech available via  
livestream Wednesday**

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**WHO:** U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions

**WHAT:** Livestream of speech to attendees of the ADF Summit on Religious Liberty

**WHEN:** [Wednesday, Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m. EDT](#)

**WHERE:** [ADF Facebook page livestream](#)

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Ross, Lee

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**From:** Ross, Lee  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 7, 2018 11:38 AM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Hello from inside what must be

No no. Three judge panel. Clinton-Bush-Obama appointees. We might get a sense of where they're thinking. From questions. But that's always a tricky read.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 7, 2018, at 8:36 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>  
> I doubt he'll rule today though, right?

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> From: Ross, Lee <lee.ross@FOXNEWS.COM>  
> Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 11:35 AM  
> To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
> Subject: Re: Hello from inside what must be

>  
> Thank you. Not from here. Today. Brief filed. Arguments to come. Ruling.....????? That'd I'd think might warrant reax.

>  
> Sent from my iPhone

>> On Aug 7, 2018, at 8:33 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov> wrote:

>>  
>> Wow that is nice....let me know if DOJ will need to respond to anything, but I don't expect too much today.

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>> Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 11:28 AM

>> To: O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <domalley@jmd.usdoj.gov>

>> Subject: Hello from inside what must be

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>> The most beautiful courthouse in the country. Ninth circuit coa in Pasadena.

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>> Here for enviros appeal of Judge Curiel s ruling earlier this year upholding dhs use of waivers for border wall.

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**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 6, 2018 8:41 PM  
**To:** Carey, Alyssa  
**Subject:** Re: Hannity Statement Request

We'll decline. Thanks.

On Aug 6, 2018, at 8:13 PM, Carey, Alyssa <[Alyssa.Carey@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Alyssa.Carey@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

Hi Sarah,  
Any comment on this article?

**DOJ Refusing to Preserve Work-Related Emails from Comey's Private Account**  
<https://saraacarter.com/doj-refusing-to-preserve-work-related-emails-from-comeys-private-account/>

We just found out we will be covering tonight and wanted to reach out.  
Deadline is 8:45pm et.  
Thanks!  
Alyssa

Alyssa Carey  
"Hannity"

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jcarney@breitbart.com

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**From:** jcarney@breitbart.com  
**Sent:** Monday, August 6, 2018 4:58 PM  
**To:** Prior, Ian (OPA)  
**Cc:** Edwards, Jeremy M. (OPA)  
**Subject:** AT&T Appeal

Do you guys have a copy of the AT&T appeal filed today that you can send my way?

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John Carney  
Finance and Economics Editor,  
Breitbart News  
jcarney@breitbart.com  
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@carney



Neil Munro

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**From:** Neil Munro  
**Sent:** Monday, August 6, 2018 1:36 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** Can I talk to Gene Hamilton?

Devin,

Can I talk to Gene Hamilton?

I'd like to find out what the DoJ is doing to head off Yoder's catch-and-release amendment.

Neil Munro  
Breitbart News  
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## Amanda House

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**From:** Amanda House  
**Sent:** Friday, August 3, 2018 12:17 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Devin - Radio - Breitbart News Special from Border

Thank you Devin. That would be awesome.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 3, 2018, at 9:45 AM, O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <[Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov](mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Hi Amanda-

Let me see if someone is able to come on.

If someone is, I will reach back out.

Thanks

Devin

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 2, 2018, at 3:14 AM, Amanda House <[ahouse@breitbart.com](mailto:ahouse@breitbart.com)> wrote:

Hi Devin-

Reaching out to see if someone from DOJ could join me [this Sunday evening](#) for a special episode of Breitbart News Sunday.

I will be hosting live from the US Mexico border after spending a week down here. (Brandon Darby will be my co-host).

The show will be focused on the border, immigration, all that the Trump administration has done / hasn't done.

Would love to have someone from DOJ come on for 10-15 mins to talk about everything Y'all are doing.

The show is [from 7-10pm ET Sunday](#).

Please let me know if we can make this happen and if so, what time works best!

Amanda

Sent from my iPhone

**Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)**

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**From:** Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 3, 2018 10:45 AM  
**To:** jean.lee@FOXNEWS.COM  
**Subject:** RE: YOUR WORLD/FOX NEWS INTERVIEW REQUEST

Hello Jean,

Thank you for reaching out! Unfortunately we will not be able to fulfill your request.

Best,  
Mark Pettit

**Mark T. Pettit**  
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**From:** Lee, Jean <jean.lee@FOXNEWS.COM>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 3, 2018 9:53 AM  
**To:** Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** YOUR WORLD/FOX NEWS INTERVIEW REQUEST

Good Morning,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Jean Lee, and I'm a producer for "Your World w/Cavuto" on Fox News. I am reaching out to see if Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein is available in the 4pmET hour today to join and discuss calls for his possible impeachment. Please let me know.

Thanks,

*Jean Lee*

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Gibson, Jake

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**From:** Gibson, Jake  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 2, 2018 5:57 PM  
**To:** Reuss, Andy (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Justice response request: Four U.S. cities sue over Trump 'sabotage' of Obamacare

Copy that.

Thanks.

Jake Gibson  
Department of Justice Producer  
Fox News Washington  
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On Aug 2, 2018, at 5:27 PM, Reuss, Andy (OPA) <[Andy.Reuss@usdoj.gov](mailto:Andy.Reuss@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Hey Jake-we'll decline to comment. Thanks!

On Aug 2, 2018, at 2:32 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Adding andy since I think it'll be civil

On Aug 2, 2018, at 3:15 PM, Gibson, Jake <[Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

Any DOJ comment?  
Evidently WH is referring questions to you...

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**Date:** August 2, 2018 at 3:12:30 PM EDT  
**To:** 144-Justicebeat <[Justicebeat@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Justicebeat@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Subject:** FW: Justice response request: Four U.S. cities sue over Trump 'sabotage' of Obamacare

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**From:** Brown, Kristin  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 23, 2018 3:06 PM

**Sent:** Thursday, August 02, 2018 3:00 PM  
**To:** Vogel, Phil <[phil.vogel@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:phil.vogel@FOXNEWS.COM)>; 041-WHUNIT <[41-WHUNIT@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:41-WHUNIT@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Subject:** Re: WH response request: Four U.S. cities sue over Trump 'sabotage' of Obamacare

The White House has referred comment on this to DOJ.

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**From:** Vogel, Phil  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 2, 2018 12:03 PM  
**To:** 041-WHUNIT  
**Subject:** WH response request: Four U.S. cities sue over Trump 'sabotage' of Obamacare

## **BC-USA-OBAMACARE/LAWSUIT**

### **Four U.S. cities sue over**

### **Trump 'sabotage' of Obamacare**

By Nate Raymond

Aug 2 (Reuters) - Four major U.S. cities filed a lawsuit on

Thursday contending that President Donald Trump's administration is unconstitutionally seeking to undermine Obamacare by failing to faithfully execute the healthcare law.

The complaint in federal court in Baltimore, filed by the cities of Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio, alleged that the Republican president is "waging a relentless campaign to sabotage and, ultimately, to nullify the law."

The lawsuit argued that because Congress has not repealed the Affordable Care Act, as Obamacare is legally known, the U.S. Constitution requires Trump to take care that it, like other laws, is "faithfully executed."

The cities in Ohio, Maryland and Illinois contended that the

contended that the administration's actions are forcing them to spend more on uncompensated care for their residents by driving up the rate of uninsured individuals.

The complaint said Trump has defied his obligation to uphold the law by taking executive actions aimed at undercutting it after he failed to get Congress to repeal the law, as he promised to do in his campaign.

"By actively and avowedly wielding executive authority to sabotage the ACA, defendants are not acting in good faith; instead, they have usurped Congress's lawmaking function, and they are violating the Constitution," the complaint said.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The Affordable Care Act was enacted in 2010 under Democratic President Barack Obama. The law extended health insurance to some 20 million Americans.

The lawsuit cited several actions Trump's administration has taken to undercut Obamacare. For instance, it pointed to cuts to funding for groups that help people get insurance through the law.

It also noted that the administration last year said it would halt so-called cost-sharing reductions, which affect some



payments, which offset some out-of-pocket healthcare costs for low-income patients.

In support of its claims that Trump has sabotaged the law, the complaint cites statements by the president like "we are getting rid of Obamacare" and "essentially, we have gotten rid of it."

The cities also cited a recent rule adopted by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in April that the lawsuit said would increase the cost of health coverage and impose new barriers to enrollment.

The lawsuit said that rule lacked adequate justification and violated the text of the Affordable Care Act itself.

(Reporting by Nate Raymond in Boston;  
Editing by David Gregorio)

**REUTERS**

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**Brown, Kristin**

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**From:** Brown, Kristin  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 2, 2018 5:26 PM  
**To:** Reuss, Andy (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: For Fox News - response to Obamacare lawsuit?

Thank you!

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**From:** Reuss, Andy (OPA) <Andy.Reuss@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 2, 2018 5:24 PM  
**To:** Brown, Kristin  
**Subject:** Re: For Fox News - response to Obamacare lawsuit?

Hey Kristin- we'll decline to comment. Thanks!

