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FOBP to attend CBP Officer's MSPB hearing on Canadian Border; CBP Officers use Nazi symbols to harass fellow officer

Chino, CA -- FOBP is announcing we have been asked to support and assist a number of new legal cases involving Federal Law Enforcement/Customs and Border Protection Officers, which we have agreed to support after reviewing the cases.

One such case involves more trumped up charges against law enforcement officers, in this case CBP Officer Brian Israel. Our chairman, Andy Ramirez, will be attending on behalf of our non-profit law enforcement advocacy organization, and considers this case similar to others he has investigated.

"The pattern continues with abuse of power, overreaching prosecutions, unjustified terminations, agencies hanging officers/agents out to dry while protecting illegal criminal aliens regardless of the crimes committed during each incident. CBP is firing Officer Israel for doing his job, and trumping up charges against him to cover up their own incompetence, while managers continue to compromise national security for trade and commerce. What's absurd is some in Congress are more concerned about who said what/did what regarding steroid issues, while ignoring the criminal and immoral conduct on the part of the most senior of officials at CBP. Oversight is clearly demanded because DHS/CBP/ICE are a disgrace," stated Andy Ramirez.

There have been numerous acts of blatant and vile discrimination on the part of U.S. Customs Officers against CBP Officer Israel a naturalized US Citizen in the Champlain, NY region. CBP Officer Israel is Canadian born, of Jewish ancestry, served his adopted country honorably in the U.S. Navy, and has continued his service as a federal law enforcement officer with US Treasury Police in Washington, DC, US Federal Air Marshal Service in Miami, FL and US Customs Border Protection Senior Officer in Champlain, NY. He is the recipient of various awards, citations, commendations and medals for his Military and Federal Law Enforcement Service. Brian is fluent in English, French, Hebrew, and has some capability in Arabic.

Brian has been subjected to anti-Semitic activity since he was first hired by the then U.S. Customs Service, predecessor to CBP, approximately 10 years ago. He has found swastikas and Waffén SS lighting stripes on his locker. He regularly was sent out by his management to clear "his people" when the "smelly," "Jew Bus" came in from Canada on Thursdays. Another term used by others at the Port of Entry was "Jew Cruiser". His co-workers constantly ridiculed him, ("courageously" behind his back) when Brian was seen in the company of a law-enforcement chaplain, Rabbi Mayer Birmhack, who is a chaplain for NYPD, FDNY, and DOD Police.

One of the trumped up charges stem from incidents in 2005 at the US – Canadian border involving CBP Officer Israel and one involves an Algerian male who crashed a vehicle at 70mph into a radiation portal monitor near the primary lane at Champlain. The Algerian subject was found to be in possession of marijuana and ecstasy, and continued to act aggressively with hands waving and screaming throughout the incident, including at the hospital who treated him due to the injuries sustained when he crashed at the POE. The agency is claiming that Officer Israel

claimed the subject to be a terrorist, of which there is no record, and fired him for their own incompetence, and lack of evidence in this and the other two incidents.

CBP Officer Israel's hearing is before the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, New York Field Office, case known as Brian Israel - appellant vs. the Department of Homeland Security, Docket Number NY-0752-07-0296-I-1. The hearing will take place beginning on Wednesday, March 05, 2008 and continue through Friday, March 07, 2008, commencing at 0930EST, {9:30AM} and concluding at 1700EST (5:00pm) EST each day.

CBP Officer Israel's hearing will be held at the U.S. Border Patrol's Swanton Sector Headquarters located at 155 Grand Avenue, Swanton, Vermont, and is open to the public.

It is well acknowledged by many Customs, Border Patrol, and ICE officers and agents that such cases are often stacked against officers with rulings going against them regardless of evidence and facts. Many officers feel that MSPB is a pro-DHS realm. This is an opportunity for the public to see an MSPB hearing, and listen to the facts, while having an opportunity to report this directly from a U.S. Border Patrol Sector HQ along the ignored northern border. FOBP will be attending the hearing in support of CBP Officer Israel and will review the region's level of security at and in-between the ports of entry.

Attorneys Mark Conrad of Spring, TX and Ronald H. Tonkin of Houston, TX are serving as counsel to Officer Israel.

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