

# Report of Investigation

## Fast & Furious

### The Path to the White House



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## Fast & Furious: Paths leading to the White House [BACKGROUND]

**April 2009 CLAIM:** Barack Obama, Eric Holder & Hillary Clinton publicly claim 90% of guns in Mexico come from U.S. Obama orders Holder to assess U.S. gun sales. **The objective of Operation Fast & Furious was to substantiate these false claims, to enact stronger GUN CONTROL and attack Second Amendment rights.**



Supports the United Nations Organization of American States gun control treaty. Obama has urged the U.S. Senate to ratify it.

Obama now negotiating with The UN Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). Meetings are being conducted behind closed doors with finalization expected this summer; treaty implementation possible by the end of this year. Obama and his administration are in full support of ATT as Secretary of State Hillary Clinton leads international gun control.



1969/1970: At Columbia, seized control of ROTC room 106 with several other students, renaming it the Malcolm X room after his hero.

Backed "assault weapons" ban

Defended 1993 WACO attacks



**"I just want you to know that we are working on it. We have to go through a few processes, but under the radar."** -Barack Obama to Sarah Brady regarding gun control; 30 March 2011, according to Mrs. Brady.

### Evidence Barack Hussein Obama's anti-gun, anti-Second Amendment tactics

- **Obama routinely endorsed total bans on the manufacture, sale and possession of handguns, opposed right- to-carry laws, and voted to ban nearly all common hunting-rifle ammunition.**
- **Obama urging U.S. Senate to ratify UN gun ban treaties**
- In law school, Barack Obama is mentored by **Laurence Tribe**, staunch opponent of gun ownership rights.
- **1994:** Barack Obama on board of **Joyce Foundation**, an organization that in part operates an anti-Gun Program with the objective of driving gun dealerships out of business by placing the firearms industry completely under consumer product health and safety oversight. They misrepresents research findings on gun-related deaths and depict gun violence as a national epidemic, creating skewed reasoning for an attack on Second Amendment rights.
  - **1999:** Proposes a 500% increase in ammunition tax
  - **2000:** As Il Senator, co-sponsors legislation to limit gun sales
  - **2003:** votes to ban private ownership of various guns
  - Votes against IL SB 2165 - permitting self-defense using gun
  - **July 14, 2011: Congressman Issa finds e-mails suggesting ATF agents use testimony in Fast & Furious to advocate stronger gun control measures.**
  - **November 2011: Proposes that all public lands (245 million acres) be off-limits for target practice (Department of Interior). Claims "social conflict issue."**

### OBAMA STACKS SUPREME COURT WITH ANTI-SECOND AMENDMENT JUDGES

Obama appointed **Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor**: Rules in landmark case of *McDonald v. Chicago*, voted to allow anti-gun cities and states to deny the individual Right to Keep and Bear Arms that the Supreme Court had affirmed just two years earlier. **"I can find nothing in the Second Amendment's text, history or underlying rationale that could warrant characterizing it as fundamental."**



Elana Kagan



Sonia Sotomayor

## Fast & Furious: Paths leading to the White House Timeline

### George Walker Bush administration

**2005:** To help combat firearms trafficking into Mexico, ATF began Project Gunrunner as a pilot project in Laredo, Texas, in 2005 (See OIG Report dated November 2010)<sup>i</sup>

**2006: April:** Project Gunrunner official launch date.<sup>ii</sup>

**2007: June:** ATF published a strategy document, **Southwest Border Initiative: Project Gunrunner**, outlining four key components to Project Gunrunner: the expansion of gun tracing in Mexico, international coordination, domestic activities, and intelligence. In implementing Project Gunrunner, ATF has focused resources in its four Southwest border field divisions.

### 2008

**January:** Project Gunrunner expanded by adding 58 staff to the Southwest border field divisions, 3 additional staff to EPIC, and deploying eTrace to all U.S. consulates in Mexico.

**June: Merida Initiative signed into law, allocated \$2 million** to expand Spanish *eTrace* throughout Mexico and Central America.