On Aug 2, 2018, at 2:34 PM, Brown, Kristin <[Kristin.brown@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Kristin.brown@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

Oh great - thank you! Sorry to double up!

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA) <[Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov](mailto:Devin.O'Malley@usdoj.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 2, 2018 3:33 PM  
**To:** Brown, Kristin  
**Cc:** Reuss, Andy (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: For Fox News - response to Obamacare lawsuit?

Adding Andy who is also working with Jake Gibson

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 2, 2018, at 3:23 PM, Brown, Kristin <[Kristin.brown@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Kristin.brown@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

Hi Devin! Do you think DOJ will have any response/reaction to this Obamacare lawsuit, below? It's for our 6pm/Bret Baier show and the WH has directed us over to you all at DOJ.

Thanks very much!

Kristin Brown  
White House Producer  
Fox News Channel  
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**From:** Vogel, Phil

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 12:03 PM

To: 041-WHUNIT

Subject: WH response request: Four U.S. cities sue over Trump 'sabotage' of  
Obamacare

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**O'Malley, Devin (OPA)**

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 2, 2018 4:19 PM  
**To:** imason@breitbart.com  
**Subject:** something you might be interested in

On the Holder Clemency Initiative....it was so important to them that they considered taking \$500k from the floundering immigration court system.

In 2014, the Department considered reallocating approximately \$500,000 from the budget of the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) to [the Office of the Pardon Attorney] in order to temporarily increase OPA's staffing resources and further the [Clemency] Initiative. However, OPA's Executive Officer told us that, after careful consideration, the Department instead elected to use FY 2015 funds from JMD's Special Project Fund and allocated \$280,000 to OPA in FY 2015. Although these funds allowed OPA to obtain three full-time attorney detailees in FY2015...

<https://oig.justice.gov/reports/2018/e1804.pdf>

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Singman, Brooke

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**From:** Singman, Brooke  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 1, 2018 10:10 AM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Trump tweet - calling on AG Sessions to end "Witch Hunt"

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 1, 2018, at 10:06 AM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Nope

On Aug 1, 2018, at 9:01 AM, Singman, Brooke <[brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:brooke.singman@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

Hi Sarah and Ian,

Hope you're well.

Do you have a comment on President Trump's latest tweet, calling on Attorney General Sessions to "stop this Rigged Witch Hunt" ? Referring to Special Counsel Robert Mueller's probe.

Deadline ASAP.

Thanks!

Brooke Singman  
Politics Reporter, Fox News Channel

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[Brooke.singman@foxnews.com](mailto:Brooke.singman@foxnews.com)

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**Lamagna, Jenna**

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**From:** Lamagna, Jenna  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 1, 2018 9:59 AM  
**To:** Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

Good Morning Mark,

Been some time since we spoke last! I wanted to check in and see if we are still on your radar for a potential interview with the Attorney General? I would love to make something work in the near future for an interview set to air Saturday morning between 10am and noon. We can do this live, or pretape.

If there is a chance that the Attorney General may be available this Saturday, David Asman will be hosting and would be grateful for the interview as well.

Please do let me know if there are any questions I can answer in the hopes of getting this on the books sometime soon!

Best,  
Jenna

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**From:** Lamagna, Jenna  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2018 9:14 AM  
**To:** 'Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)' <Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

Hi Mark, hope all is well! I wanted to check in today and see if there is any progress towards having the Attorney General join Neil? We would appreciate his time at any point this week – during the weekdays or this Saturday – to discuss immigration.

Please let me know if there are any questions I can answer or if you think it might be possible this week.

Neil is live on Fox Business Network weekdays 12-2pm, and Fox News Channel weekdays 4-5pm, Saturday 10am-noon.

Thank you!

Jenna

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**From:** Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) [<mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 05, 2018 12:06 PM  
**To:** Lamagna, Jenna <[Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

No worries and I will let them know for sure!

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**From:** Lamagna, Jenna <[Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 5, 2018 12:04 PM  
**To:** Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <[mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

I appreciate that, thanks Mark. Please do let me know if there is any information I can provide to help the process!

Jenna

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**From:** Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) [<mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 05, 2018 12:03 PM  
**To:** Lamagna, Jenna <[Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

Hey Jenna,  
Sorry for the incredible delay! I am still reminding the team about y'all when I see them. When they are able to schedule it they've assured me they'll reach out. Thanks again!  
-Mark

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**From:** Lamagna, Jenna <[Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 5, 2018 12:00 PM  
**To:** Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <[mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

Hi Mark,

Hope all is well! Just circling back on this to see if there is any opportunity to set up an interview with Neil and the Attorney General?

I look forward to hearing back on this!

Best,  
Jenna

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**From:** Lamagna, Jenna  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 16, 2018 10:57 AM



**To:** 'Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)' <[Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov](mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

Good Morning Mark,

Hope all is well! I wanted to follow up with you on some of our interview options in the hopes of setting something up with Neil and the Attorney General

- Live Saturday 10am to noon
- Pretape Friday for Saturday air
- Picking a date for Neil to come to DC and sit down with the AG

Please let me know your thoughts!

Best,  
Jenna

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**From:** Lamagna, Jenna  
**Sent:** Friday, May 04, 2018 11:53 AM  
**To:** 'Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)' <[Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov](mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

Hi Mark – checking back in to see what you think about a pretaped interview tonight with Neil to air tomorrow morning?

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**From:** Lamagna, Jenna  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2018 3:32 PM  
**To:** 'Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)' <[Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov](mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

Hi Mark,

I wanted to offer another possible opportunity to have the Attorney General join Neil; Neil is willing and is interested in traveling to DC to sit down with the Attorney General one on one. Ideally this would be for our Saturday show – so live Saturday morning, 10am to noon EST, or pretaped Friday night to air exclusively the next day.

Neil does have other shows during the week; we can discuss those options if necessary. With that in mind, though, this interview would get play across Fox News and Fox Business in a unique way, given that Neil is on the air throughout the week.

Is this something we can work on setting up? When might be the next available weekend to make this happen?

Thank you for help, and hoping we can make this work.

Best,  
Jenna

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**From:** Lamagna, Jenna  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2018 9:33 AM  
**To:** Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <[Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov](mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays



I appreciate that Mark, please do keep us in mind. We can also pretape on Fridays if that helps with the Attorney General's scheduling.

Thanks for your communication!

Best,  
Jenna

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**From:** Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) [<mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2018 9:26 AM  
**To:** Lamagna, Jenna <[Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

Hey Jenna,

Sorry for the delay! Unfortunately we will not be able to make this work. But I will make sure the office keeps y'all in mind when we get a chance to make it happen.

Best,  
Mark Pettit

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**From:** Lamagna, Jenna <[Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 3, 2018 8:30 AM  
**To:** Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <[mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

Hello, following up on my note below. This would be a pertinent week to have the Attorney General join – please let me know if we can work on setting this up.

Thank you!

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**From:** Lamagna, Jenna  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2018 9:39 AM  
**To:** 'Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)' <[Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov](mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

Hi Mark, good morning! Hope all is well! Checking back in with you today to see what your thoughts are on setting something up between Neil and the Attorney General? We would love to get him live on Neil's Saturday show between 10am – noon EST, either this Saturday 5/5, or in the near future.

If location or time is at all an issue, please know that we can send a camera directly to the Attorney General. Neil discusses matters pertaining to the DOJ week after week on his Saturday show, and hearing from the AG himself would be invaluable to our viewers.

Please let me know what you think.

Best,  
Jenna

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**From:** Lamagna, Jenna  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 11:30 AM  
**To:** 'Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)' <[Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov](mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

Hi Mark,

Hope you're doing well!

Just wanted to send you a quick note to check if we're still on your radar – hoping to set up an interview in the near future with Neil and Attorney General Sessions. Please let me know what information you might need from me in order to make this happen.

Neil's Saturday morning show was top-rated this past weekend, and has been highly-rated week after week. I do hope to set something up for this Saturday or a Saturday in the near future between 10am and noon EST.

Thanks again,

Jenna

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**From:** Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) [<mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 03, 2018 2:41 PM  
**To:** Lamagna, Jenna <[Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

Hey Jenna,  
Thanks again for reaching out! Unfortunately we cannot fulfill your request.  
Best,  
Mark Pettit

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**From:** Lamagna, Jenna <[Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 9:56 AM  
**To:** Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) <[mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:mtpettit@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

Good Morning Mark,

Hope all is well!



I wanted to check back in with you to see if we might be able to plan on a Saturday in the near future for the Attorney General to join Neil on his Saturday AM show? We have been closely following matters concerning the Department of Justice and ongoing topics that would be of interest to the Attorney General, and having his comments on the show would be invaluable to our viewers.

Again, Neil is live on Saturdays from 10am to noon EST. I am happy to discuss a pretape option if we believe that is necessary.

Please let me know if we can set something up soon.

Best,  
Jenna

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**From:** Lamagna, Jenna  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 07, 2018 11:05 AM  
**To:** 'Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)' <[Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov](mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturdays

Hi Mark,

Thank you again for connecting with me last week – I always appreciate when I know I'm able to get in direct contact with someone, and I hope to be able to work with you in the upcoming weeks and months.

