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Congressman Jones, FBP's Ramirez ask Attorney General's office to review Ramos-Compean case & give justice to agents

Friends of the Border Patrol is announcing that earlier today, Congressman Walter Jones, (R-NC) and Andy Ramirez, chairman of Friends of the Border Patrol met with Assistant U.S. Attorney General Will Moschella to discuss the U.S. Government vs. Border Patrol Agents Ramos & Compean of the El Paso Sector.

During the 25 minute meeting both Congressman Jones and Mr. Ramirez presented the case on behalf of Senior Patrol Agents Ramos and Compean, describing how this case has been a complete miscarriage of justice, and outlining the facts of the case, which includes how the prosecutors did not enforce immunity agreements, which were violated by the drug smuggler who withheld vital information throughout the trial and investigation and, in fact, allowed Aldrete-Davila to leave the U.S. under armed escort by Federal Agents of the Office of Inspector General.

Ramirez also noted to AUSAG Moschella, that the Supreme Court ruled in UNITED STATES v. VERDUGO-URQUIDEZ, 494 U.S. 259 (1990) in which the majority opinion as written by the late Chief Justice William Rehnquist pertaining to civil rights and guest and illegal aliens stated "establish only that aliens receive constitutional protections when they have come within the territory of the United States and developed substantial connections with this country."

Furthermore, Chief Justice Rehnquist also stated in his majority opinion, "But once an alien lawfully enters and resides in this country he becomes invested with the rights guaranteed by the Constitution to all people within our borders" (quoting Bridges, supra, at 161 (concurring opinion) (emphasis added)). Respondent is an alien who has had no previous significant voluntary connection with the United States, so these cases avail him not."

It is quite clear in Chief Justice Rehnquist's majority opinion that narcotic smuggler "Davila" does not meet that criteria established as he was unlawfully within the U.S, driving a vehicle containing 743 pound of marijuana, and had assaulted a federal agent while attempting to evade and flee back into Mexico.

Both Congressman Jones and Mr. Ramirez requested that U.S. Attorney General Antonio Gonzales reopen the case and review it, in order to bring justice to these two agents, who did not commit an offense outside of the non-reporting, which as defined under the current DHS table of penalties has been long since served. Many agents were aware of the incidents that took place on February 17, 2005 and only Ramos and Compean have paid for it, while a supervisor on scene was later promoted and went without disciplinary action by the Border Patrol.

"It is a tragedy that two U.S. Border Patrol agents have been prosecuted for simply doing their job, and protecting our homeland. Agents Ramos and Compean should have been commended by our government for their actions in attempting to apprehend a Mexican drug smuggler," stated Congressman Jones.

"The Justice Department's outrageous prosecution does nothing but tie the hands of our Border Patrol and prevent them from securing America against a flood of illegal immigrants, drugs, counterfeit good and quite possibly, terrorists," concluded Mr. Jones.

" I want to thank Congressman Jones for his assistance in offering his continued support and assistance in bringing justice so deserved by Agents Ramos, Compean, and their families who have endured 17 months of hell. I also want to thank Assistant U.S. Attorney General Moschella for taking time to discuss this case, and I look forward to working with the Attorney General's office and the Congress in bringing this case to a conclusion that will restore the agents' freedom and end this nightmare," stated Mr. Ramirez.

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