### Barack Hussein Obama administration

### 2009

**February:** The Recovery Act signed into law, allocated \$10 million to ATF for Project Gunrunner.

**February 25:** DHS Secretary Napolitano testified in the House Homeland Security Committee, stressing that stopping the flow of guns to Mexico was a top priority of the Obama administration and key focus of her work.



**\*March 24, 2009:** A 30-minute press conference<sup>iii</sup> was held at the White House by Press Secretary Robert Gibbs that included Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, newly appointed Deputy Attorney General David Ogden, and Deputy Secretary of State Jim Steinberg. Ogden, who had been on the job for a mere 12 days, referred to Project Gunrunner and other ancillary ATF programs by name, and stated that he was working directly with the Attorney General on the implementation of these programs that included Project Gunrunner.

(See May 3, 2011)

**2009 June:** Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2009 allocated an additional \$6 million to ATF for Project Gunrunner.

**2009 December:** Spanish *eTrace* piloted in Mexico; ATF Agent John DODSON, who later came forward about the tactics used by the ATF & DOJ, arrives in Phoenix.

## **2010**

**January 16: Murder of Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry (Jaime AVILA) purchases 52 firearms - one of which was used to kill Agent Terry. Pays cash for purchase.**

**June:** U.S. Fish & Wildlife Commission closes 3,500 acres of the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge as the federal park was deemed too dangerous to the American public.

**August:** Emergency Border Security Supplemental Appropriations Bill of 2010 allocated **\$37.5 million to ATF for Project Gunrunner.(STIMULUS MONEY)**

**October:** Agent John DODSON transferred from ATF to FBI

**December 14: Agent Brian TERRY gunned down in Peck Canyon. The gun used is traced to Jaime AVILA, purchased from Lone Wolf Trading Company while under ATF surveillance. AVILA and purchase of 52 weapons**

**December 15: Washington Times publishes article blaming drug cartel gun violence on U.S. gun shops.**

**2010: 15,273 murders attributed to Mexican drug Cartel violence**

## **2011**

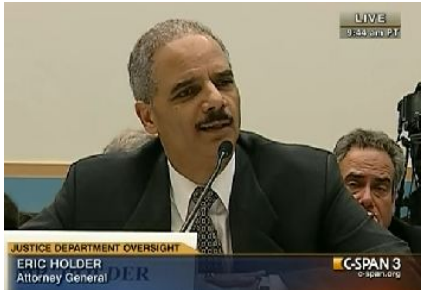
**January:** Agent John Dodson meets with Senator Grassley to discuss Fast & Furious - investigation by Senate Judiciary Committee begins

**January 20:** ATF SAC Bill NEWELL holds press conference denies allowing guns to "walk"

**January 27:** Senator Grassley requests information about Operation Fast & Furious from Assistant AG Lanny Breuer

## 2011 (continued)

**May 2:** In advance of Holder's testimony on 3 May 2011, **Attorney General Eric Holder and DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano meet with Barack Obama in East Room at White House for an extended period.**



**May 3:** In his capacity as U.S. Attorney General, Eric Holder testifies before the House Judiciary Committee<sup>iv</sup>. During that hearing, Holder was questioned about Project Gunrunner and Operation Fast & Furious on two notable occasions. Holder was asked direct questions by Congressman Darrell Issa (49th District of California) about when he first learned of the operation, and who else knew about the project. This exchange begins about 90 minutes into the hearing, and Holder was elusive with his answers. He ultimately stated to the best of his recollection, **he first became aware of the deadly operation within the last few weeks of that hearing. (See March 24, 2009)**

**February 4:** Assistant AG Lanny Breuer denies Agent Dodson's claims in letter to Grassley

**February 15:** ICE Agent Jamie ZAPATA killed in Mexico as he and his partner travel back to U.S. from embassy in Mexico City.