I would like to put in another request for Attorney General Sessions to discuss the lawsuit against the State of California. My hope is that he might be available this Saturday between 10am and noon EST. David Asman is filling in for Neil this weekend and we would love to be able to have him speak with the Attorney General.

If he is not available this Saturday, can we look ahead in the calendar to find a weekend that might work?

Thanks again for working with me on this.

Best,  
Jenna

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**From:** Lamagna, Jenna  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 01, 2018 1:19 PM  
**To:** 'Pettit, Mark T. (OPA)' <[Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov](mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturday 3/3

Glad to hear back from you, Mark! I certainly will reach back out in the future. Thanks again.

Jenna

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**From:** Pettit, Mark T. (OPA) [<mailto:Mark.T.Pettit@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 01, 2018 1:11 PM  
**To:** Lamagna, Jenna <[Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturday 3/3

Hey Jenna,

Thank you for contacting us (and sorry it took so long)! Unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate

your request. Please feel free to reach out for future inquiries.

Best,  
Mark Pettit

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**From:** Lamagna, Jenna [<mailto:Jenna.Lamagna@FOXNEWS.COM>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 1, 2018 9:43 AM  
**To:** Press <[Press@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:Press@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News Request for Attorney General - Saturday 3/3

Hello – still looking to get in touch with someone who can assist with this request; I wanted to flag Neil's interview yesterday with Senator Richard Shelby, who said he would not stay on as Attorney General if he were attacked by President Trump in that position. We would like to have Attorney General Sessions join to respond as well.

<http://video.foxbusiness.com/v/5742454735001/?#sp=show-clips>

If not over email, I can be reached over the phone. I have been unable to get in touch with anyone in the press office, so I do hope I can make some contact to find out the best person to handle these request.

Thank you,

**Jenna LaMagna**  
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**Laco, Kelly (OPA)**

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**From:** Laco, Kelly (OPA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 1, 2018 9:06 AM  
**To:** Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM  
**Subject:** RE: Announcement Tomorrow: Protecting U.S. Workers Initiative

Hey Jake,

Did they ever pick this up for an online piece? Haven't seen anything yet, so wanted to check. If you need any more info, please let me know!

Thanks,

Kelly

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**From:** Laco, Kelly (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 30, 2018 5:45 PM  
**To:** 'Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM' <Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM>  
**Subject:** Announcement Tomorrow: Protecting U.S. Workers Initiative

It said the attachment didn't go through—so re-attaching!

Attached is the signed MOU (dated for tomorrow) that is also under embargo until 11:00am EDT tomorrow.

Let me know if you need anything else, thanks!

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Jake,

In February 2017, the Civil Rights Division launched the Protecting U.S. Workers Initiative, which is aimed at targeting, investigating, and taking enforcement measures against companies that discriminate against U.S. workers in favor of foreign visa workers. Under this Initiative, the Civil Rights Division has opened dozens of investigations; filed one lawsuit; and reached settlement agreements with three employers (**see below**). Since the Initiative's inception, employers have agreed to pay or distributed over \$285,000 in back pay to affected U.S. workers.

Tomorrow, we plan to announce a new DOJ/DOL partnership Protect U.S. Workers From Discrimination And Combat Visa Abuse. The partnership is focused on identifying employers, who may be discriminating against U.S. workers. ~~Embargoed press release until 11:00am EDT tomorrow is below~~

against U.S. workers. Embargoed press release until 11:00am EDT tomorrow is below.

**June 26, 2018: (Settlement)** Triple H Landscaping—largest settlement so far under the Protecting U.S. Workers Initiative <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-settles-claims-against-landscaping-company-discriminating-against-us>

**December 18, 2017: (Settlement)** Crop Production Services\*\*: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-settles-us-worker-discrimination-claims-against-colorado-agricultural>

The settlement is part of the Division's Protecting U.S. Workers Initiative, an initiative aimed at targeting, investigating, and bringing enforcement actions against companies that discriminate against U.S. workers in favor of foreign visa workers.

\*\*You wrote a piece when DOJ filed a lawsuit against Crop Production  
(<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/09/28/doj-files-suit-against-company-for-allegedly-not-hiring-americans.html>)

**May 23, 2017: (Settlement)** Carrillo Farm Labor, LLC: [https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-settles-us-worker-discrimination-claims-against-new-mexico-farm?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-settles-us-worker-discrimination-claims-against-new-mexico-farm?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

DOJ/and other agencies team up to protect U.S. workers:

**May 11, 2018:** The Justice Department and USCIS Formalize Partnership to Protect U.S. Workers From Discrimination and Combat Fraud

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-and-uscis-formalize-partnership-protect-us-workers-discrimination-and>

**October 11, 2017:** Departments of Justice and State Partner to Protect U.S. Workers from Discrimination and Combat Fraud

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/departments-justice-and-state-partner-protect-us-workers-discrimination-and-combat-fraud>

Let me know if there is anything else you may need.

Thx!

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Embargoed until 11:00am EDT tomorrow, Tuesday 7/31:

**DEPARTMENTS OF JUSTICE AND LABOR FORMALIZE NEW PARTNERSHIP TO PROTECT U.S. WORKERS FROM DISCRIMINATION AND COMBAT VISA ABUSE**

WASHINGTON – Today, the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and the Department of Labor (DOL) expanded their collaboration to better protect U.S. workers from discrimination by employers that prefer to hire temporary visa workers over qualified U.S. workers. This new partnership, memorialized in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), establishes protocols for the agencies to share information, refer matters between them, and train each other's employees, with the goal of better protecting U.S. workers. This partnership will enhance the Civil Rights Division's efforts to stop companies from discriminating against U.S. workers and assist the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration in identifying noncompliance with its foreign labor certification process.



In 2017, the Civil Rights Division launched the Protecting U.S. Workers Initiative, which is aimed at targeting, investigating, and taking enforcement measures against companies that discriminate against U.S. workers in favor of foreign visa workers. Under this Initiative, the Civil Rights Division has opened dozens of investigations; filed one lawsuit; and reached settlement agreements with three employers. Since the Initiative's inception, employers have agreed to pay or distributed over \$285,000 in back pay to affected U.S. workers. The Employment and Training Administration has assisted the Division's efforts under this Initiative and today's partnership expands and formalizes that relationship.

The Civil Rights Division has also increased its collaboration with other federal agencies, including the Departments of State and Homeland Security, to combat discrimination and abuse by employers improperly using temporary visa workers. Today's MOU expands on the Division's existing partnership with DOL. In 2017, the Division entered into a similar ongoing partnership with DOL's Wage and Hour Division to combat discrimination and violations of other federal worker protection laws by facilitating the agencies' information sharing.

"Employers should hire workers based on their skills, experience, and authorization to work; not based on discriminatory preferences that violate the law," said Acting Assistant Attorney General John Gore of the Civil Rights Division. "Our partnership with DOL, formalized today, significantly enhances the Civil Rights Division's ability to identify employers that favor temporary visa holders over U.S. workers who can do the job."

"Streamlining the process for information sharing between the Department of Labor and the Department of Justice will help protect U.S. workers from unlawful discrimination," said Rosemary Lahasky, Deputy Assistant Secretary for DOL's Employment and Training Administration. "This partnership will help ensure U.S. workers are prioritized to fill jobs."

The Employment and Training Administration's Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) has statutory and regulatory authority to certify employers seeking certain employment-based visas, including H-2A and H-2B visas. These visa programs require employers to first seek and hire available U.S. workers before hiring visa workers.

The Civil Rights Division's Immigrant and Employee Rights Section (IER) is responsible for enforcing the anti-discrimination provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Among other things, the statute prohibits [citizenship status and national origin discrimination](#) in hiring, firing, or recruitment or referral for a fee; [unfair documentary practices](#); [retaliation](#); and [intimidation](#). An employer that prefers to hire temporary visa workers over available, qualified U.S. workers may be discriminating in violation of this law.

For more information about protections against employment discrimination under immigration laws, call IER's worker hotline at 1-800-255-7688 (1-800-237-2515, TTY for hearing impaired); call IER's employer hotline at 1-800-255-8155 (1-800-237-2515, TTY for hearing impaired); sign up for a free [webinar](#); email [IER@usdoj.gov](mailto:IER@usdoj.gov); or visit IER's [English](#) and [Spanish](#) websites. Applicants or employees who believe they were subjected to retaliation; different documentary requirements based on their citizenship, immigration status or national origin; or discrimination based on their citizenship, immigration status, or national origin in [hiring](#), [firing](#), or [recruitment or referral for a fee](#), can [file a charge](#) or contact IER's worker hotline for assistance.

For more information on OFLC and its activities, please visit <https://www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov/>

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION  
IMMIGRANT AND EMPLOYEE RIGHTS SECTION  
AND  
THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION  
OFFICE OF FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION  
REGARDING  
INFORMATION SHARING AND CASE REFERRAL**

**I. PARTIES:**

a. The Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) are:

1. The Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division, Immigrant and Employee Rights Section (IER).

The Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division prosecutes violations of civil rights statutes and enforces federal statutes and executive orders that prohibit, among other things, unlawful discrimination in voting, education, employment, housing, police services, public accommodations and facilities, and federally funded and conducted programs.

IER is the Section within the Civil Rights Division that is responsible for enforcing the anti-discrimination provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. § 1324b, which prohibits: (1) covered persons or entities that employ four or more employees from discriminating against certain work-authorized individuals on the basis of citizenship status in hiring, firing, or recruitment for a fee; (2) covered persons or entities that employ four to fourteen employees from discriminating against work-authorized individuals on the basis of national origin in hiring, firing, or recruitment for a fee; (3) covered persons or entities from engaging in unfair documentary practices in the employment eligibility verification (Form I-9 and E-Verify) process on the basis of citizenship status or national origin; and (4) covered persons or entities from retaliating against individuals who engage in protected activity relating to the rights and privileges secured under 8 U.S.C. § 1324b. Through its enforcement of this statute, IER protects U.S. workers from discrimination based on citizenship status or national origin.

Injured parties or their authorized representatives may file charges with IER alleging a violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324b within 180 days of the alleged discrimination. In addition, IER also may initiate independent investigations (without the filing of a charge) if there is reason to believe that a violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324b has occurred. Although independent investigations typically involve alleged discriminatory policies that potentially affect many employees or applicants, IER may also conduct independent investigations when even one person is allegedly discriminated against.

2. The Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC).

The Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration administers a variety of grant and regulatory programs that fund and support job training, labor market information, unemployment insurance, and other employment services provided by state and local workforce agencies.

OFLC, located within ETA, protects the wages and working conditions of U.S. workers and U.S.-based foreign workers by administering the following immigrant and nonimmigrant visa programs authorized by the INA: the Permanent Labor Certification Program; the H-1B, H-1B1, and E-3 Labor Condition Applications Program; the Temporary Labor Certification Programs for H-2A agricultural workers and H-2B nonagricultural workers, respectively; and the review of employer attestations to employ foreign nationals as crewmembers under a D-1 visa. Statutory and regulatory provisions require employers seeking to employ foreign nationals on a permanent or temporary basis to first apply to the Secretary of Labor for a labor certification or approval of a "labor condition application," depending on the type of visa the employer is requesting for the worker. OFLC regulations provide guidance on, among other things, the processing of applications, periods of validity, employer responsibilities, and sanctions for noncompliance of program requirements.

- b. Nomenclature: Any references to "DOL" in this MOU mean ETA and OFLC only, and no other agency or sub-agency component of the Department of Labor.

## **II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this MOU is to memorialize the Parties' agreement under which:

- a. OFLC will refer to IER cases of potential discrimination in violation of the law that IER enforces and provide designated IER employees access to databases to facilitate IER's investigations of potential violations of the law that IER enforces in accordance with separately mutually agreeable day-to-day implementation procedures and protocols; and
- b. IER will inform OFLC of cases of suspected noncompliance with the laws and regulations OFLC administers and provide designated OFLC employees information in accordance with separately mutually agreeable day-to-day implementation procedures and protocols.



### **III. LEGAL AUTHORITIES**

The information sharing and enhanced cooperation among the Parties to this MOU are authorized under, and comply with, the provisions of the following:

- a. Title 5, United States Code, Section 552a, the Privacy Act of 1974.
- b. Title 8, United States Code, Sections 1101(a)(15)(D), (E), and (H); 1182(a)(5), (n), (t); 1184, 1188 [INA §§ 101(a)(15)(D), (E), and (H); 212(a)(5), (n), (t); 214; 218].
- c. Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324b [INA § 274B].
- d. Title 20, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 655 and 656.

Other Relevant Guidelines: Office of Management and Budget Circular A-130, Managing Information as a Strategic Resource.

### **IV. ACCESS TO RECORDS AND DATA SYSTEMS**

IER recognizes that the OFLC records and data systems to which IER will be granted access pursuant to the information-sharing provisions of this MOU are covered by the Privacy Act. Accordingly, authorized IER staff will only access these records and data systems to conduct a specific search for information related to an identified law enforcement matter, and shall follow the mutually agreeable implementation protocols and procedures to certify and ensure Privacy Act compliance that the Parties separately develop. Upon request by IER, OFLC will provide technical training and education for IER staff to access OFLC's records and data systems, and to properly utilize the search functions to retrieve pertinent data.

IER also agrees to maintain records it obtains through access to OFLC's data systems in accordance with IER's Privacy Act obligations. Furthermore, IER recognizes that it bears any and all responsibility, including liability, for any claims associated with violations of the Privacy Act to the extent any violations occur as a direct result of IER's access to OFLC's records and data systems.

IER will not knowingly take any measures that create cybersecurity risks related to systems and information covered by this MOU, and will promptly cease such actions and notify appropriate OFLC or DOL personnel if it becomes aware of such security risks or breaches. Each Party agrees that any application or system on which that data and information resides, as well as the handling of all data and information, will be managed and operated in compliance with all relevant federal security and confidentiality laws, regulations, and policies.

IER will not knowingly take any measures that compromise system or user operation and performance, and will promptly cease such actions and notify appropriate OFLC or DOL personnel if it becomes aware of such issues.



## **V. PRIVACY SAFEGUARDS, RESTRICTIONS ON DISCLOSURE, AND RECORD RETENTION**

### **a. Privacy Safeguards and Restriction on Disclosure**

1. All Personally Identifiable Information (PII) exchanged in accordance with this MOU shall be covered by Privacy Act and all other applicable legal protections.
2. PII will be protected by administrative, technical, and physical safeguards appropriate to the sensitivities of the information.
3. IER and DOL agree to maintain reasonable physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards designed to appropriately protect the information shared under this MOU against loss, theft, or misuse, as well as unauthorized access, disclosure, copying, use, modification, or deletion.
4. IER and DOL will advise all personnel having access to the information shared under this MOU of the confidential nature of the information and that safeguards are required to protect the information.
5. IER and DOL agree that DOL's prior written consent will be obtained for any forwarding or disclosure of the information obtained pursuant to this MOU, beyond DOL or DOJ. Similarly, IER and DOL agree that IER's prior written consent will be obtained for any forwarding or disclosure by DOL of information obtained pursuant to this MOU, beyond DOL or DOJ.
6. IER and DOL, including all personnel with access to the information, will be appropriately trained regarding the proper handling of PII and proper care of the information systems to ensure the overall safeguarding and security of the information. IER and DOL will cross-train to ensure that each agency's employees, including contractors with access to any of the information, have completed privacy training on the handling of PII, which includes information on applicable laws, regulations, and policies related to information privacy and security, as well as on immigration-specific confidentiality protections as required.
7. The Parties agree to comply with the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA), 44 U.S.C. § 3541 et seq., as amended by the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-283); Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS), Mandatory Security Processing Standards 199 & 200; related Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars and memoranda, including revised Circular A-130, Managing Information as a Strategic Resource (July 28, 2016) and Memorandum M-06-16, Protection of Sensitive Agency Information (June 23, 2006); National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) directives; and the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR). These laws, regulations, and directives provide requirements for safeguarding Federal information systems

and PII used in Federal agency business processes, as well as related reporting requirements.

## **VI. OFLC INFORMATION SHARING RESPONSIBILITIES**

- a. OFLC will designate a point of contact (POC) to ensure cooperation, communication, and coordination with IER.
- b. If OFLC becomes aware of information suggesting potential noncompliance, by covered individuals or entities, with the laws that IER enforces, OFLC will refer that information to IER and/or encourage the harmed individual(s) to call IER's hotline. If OFLC continues to be involved in a matter that has been referred to IER, it will coordinate its activities regarding that matter with IER to the greatest extent possible.
  1. If OFLC encounters potential victims of discrimination under the law IER administers, OFLC shall provide them with information about IER's hotline (800) 255-7688 or (800) 237-2515 (TTY for hearing impaired), a copy of IER's charge form, or information on how to access IER's charge form, available at <https://www.justice.gov/crt/filing-charge>.
  2. If OFLC learns of a matter from a State Workforce Agency (SWA) that may fall within IER's jurisdiction and that has not yet been reduced to writing, it will encourage the SWA to contact IER's hotline and ask to speak to a referral duty attorney. If OFLC receives a written complaint from an SWA about a matter that may fall within IER's jurisdiction, it will encourage the SWA to refer the written complaint to IER in accordance with subparagraph (b)(i).
- c. Should it wish to request information from IER's investigation file, OFLC will transmit a request to the IER POC designated in accordance with the mutually agreeable implementation protocols and procedures the agencies separately establish in furtherance of this MOU.
- d. Consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and policies, and the availability of OFLC resources, OFLC will commit personnel and resources sufficient to support this MOU.



## **VII. IER INFORMATION SHARING RESPONSIBILITIES**

- a. IER will designate one or more points of contact to ensure cooperation, communication, and coordination with OFLC.
- b. If IER becomes aware of information suggesting potential employer or agent noncompliance with the labor certification process, IER will promptly share that information with the appropriate designated OFLC POC. If IER continues to investigate a matter that falls under the jurisdiction of OFLC, IER will coordinate its activities regarding that matter with OFLC to the greatest extent possible.
- c. Should it wish to request additional information from OFLC, IER will transmit a request to the appropriate OFLC POC through a letter designated as a law enforcement request that references this MOU. As noted in Section IV, IER will only access the records and data systems to which it is granted access consistent with applicable OFLC guidelines, policies, and procedures.
- d. IER shall notify OFLC if information provided by OFLC under Section IV results in IER's initiation of an investigation into whether a person or entity discriminated against U.S. workers.
- e. Consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and policies, and the availability of IER resources, IER will commit personnel and resources sufficient to support this MOU.