**March 27:** Obama appears on Spanish TV Univision, denies that he or Eric Holder knew anything about Fast & Furious

**April:** House Oversight Committee Chairman Daryl Issa issues subpoenas to Justice Department. **Subpoenas are IGNORED.**

**June:** Holder submits 800 pages of heavily redacted documents to House Oversight Committee Chairman Daryl Issa - Issa threatens contempt charges against Obama/Holder.

**June 15:** First House Oversight Committee hearing; **Democrats call for gun control as a result of Operation Fast & Furious**

**June 30:** **House democrats submit legislation for gun control**

**July 11:** **New gun control reporting measures placed in force on border state gun shop owners.**

**July 14:** **E-mails found that confirm Operation Fast & Furious was implemented as a method to promote gun control.**

**FAST & FURIOUS Connection between Obama, HOLDER, NAPOLITANO & David OGDEN via Dennis BURKE**



David Ogden,  
Deputy AG

**Dennis BURKE**



**1989 to 1994:** counsel for Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee, working on an assault-weapons ban (enacted on 13 September 1994 as the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act). Note: The act expired on 13 September 2004.

**1994/95:** Served in the Clinton Justice Department in the Office of Legislative Affairs.

**1997-99:** Served as assistant U.S. attorney in Arizona.

**1999 to 2003:** Chief deputy and special assistant to Arizona Attorney General Janet Napolitano

**2003:** Burke served as Janet Napolitano's became her chief of staff until fall of 2008.

**2008:** Became independent assistant to various Democratic political campaigns, including Obama's presidential campaign.

**2009:** Became DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano's senior advisor

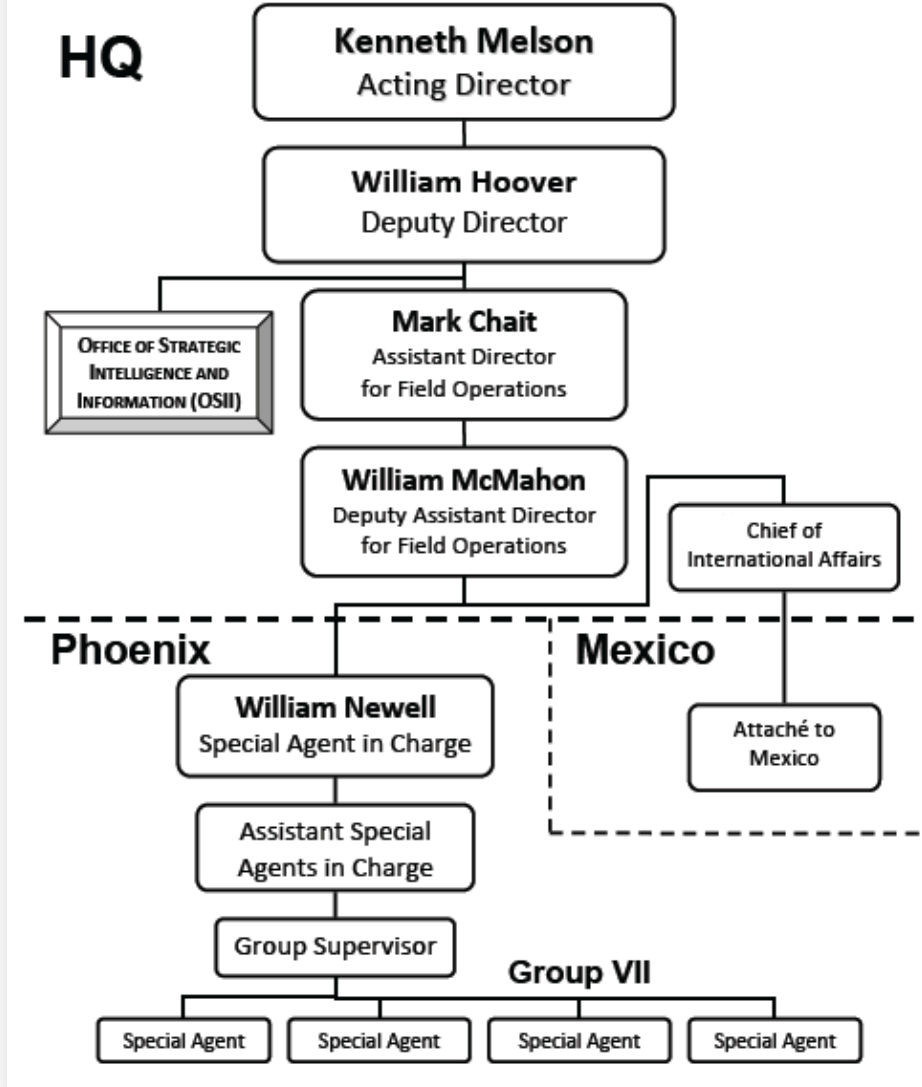
**July 10, 2009:** Obama nominated Burke to be the U.S. attorney in Arizona; he was confirmed in September.