## **VIII. OTHER PROVISIONS**

- a. If the referring Party has retained jurisdiction over any aspect of a matter at the time of referral to the other Party, both Parties will coordinate their activities to the greatest extent practical and share information so as to minimize duplication of effort and any risk that a Party's activities may adversely affect the other.
- b. Nothing in this MOU is intended to conflict with the missions of, or existing laws, regulations or other guidance binding on, OFLC and/or IER. If a term of this MOU is inconsistent with such authority, then that term shall be invalid, but the remaining terms and conditions of this MOU shall remain in full force and effect. If a Party identifies any such inconsistency, it shall bring it to the attention of the other Party in order to modify the MOU as may be necessary.
- c. This MOU is not intended to create any rights, privileges, or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable by any individual or organization against the United States; its departments, agencies, or other entities; its officers or employees; or any other person.

## **IX. EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

The terms of this MOU will take effect on the date of the last signature of the Parties. Unless terminated by either Party in accordance with the terms described in Section X, below, this MOU shall remain in full force and effect for a period lasting no more



than three (3) years. On or before the expiration date, the Parties may mutually agree in writing to an extension of this MOU or develop a new MOU.

#### **X. MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION**

This MOU may be modified by the mutual, written consent of the Parties.

This MOU may be terminated by either Party upon 60 days advance written notice. In the event one Party requests termination of this MOU, the Parties will confer within the 60-day period to discuss the reason for the Party's request to terminate, and to attempt to resolve the issue(s) giving rise to the request. If the Parties are unable to resolve the issues, the termination will be effective at the expiration of the 60-day period or at a later date agreed to by the Parties. A Party may withdraw its request to terminate this agreement at any time prior to the expiration of the 60-day period.

#### **XI. REVIEW**

The Parties agree to review this MOU within one (1) year of the effective date to determine whether any modifications are necessary to more effectively accomplish the goals of the MOU. Failure to conduct a review, however, will not result in the termination of this MOU.

#### **XII. INTEGRATION CLAUSE**

This MOU and any jointly-approved concurrent or subsequent Addenda and Appendices constitute the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to its subject matter. There have been no representations, warranties, or promises made outside this MOU. This MOU shall take precedence over any other documents that may be in conflict with it with respect to providing or exchanging data on matters of labor certification or immigrant or employee rights.

#### **XIII. RIGHT OF ACTION AND COSTS**

This MOU does not create any private rights of action on the part of third parties.

Each Party agrees to bear its respective costs associated with the implementation of the terms and conditions of this MOU.

#### **XIV. FUNDING**

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, this MOU does not obligate either Party to expend funds or enter into any other agreement to commit or expend funds, nor does it serve as a basis for the transfer of funds. Nothing in this MOU shall be interpreted as limiting, superseding, or otherwise affecting either Party's normal operations or decisions in carrying out its statutory or regulatory duties. The Parties expressly acknowledge that this in no way implies that Congress will appropriate funds for such expenditures.

**XV. PERSONS TO CONTACT**

The Parties agree to assist each other to carry out this MOU through the points of contact set out in Appendix A and, through such contacts, provide responses to program, data or other technical problems or inquiries. The Parties agree they will notify each other of any changed contact information.

**XVI. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES**

The signatories below warrant and represent that they have the competent authority on behalf of their respective agencies to enter into the obligations set forth in this agreement.

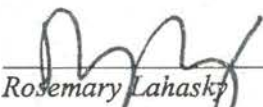
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John M. Gore

Acting Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

7/31/18  
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Date

**U.S. Department of Labor**

  
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Rosemary Lahasky  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Employment and Training Administration

7/24/18  
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Date

Attachment:

Addenda

**Laco, Kelly (OPA)**

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**From:** Laco, Kelly (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 30, 2018 5:41 PM  
**To:** jake.gibson@foxnews.com  
**Subject:** RE: Announcement Tomorrow: Protecting U.S. Workers Initiative  
**Attachments:** DOJ DOL MOU 7.31.pdf

Attached is the signed MOU (dated for tomorrow) that is also under embargo until 11:00am EDT tomorrow.


Let me know if you need anything else, thanks!

**Kelly Laco**  
Office of Public Affairs  
Department of Justice  
Office: 202-353-0173  
Cell: (b)(6)

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**From:** Laco, Kelly (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 30, 2018 12:50 PM  
**To:** 'jake.gibson@foxnews.com' <jake.gibson@foxnews.com>  
**Subject:** Announcement Tomorrow: Protecting U.S. Workers Initiative

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**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 31, 2018 7:22 PM  
**To:** Zapotosky, Matt; Jarrett, Laura; Gibson, Jake; Ian Mason; kelly cohen; Jeff Mordock; Woodruff, Betsy; Tucker, Eric; Sadie Gurman  
**Subject:** random thought--

Not for attribution, but Bill Nelson just introduced a bill to ban 3d guns because they're undetectable. For anyone who's curious (not Bill Nelson, I take it), that law (creating an undetectable gun) already exists: 18 U.S.C. § 922(p)). <http://miamiherald.typepad.com/nakedpolitics/2018/07/bill-nelson-wants-to-ban-3d-printer-made-plastic-guns-that-can-evade-metal-detectors.html>

The United States Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 (18 U.S.C. § 922(p)) makes it illegal to manufacture, import, sell, ship, deliver, possess, transfer, or receive any firearm that is not as detectable by walk-through metal detection as a security exemplar containing 3.7 oz (105 g) of steel

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Sarah Isgur Flores  
Director of Public Affairs

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**Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)**

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 31, 2018 5:40 PM  
**To:** Jarrett, Laura  
**Cc:** Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM; O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Flagging for morning shows

Eh it's only 2 mornings old--hasn't gotten nearly the attention it could have!

On Jul 31, 2018, at 5:31 PM, Jarrett, Laura <[Laura.Jarrett@cnn.com](mailto:Laura.Jarrett@cnn.com)> wrote:

I love this story. Wish we'd done it yesterday.

Laura Jarrett  
CNN Justice Reporter  
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On Jul 31, 2018, at 5:28 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Seems like good morning fodder in case you hadn't seen it:

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/how-an-ex-cop-rigged-mcdonalds-monopoly-game-and-stole-millions>

## Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 31, 2018 2:08 PM  
**To:** Laura.Jarrett@cnn.com; Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM  
**Subject:** Fwd: HuffPo: Family Accused Of Holding Woman Captive, Forcing Her To Eat Mom's Ashes

Flagging given how horrific this case was

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<[sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:sarah.isgur.flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** HuffPo: Family Accused Of Holding Woman Captive, Forcing Her To Eat Mom's Ashes  
**Reply-To:** Rendon Alert Desk <[alert@rendon.com](mailto:alert@rendon.com)>

Family Accused Of Holding Woman Captive, Forcing Her To Eat Mom's Ashes

Media: Huffington Post

Byline: David Lohr

Date: 30 July 2018

Hyperlink: [https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/family-allegedly-held-woman-captive\\_us\\_5b5f74c4e4b0de86f499e9f2](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/family-allegedly-held-woman-captive_us_5b5f74c4e4b0de86f499e9f2)

A federal grand jury here has indicted five family members for the alleged abuse of a woman with autism who investigators say was beaten, sexually abused and forced to eat her mother's cremated remains.

A graphic federal indictment filed in court Thursday accuses Raylaine Knope, 42; her husband, Terry Knope Jr., 45; and their adult children, Taylor Knope, 20; Bridget Lambert, 21; and Jody Lambert, 23, of committing numerous atrocities against a female relative. (The graphic details described below may be disturbing to some readers.)

Authorities said the victim, a 22-year-old woman who has not been identified, has autism and other disabilities. She is related to Raylaine Knope and moved into a mobile home in the Amite, Louisiana, area with the Knopes after the August 2015 death of her mother, the court documents allege.

Soon after moving in with the Knopes, the woman was allegedly plied with drugs, including methamphetamine, and subjected to "physical violence, psychological and verbal abuse," according to the documents. The alleged abuse, authorities said, occurred from August 2015 to June 2016.



The indictment accuses the woman's alleged tormenters of subjecting her to numerous despicable acts, including forcing her to eat dog feces, lick soiled underwear and simulate sexual acts with a jalapeno pepper.

Raylaine Knope, the court documents allege, was exceptionally cruel.

"On one occasion, Raylaine Knope ordered [the woman] to open an urn containing [the woman's] deceased mother's ashes, pour the ashes into a bowl, and eat the ashes with a spoon, as Raylaine Knope, Terry Knope, Jody Lambert and Taylor Knope stood nearby, watching and laughing," the indictment reads. The victim "vomited several minutes after consuming the ashes."

The indictment further accuses the Knope family of commanding the woman to perform household chores in a "demeaning fashion." Examples cited in the court documents include forcing the victim to:

- Use her tongue to clean up a spill on the kitchen floor.

- Clean the residence with a toothbrush.

- Cut the grass in the yard using scissors.

- Clean out the septic system without gloves, tools or protective clothing.

If assigned chores were not completed, she was denied food, the indictment alleges. She was allegedly confined to a locked 6-by-8-foot outdoor cage at night and given a bucket to use as a toilet.

Accusations of physical abuse are made throughout the court documents. On one occasion, the woman was allegedly struck with a hammer, fracturing bones in one of her hands. On another, she was allegedly shot with a pellet gun, causing pellets to "lodge under [her] skin."

Authorities said the victim was regularly called "stupid" and "retarded" and was ordered on several occasions to strip naked and make sexual advances to men who visited the family.

Terry Knope is also accused of withholding the victim's Social Security benefits.

The documents allege family members would hold the woman's head underwater as she struggled to breathe and, on at least one occasion, dumped buckets of urine and feces on her.

"The family did not allow [the victim] to shower or use soap to clean off the human waste," the indictment alleges.

The situation came to light in June 2016, after someone called the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office to report a woman was being kept in a cage. The victim, who was ultimately rescued from the residence, was described by police as malnourished and covered in insect bites. She was placed in the care of the Louisiana Department of Health's Adult Protective Services.

Four minor children were also removed from the home and placed in the custody of the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, police said. According to the

indictment, the minor children were instructed to kick and punch the victim while telling her she was "dumber than they were."

"The lesson here, as far as I can tell, is that there are some very sick individuals in this world, and there are some sick individuals within Tangipahoa Parish," said Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff Daniel Edwards in an interview with The Advocate in July 2017. "Human trafficking doesn't discriminate ... It exists everywhere there are people."

The FBI's New Orleans field office assisted the sheriff's office in the investigation. The findings in that investigation were presented to the grand jury this month.

Federal officials said Raylaine Knope, Terry Knope, Jody Lambert and Taylor Knope face numerous charges, including forced labor and using force and threats of force to interfere with the federal Fair Housing Act.

Raylaine Knope and Terry Knope also stand accused of attempted sex trafficking, and Terry Knope faces two additional charges for allegedly committing theft and a hate crime. Bridget Lambert, who stayed with her family on occasion, faces a single charge of conspiring to obtain forced labor, the Justice Department said in a news release.

Several charges against Raylaine Knope, Terry Knope, Jody Lambert and Taylor Knope carry a maximum penalty of life imprisonment. If convicted, Bridget Lambert will face a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment, according to the Justice Department.

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**Brennan, Jamie**

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**From:** Brennan, Jamie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 31, 2018 1:28 PM  
**To:** Laco, Kelly (OPA)  
**Cc:** Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Request - Fox News Channel

Thank you!

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**From:** Laco, Kelly (OPA) [mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 31, 2018 10:27 AM  
**To:** Brennan, Jamie <Jamie.Brennan@FOXNEWS.COM>  
**Cc:** Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <Sarah.E.Sutton@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Media Request - Fox News Channel

Hi Jamie,

Attributable to DOJ Spokeswoman Kelly Laco: "The Department's investigation of Harvard's admissions policies is ongoing. The Department is actively monitoring this case and retains the ability to participate in the litigation, as appropriate, to ensure that all individuals are protected from any form of illegal race-based discrimination."

On background as a DOJ official: "A second round of briefing is taking place at the end of August. The United States can decide to file its brief before, during, or after that round."

Please let me know if you have any follow-up questions.

Thanks,

Kelly

**Kelly Laco**  
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**From:** Press  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 31, 2018 11:57 AM  
**To:** Laco, Kelly (OPA) <[klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:klaco@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sutton, Sarah E. (OPA) <[sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:sesutton@jmd.usdoj.gov)>; Press <[Press@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:Press@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Media Request - Fox News Channel

Thanks,

**Catherine Leonard**  
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**From:** Brennan, Jamie <[Jamie.Brennan@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jamie.Brennan@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 31, 2018 11:43 AM  
**To:** Press <[Press@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:Press@jmd.usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Media Request - Fox News Channel

Good morning,

I am a producer with Fox News Channel. We are reporting on the ongoing discrimination suit brought against Harvard University by the Students for Fair Admissions.

Is the Department of Justice planning to take part in this suit or any other suit brought against the University? Will the DOJ bring about its own lawsuit if Harvard University fails to make documents pertaining to admissions policies public? Does the DOJ have any additional comment on the matter?

My deadline for comment is 1:30pm eastern. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Jamie Brennan  
Fox News Channel

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O'Malley, Devin (OPA)

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**From:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 30, 2018 4:45 PM  
**To:** Elizabeth.Fanning@FOXNEWS.COM  
**Subject:** Fwd: JORDANIAN NATIONAL ARRESTED IN NEW YORK TO FACE CHARGES FOR A CONSPIRACY TO BRING ALIENS INTO THE UNITED STATES

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  The United States Department of Justice



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
MONDAY, JULY 30, 2018

## **JORDANIAN NATIONAL ARRESTED IN NEW YORK TO FACE CHARGES FOR A CONSPIRACY TO BRING ALIENS INTO THE UNITED STATES**

WASHINGTON – A Jordanian national residing in Monterrey, Mexico was arrested Saturday on arrival at JFK International Airport to face a criminal complaint issued in the Western District of Texas for his role in a scheme to smuggle special interest aliens from Mexico into the United States.

Assistant Attorney General Brian A. Benczkowski of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney John F. Bash of the Western District of Texas and Special Agent in Charge Shane M. Folden of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) San Antonio made the announcement.

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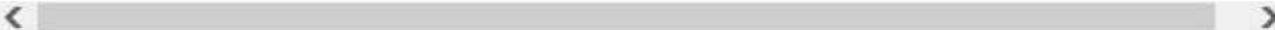
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**Cc:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** Re: Arrest of alien smuggler of special interest aliens from Yemen

What do you know about these Yemenis, anything?  
Any possible nexus to terror?

On Jul 30, 2018, at 3:58 PM, Gibson, Jake <[Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Jake.Gibson@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

Excellent.  
Reading now.  
Thanks!

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Hi Jake,  
As per conversation, below is the press release. Thank you

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**Subject:** Arrest of alien smuggler of special interest aliens from Yemen  
**Importance:** High

Hi Jake,  
Devin said he gave you a heads-up on this Saturday arrest at JFK. Attached is the criminal complaint. His initial court appearance is pending. I will send you a copy of the PR as soon as completed. Thank you

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We can't today--sorry!

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Hey Sarah-  
Does the AG have any availability to join Shannon to discuss?  
Thx!

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## Justice News

### *Remarks as prepared for delivery*

Thank you, Beth, for that generous introduction and thank you for your outstanding leadership at the Office of Legal Policy.

I want to thank Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein and our acting Associate Attorney General, Jesse Pannuccio, for their leadership, as well.

Thank you to Dorothy Williams from the Civil Rights Division for sharing your beautiful voice with us and singing our national anthem.

And thank you to Archbishop Kurtz, my good friend Senator Lankford, as well as all of our panelists: Acting Assistant Attorney General John Gore, Kerri Kupec, Derrick Max, Professor McConnell, Asma Uddin, Shay Dvoretzky, Emilie Kao, and of course Jack Phillips.

I want to thank all of you for your courage and insight to speak out for religious liberty.

Let us be frank.

A dangerous movement, undetected by many, is now challenging and eroding our great tradition of religious freedom. There can be no doubt. This is no little matter. It must be confronted and defeated.

This election, and much that has flowed from it, gives us a rare opportunity to arrest these trends. Such a reversal will not just be done with electoral victories, but by intellectual victories.

We have gotten to the point where courts have held that morality cannot be a basis for law; where ministers are fearful to affirm, as they understand it, holy writ from the pulpit; and where one group can actively target religious groups by labeling them a “hate group” on the basis of their sincerely held religious beliefs.

This President and this Department of Justice are determined to protect and even advance this magnificent heritage.

Freedom of religious is indeed our “first freedom”—being the first listed right of our First Amendment.

This has been a core American principle from the beginning.



It is one of the reasons that this country was settled in the first place.

The promise of freedom of conscience brought the Pilgrims to Plymouth, the Catholics to Maryland, the Quakers to Pennsylvania, the Scot-Presbyterians to the middle colonies, and Roger Williams to Rhode Island.

Each one of these groups and others knew what it was like to be hated, persecuted, outnumbered, and discriminated against.

Each one knew what it was like to have a majority try to force them to deny their natural right to practice the faith they held dear.

Our Founders gave religious expression a double protection in the First Amendment. Not only do we possess freedom to exercise our beliefs but we also enjoy the freedom of speech.

Our Founders' understanding of and commitment to religious freedom was truly brilliant as well as historic.

It arose in large part from the principals delineated in the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom—and its effective advocates: Madison and Jefferson.

These guys were ferocious. This weekend, I was rereading Gary Will's fabulous book, *Head and Heart*, in which he quotes extensively from the Jefferson's Statute, as he refers to it.

I commend all of it to you; but one line stood out in particular to me, "That almighty God hath created the mind free, and

manifested His supreme will that free it shall remain, by making it altogether insusceptible of restraint."