**October 26, 2009:** Eric Holder named BURKE to the Attorney General's Advisory Committee (AGAC) of U.S. Attorneys. In his capacity as an adviser to Holder, Burke chaired the AGAC subcommittee on border and immigration law enforcement under Operation Fast and Furious. **In that capacity, Burke reported to David Deputy Attorney OGDEN on border and immigration enforcement.** At that time, Ogden's office made a significant change in the U.S. government's policy on gun-trafficking on the southern border.

**"This new strategy directed federal law enforcement to shift its focus away from seizing firearms from criminals as soon as possible, and to focus instead on identifying members of trafficking networks." --House Oversight and Government Reform Chairman Darrell Issa; May 3, 2011**

# Key ATF Personnel

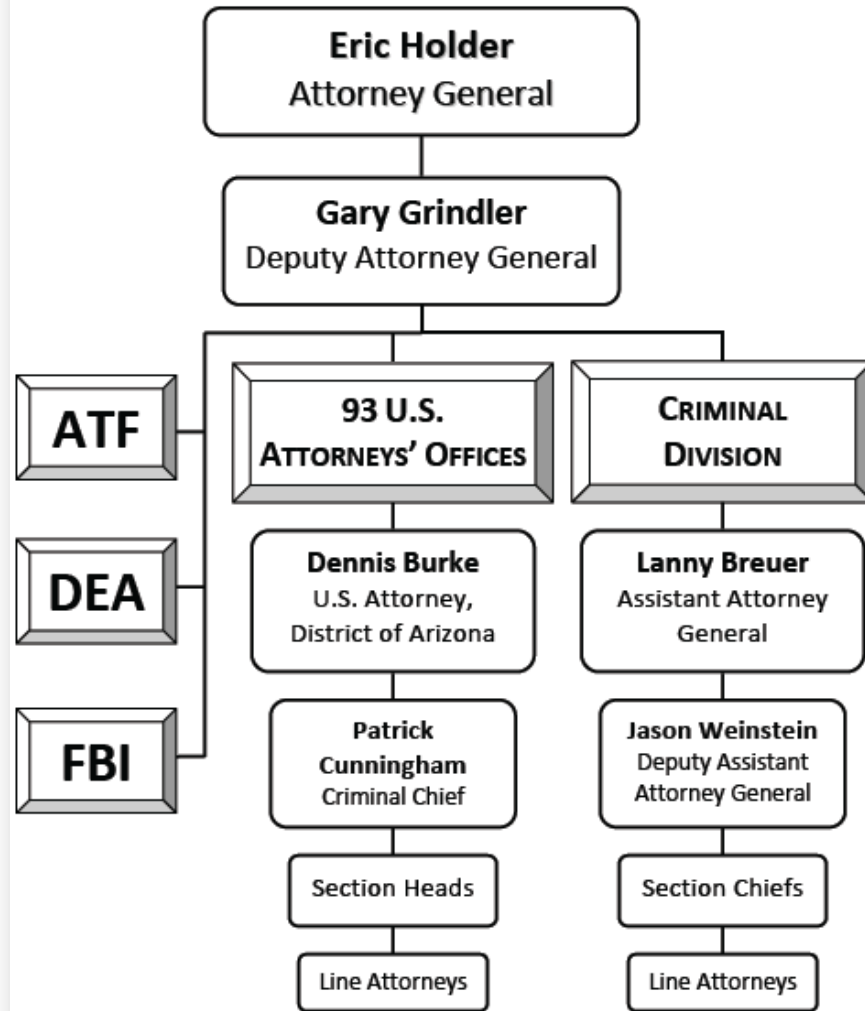
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# Key DOJ Personnel