Of course, this is entirely consistent with another of my favorite Jefferson quotes that you will find at his memorial just across the mall from where we are today:

"For I have sworn upon the altar of god eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man." This is what our Founders believed.

They clearly recognized that an individual's relationship to God is a natural right and precedes the existence of the state, and is not subject to state control.

These concepts were placed into our Constitution and laws and formed a national consensus that has greatly militated against religious hostility and violence—and has helped us to this day to be one of the world's most diverse religious people.

There can be no doubt that we are stronger as a nation because of the contribution of religious Americans.

Every day across America, they feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, educate our young people, and care for the sick. They do so not because the government tells them to, but because they want to. They do these things because of their faith.

Their faith provides something the state can never provide—meaning and purpose and joy in their life.

But in recent years, the cultural climate in this country—and in the West more generally—has become less hospitable to people of



faith. Many Americans have felt that their freedom to practice their faith has been under attack.

And it's easy to see why. We've seen nuns ordered to buy contraceptives.

We've seen U.S. Senators ask judicial and executive branch nominees about dogma—even though the Constitution explicitly forbids a religious test for public office. We've all seen the ordeal faced so bravely by Jack Phillips.

Americans from a wide variety of backgrounds are concerned about what this changing cultural climate means for the future of religious liberty in this country.

President Trump heard this concern.

I believe this unease is one reason that he was elected. In substance, he said he respected people of faith and he promised to protect them in the free exercise of their faith. He declared we would say "Merry Christmas" again.

The Department of Justice has settled 24 civil cases with 90 plaintiffs regarding the previous administration's wrong application of the contraception mandate to objecting religious employers.

Last month, a district court in Colorado issued a permanent injunction in the case involving the Little Sisters of the Poor, a group of nuns who serve the elderly poor.

This is a permanent injunction and a major victory for the Little Sisters of the Poor and religious freedom.



The government has no business telling the Little Sisters that they must provide an insurance policy that violates their sincere religious beliefs.

And since day one, this administration has been delivering on that promise.

Soon after taking office, President Trump directed me to issue explicit legal guidance for all executive agencies on how to apply the religious liberty protections in federal law. Our team embraced that challenge.

I issued that guidance in October, and it lays out 20 fundamental principles for the Executive Branch to follow.

Those include the principle that free exercise means a right to act—or to abstain from action.

They include the principle that government shouldn't impugn people's motives or beliefs.

We don't give up our rights when we go to work, start a business, talk about politics, or interact with the government.

We don't give up our rights when we assemble or join together. We have religious freedom as individuals and as groups.

In short, we have not only the freedom to worship—but the right to exercise our faith. The Constitution's protections don't end at the parish parking lot nor can our freedoms be confined to our basements.

Under the Constitution, the federal government's actions

Under this administration, the federal government is not just reacting—we are actively seeking, carefully, thoughtfully and lawfully, to accommodate people of faith. Religious Americans are no longer an afterthought.

We will take potential burdens on one's conscience into consideration before we issue regulations or new policies.

And this Department of Justice is going to court across America to defend the rights of people of faith.

First of all, we are aggressively and appropriately enforcing our civil rights laws, our hate crimes laws, and laws protecting churches and faith groups.

Since January 2017, we have obtained 11 indictments and seven convictions in cases involving arson or other attacks or threats against houses of worship. Our Civil Rights Division has also obtained 12 indictments in other attacks or threats against people because of their religion.

And we are not slowing down.

Three weeks ago, we obtained a jury verdict against a man who set fire to a mosque in Texas and sentenced for a man from Missouri for threatening to kill members of a mosque.

In addition to protecting the safety of people of faith, we are also protecting them against unjust discrimination.

In January, we filed a brief in a Montana court to defend parents who claim that the state barred their children from a private school scholarship program because they attend a religious school.



SCHOOL.

We also filed an amicus brief on behalf of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., which was refused advertising space for having a religious message—including “joy to the world” on Merry Christmas.

And, of course, we were proud to file a brief in support of Jack Phillips.

We are taking steps to become even more effective.

In June I announced the Place to Worship Initiative. Under this initiative, the Department of Justice is holding public events across America and improving training for federal prosecutors about legal protections for houses of worship.

When I was in the Senate, we passed a law called the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, or RLUIPA. Under RLUIPA, the Department of Justice can file a civil action in court when religious groups are discriminated against in zoning laws.

Under my tenure as Attorney General, we have not hesitated to use this tool when necessary.

In June, we filed suit against a town in New Jersey that had refused over and over again—for eight years—to let an Orthodox Jewish congregation buy land for a synagogue.

And just last week we filed a brief in federal court supporting the case of a Hindu temple in Maryland that claimed to have suffered discrimination in its attempts to purchase land.

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we are going to keep going to court. And I believe that we're going to keep winning.

Today I am announcing our next step: the Religious Liberty Task Force, to be co-chaired by the Associate Attorney General and the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy—Jesse and Beth.

The Task Force will help the Department fully implement our religious liberty guidance by ensuring that all Justice Department components are upholding that guidance in the cases they bring and defend, the arguments they make in court, the policies and regulations they adopt, and how we conduct our operations. That includes making sure that our employees know their duties to accommodate people of faith.

As the people in this room know, you have to practice what you preach. We are also going to remain in contact with religious groups across America to ensure that their rights are being protected. We have been holding listening sessions and we will continue to host them in the coming weeks.

This administration is animated by that same American view that has led us for 242 years: that every American has a right to believe, worship, and exercise their faith in the public square.

This approach has served this country well. We are perhaps the most religiously developed nation in the world and can take pride in respecting all people as they fully exercise their faiths.

It is clear that these policies have furthered peace, prosperity, freedom, lawfulness, and clarity.

As our nation grows order, we must not let it depart from this

magnificent tradition.

Now I have the pleasure of introducing Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, someone who is an expert on these matters.

Archbishop Kurtz was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Allentown in 1972. Over the next two decades he served in a variety of capacities in the Diocese, including teaching at two seminaries.

He was named a Monsignor in 1986 and appointed a pastor in 1988.

In 1999 Pope John Paul II appointed him Bishop of Knoxville and in 2007 Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Archbishop of Louisville, where he now leads the oldest inland diocese in the United States and the oldest Archdiocese West of the Appalachias.

In 2010 he was elected Vice President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and then served as President from 2013 to 2016.

In 2017 he was elected chairman of the Conference's Committee for Religious Liberty.

Please join me in welcoming Archbishop Joseph Kurtz.

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**Subject:** Re: EMBARGOED UNTIL 9:40am: copy of AG Sessions' religious freedom announcement

Hey there-  
Forgive me, but what is new here?

Jake Gibson  
Department of Justice Producer  
Fox News Washington

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On Jul 30, 2018, at 7:55 AM, Laco, Kelly (OPA) <[Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov](mailto:Kelly.Laco@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Hi all,

The AG's memo that will be issued today is below. **The embargo will lift at the beginning of the AG's remarks (approximately 9:40 am).** At that time, a signed version of the memo will be released with the AG's remarks. If you choose to publish the memo, please wait until the final version is released – the below is for your use before the signed memo is published.

The event will be livestreamed from the Great Hall from 9:30am-12:30pm EDT [here](#).

Thank you!

Kelly

Freedom of religion has been a core American principle from the very beginning of our country—indeed, it is our “first freedom.” President Trump promised that he would make preserving and protecting our religious liberty the first priority of his administration. The Department of Justice is committed to assisting with that effort.

On October 6, 2017, I issued a *Memorandum to All Executive Departments and Agencies on Federal Law Protections for Religious Liberty* (the “Religious Liberty Memorandum”). This Religious Liberty Memorandum, which the President directed me to issue in Executive Order 13798, explained twenty key principles of religious liberty in U.S. law, and provided direction to agencies in four areas: agencies as employers, rulemaking, enforcement actions, and contracting or grant-making.

The same day, I also issued a memorandum within the Department of Justice instructing components on how to implement the Religious Liberty Memorandum (the “implementation memorandum”). This implementation memorandum called on components to incorporate the Religious Liberty Memorandum in all aspects of the Department's litigation, in advice to other agencies, in Department operations, and through its own rulemaking and its interagency rule review. The implementation memorandum required components to notify the Associate Attorney General of all issues that arise which implicate the Religious Liberty Memorandum. It assigned to



the Office of Legal Policy the responsibility to review every Department rulemaking or other agency action submitted for Department review by the Office of Management and Budget to ensure its consistency with the Religious Liberty Memorandum, and it (like the Religious Liberty Memorandum) designated OLP as the point of contact for any questions about either document.

Since the issuance of the Religious Liberty Memorandum and the implementation memorandum, the Associate Attorney General's office and the Office of Legal Policy have together coordinated the Department's compliance with both memoranda. The Associate Attorney General's office and the Office of Legal Policy also have worked collaboratively with staff from several other components, drawing on their expertise in this area to ensure compliance with the memoranda and to identify additional opportunities to protect and promote religious liberty.