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# Fast & Furious: Paths leading to the White House: Hillary Rodham Clinton -> U.S. State Department-> Obama



It was critical that Hillary Rodham Clinton, as Secretary of State, is able to verify that 90% of guns used by Mexican drug cartels originated in the U.S. The purpose is twofold: first, it serves to legitimize U.S. gun control measures; also, it assists with the UN Small Arms Treaty



James Steinberg, former Deputy Secretary of State



Transferred to Iraq

Kevin O'Reilly, National Security Advisor to Barack Hussein Obama



Andrew J. Shapiro, Clinton's Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs at the Department of State.



ATF Supervising Agent William Newell provided Congressional testimony that he briefed, Obama's White House's national security advisor Kevin O'Reilly about Fact and Furious. O'Reilly was transferred to the US State Department, which then sent him to Iraq, allegedly unavailable to respond to Congressional subpoena.



Attorney General Eric Holder at the Mexico/United States Arms Trafficking Conference

CUERNAVACA, MEXICO ~ **Thursday, April 2, 2009**



*Remarks as prepared for delivery.*

First, let me express my thanks to Attorney General Medina Mora and Secretary of Government Gomez Mont for making this conference possible.

This is my first trip to another country as Attorney General. I wanted to come to Mexico to deliver a single message: We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with you in this fight against the narcotics cartels. The United States shares responsibility for this problem and we will take responsibility by joining our Mexican counterparts in every step of this fight.

And, together, we will win – thanks in large part to the courage of my Mexican colleagues here today, who are on the front lines every day, and with whom I am proud to collaborate.

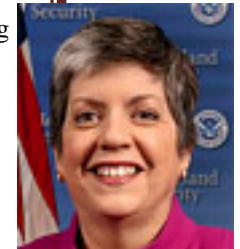
The topic that has been addressed over the past two days could not be more important – the development of an arms trafficking prosecution and enforcement strategy on both sides of the border.

I would like to thank the Mexican and U.S. experts who have worked so hard on this issue. On our side, Secretary Napolitano and I are committed to putting the resources in place to increase our attack on arms trafficking into Mexico.

**Last week, our administration launched a major new effort to break the backs of the cartels. My department is committing 100 new ATF personnel to the Southwest border in the next 100 days to supplement our ongoing Project Gunrunner, DEA is adding 16 new positions on the border, as well as mobile enforcement teams, and the FBI is creating a new intelligence group focusing on kidnapping and extortion. DHS is making similar commitments, as Secretary Napolitano will detail.**

But as today's conference has emphasized, the problem of arms trafficking will not be stopped at the border alone. Rather, as our experts emphasized, this is a problem that must be met as part of a comprehensive attack against the cartels – an attack in depth, on both sides of the border, that focuses on the leadership and assets of the cartel. This is the type of full-bore, prosecution-driven approach that the U.S. Department of Justice took to dismantle La Cosa Nostra – once the most powerful organized crime group operating in the United States.

With partners like those we have here today, I am confident that together, we will defeat these narcotics cartels in exactly the same way. I am proud to stand with you, and to join you in this fight. Thank you again for inviting me here.



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<sup>i</sup> OIG report I-2011-001 November 2010

<sup>ii</sup> *ibid*

<sup>iii</sup> <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/284798-4>

<sup>iv</sup> <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/299299-1>