In order to institutionalize this process, and to leverage the expertise and experience of diverse components within the Department to identify new opportunities for the Department to engage with the issue of religious liberty, today I have established a Religious Liberty Task Force. I will serve as Chair of the Task Force, with the Associate Attorney General serving as Vice Chair for Litigation and the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy serving as Vice Chair for Policy. The task force will be further composed of representatives from the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, the Civil Division, the Civil Rights Division, the Environment and Natural Resources Division, the Office of Legal Counsel, the Office of Legal Policy, the Office of Public Affairs, a U.S. Attorney's Office that I will designate, and other components that I may designate from time to time to aid in the Task Force's work.

The Religious Liberty Task Force will continue the Department's ongoing work to implement the Religious Liberty Memorandum and the implementation memorandum. The Task Force will also consider new initiatives that will further the Department's work to protect and promote religious liberty. To that end, the Task Force will: 1) facilitate Department component compliance with the memoranda; 2) address novel, recurring, or cross-cutting issues in the Department's work implicating the memoranda; 3) facilitate interagency coordination regarding the Religious Liberty Memorandum; 4) engage in outreach to the public, religious communities, and religious liberty organizations to obtain feedback on compliance with the Religious Liberty Memorandum; and 5) develop new strategies, involving litigation, policy, and legislation, to protect and promote religious liberty.

Please direct any questions about the Religious Liberty Task Force to Jeffrey Hall in the Office of the Associate Attorney General, [Jeffrey.Hall@usdoj.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Hall@usdoj.gov), phone (202) 514-0124; or to Jennie Bradley Lichter in the Office of Legal Policy, [Jennifer.Lichter@usdoj.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Lichter@usdoj.gov), phone (202) 514-4606.

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Hi, all – We'd like to give you a preview of AG Sessions' announcement at tomorrow's DOJ religious liberty summit. We will send you the embargoed version tomorrow morning by 8 am. The embargo will lift at the beginning of the AG's remarks (approximately 9:40 am).



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Feel free to call me or email me if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Kelly

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FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2018

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT ON PROTECTING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SUMMIT**

### **\*\*\*\*\* MEDIA ADVISORY \*\*\*\*\***

WASHINGTON -- The Department of Justice will hold a Religious Liberty Summit on **MONDAY, July 30, 2018**. The event will be hosted by Acting Associate Attorney General Jesse Panuccio and include an announcement on protecting religious freedom by Attorney General Sessions, remarks by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, Archbishop Kurtz, and Senator Lankford, and two featured panel discussions.

### **WHO**

Attorney General Jeff Sessions;  
Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein;  
Acting Associate Attorney General Jesse Panuccio;  
Assistant Attorney General Beth Williams for the Office of Legal Policy;  
Acting Assistant Attorney General John Gore for the Civil Rights Division;  
Archbishop of Louisville Joseph Edward Kurtz;  
United States Senator from Oklahoma James Lankford.

### **WHAT**

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### **Panel: The Promise and Challenge of Religious Liberty**

Moderator: Kerri Kupec, Department of Justice

- Kelly Clemente, Bethany Christian Services
- Derrick A. Max, Co-Founder and Principal, Cornerstone Schools
- Rabbi Ruvi New, Director, Chabad of East Boca Raton
- Jack Phillips, Masterpiece Cakeshop



- Dr. Harpreet Singh, MASSAH, Community Relations Service, DOJ

**Panel: Legal and Policy Experts**

Moderator: John Gore, Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division

- Shay Dvoretzky, Partner, Jones Day
- Emilie Kao, Director, Richard and Helen DeVos Center for Religion & Civil Society, Heritage Foundation
- Michael W. McConnell, Professor of Law and Director, Constitutional Law Center, Stanford Law School
- Asma Uddin, Senior Scholar and Faculty, Religious Freedom Center of the Freedom Forum Institute

**WHEN**

MONDAY, July 30, 2018

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EDT

**WHERE**

Department of Justice  
Robert F. Kennedy Building  
Great Hall  
950 Constitution Ave, NW  
Washington, D.C.

The event will be LIVESTREAMED at: [www.justice.gov/live](http://www.justice.gov/live)

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**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** AG Sessions Monday?

Hi Sarah—

If the AG is up for joining Shannon after the Religious Liberty Summit Monday, we'd love to have him. Definitely a subject Shannon is very passionate about.

Thanks & have a great weekend!

**Brigid Mary McDonnell**

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**Pfeiffer, Alex**

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**To:** Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Tucker Carlson Tonight inquiry about SPLC and FBI

Thank you both very much. Have a nice weekend. Our segment should be on at about 8:30

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**From:** Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 7:39 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (JMD) <Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>  
**Cc:** Pfeiffer, Alex <Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM>  
**Subject:** RE: Tucker Carlson Tonight inquiry about SPLC and FBI

Alex – please find our statement below as well... thank you –

For many years, the FBI has engaged with various organizations, both formally and informally. Such outreach is a critical component of the FBI's mission, and we welcome information from these organizations on any possible violations of civil rights, hate crimes, or other potential crimes or threats. We do, however, evaluate our relationships with these groups as necessary to ensure the appropriateness of any interaction."

Thanks –  
Jackie

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 7:31 PM  
**To:** Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI) (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Pfeiffer, Alex <[Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM)>  
**Subject:** Re: Tucker Carlson Tonight inquiry about SPLC and FBI

Thanks Alex. Here's DOJ's statement:

The Attorney General has directed the FBI to reevaluate their relationships with groups like this to ensure the FBI does not partner with any group that discriminates.

On Jul 27, 2018, at 7:18 PM, Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI) (b)(6) wrote:

Thanks, Alex – we'll get you something by then.

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**From:** Pfeiffer, Alex [<mailto:Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM>]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 7:17 PM  
**To:** Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI) (b)(6); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (JMD) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Tucker Carlson Tonight inquiry about SPLC and FBI

Our show starts at 8. So if FBI is going to give us an updated statement we would need it preferably before 7:45.

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**From:** Pfeiffer, Alex  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 3:44 PM  
**To:** 'Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI)' (b)(6); Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (JMD)  
<[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Tucker Carlson Tonight inquiry about SPLC and FBI

Nothing you just told me is a denial that the FBI works with the SPLC. You are just informing me when I received an email.

If that's all DOJ and FBI has to say that's fine by me.

I would love to know why the FBI works with the SPLC considering it just paid out a \$3.3 million settlement for defaming an anti-extremism group. Details of that work would for sure help inform our script tonight.

Best,  
Alex Pfeiffer  
Tucker Carlson Tonight

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**From:** Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 3:42 PM  
**To:** Pfeiffer, Alex <[Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM)>; Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (JMD)  
<[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Tucker Carlson Tonight inquiry about SPLC and FBI

Hi Alex – I advised Sarah that the quote from Samantha (not Shannon) Shero was not from today, or even this week – but from a while back. At that time (June 9<sup>th</sup>), you inquired about the extent of the FBI's working relationship with the SPLC, and whether "anything had changed during the Trump administrations." Sam provided you additional info as well, as follows:

"The FBI routinely works with many advocacy groups throughout our communities and we value those community partnerships. We will continue to work towards the common goal of bringing justice to those who commit acts of violence motivated by a bias against race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity or gender."

We are happy to provide an updated statement to you in relation to your current story. Thank you –  
Jackie

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**From:** Pfeiffer, Alex [<mailto:Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM>]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 3:35 PM  
**To:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) (JMD) <[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Tucker Carlson Tonight inquiry about SPLC and FBI

So something changed between June 8 and now? What happened?

The FBI ended its relationship with the SPLC?

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**From:** Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) [<mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 3:33 PM



Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 12:03 PM

To: Pfeiffer, Alex <[Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM)>

Cc: Maguire, Jacqueline (BH) (FBI) (b)(6)

Subject: Re: Tucker Carlson Tonight inquiry about SPLC and FBI

Adding Jackie from FBI--my understanding is that this isn't a current quote.

On Jul 27, 2018, at 1:58 PM, Pfeiffer, Alex <[Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

FBI spox Shannon Shero gave me a quote confirming it.

"The FBI continues to have a relationship with the SPLC."

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 27, 2018, at 1:45 PM, Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA)

<[Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Isgur.Flores@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Let me ask FBI whether and how they work w them. I didnt know this.

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Sarah Isgur Flores

Director of Public Affairs

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From: Pfeiffer, Alex <[Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Alex.Pfeiffer@FOXNEWS.COM)>

Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 12:03 PM

To: Flores, Sarah Isgur (OPA) <[siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov](mailto:siflores@jmd.usdoj.gov)>

Subject: Tucker Carlson Tonight inquiry about SPLC and FBI

Hey - We are doing a segment tonight on how the FBI works with the SPLC. The SPLC commonly falsely mislabels pedestrian conservatives as "hate" figures and just paid out a \$3.3 million settlement to Quilliam Foundation for falsely labeling it as an anti-Muslim organization.

Does the Attorney General at all take issue with the FBI working with the SPLC?

Thanks,

Alex Pfeiffer

Associate Producer

Tucker Carlson Tonight

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**Alex Pfeiffer**

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**From:** Alex Pfeiffer  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 6:20 PM  
**To:** O'Malley, Devin (OPA)  
**Subject:** New year, new email Re: Today's Ms. L Hearing

Hi - I am no longer with The Daily Caller. I am working as an off-air reporter for Tucker Carlson Tonight and can be reached at [Alex.Pfeiffer@Foxnews.com](mailto:Alex.Pfeiffer@Foxnews.com)

Thanks