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FOBP Releases Reports on National Conference & War on Law Enforcement

Friends of the Border Patrol, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit law enforcement advocacy organization, recently held our 2nd Annual Conference in Houston, TX at the Humble Civic Center. Our guests included former Special Agent in-Charge Sandalio Gonzalez, DEA – El Paso, former Associate Special Agent in-Charge Ruben Gonzalez, ICE – Houston, former Resident Agent in-Charge Mark Conrad, Legacy Customs Internal Affairs (and current FOBP General Counsel), and former Assistant U.S. Attorney Jack Wolfe (Southern District of Texas, McAllen Office).

Our board met, over the course of three days, with top counsels who have been actively representing law enforcement officers, as well as active-duty and retired law enforcement officers. As a result our board of directors has compiled two reports, which we are releasing to the public today. We must report the fact that since 2004, FOBP has actively investigated U.S. National Security along our borders, coastlines, waterways, interior, and our ports of entry, and have testified before numerous Congressional Oversight Committees as well as briefed key Members regarding National Security matters including compromises and lapses.

The FOBP National Conference Official Report and War on Law Enforcement Executive Summary presents in complete details the following:

- The Infamous House of Death of Juarez, Mexico and our government's compromising of DEA Operatives in Juarez, while allowing a number of murders to take place with the full knowledge of U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton and the local SAC of ICE in El Paso who were confronted about the House of Death by DEA SAC Sandalio Gonzalez. Instead of launching a thorough investigation, the government engaged in a massive cover-up and forced Mr. Gonzalez into a premature retirement.
- ICE Melting – In which ASAC Ruben Gonzalez addressed a number of issues including recent ICE apprehensions and the dog & pony show press conferences by Assistant Secretary Julie Myers, which were done to announce to the American people that ICE was doing their job. ASAC Gonzalez questioned the fact that while the apprehensions were taking place, we had yet to hear learn the numbers of human traffickers, illegal

aliens, and employers that are being prosecuted for violating immigration and employment laws.

- Numerous attorneys and federal officers discussed Customs and Border Protection and how senior managers have been promoted after assaults against fellow employees, or in one instance where an Assistant Port Director was found to have planted narcotics on civilians returning to the US from abroad and was later promoted to Port Director, and how local employees were being intimidated by their agency and feared retribution for whistle-blowing a number of issues including compromises of security and harassment and trumped up charged by superiors for doing their jobs and defending their rights all of which were substantiated during the conference.
- How charges are being filed by the agency against officers for the sole purpose of discrediting employees who have witnessed acts of violence and intimidation by superiors as well as for serious compromises of national security. When a US Attorney can use a phony deprivation of civil rights or excessive use of force charge, the charge is used, and when they cant, the agency uses lack of candor or conduct unbecoming to terminate an officer. It must be noted that the most senior CBP officials are not held to the same standard themselves.
- How processes such as filing grievances, reporting to Internal Affairs, the Inspector General, and Office of Special Counsel, EEO complaints, and MSPB, LER, DRB hearings in essence appear to be rigged in that testimony is ignored and the agency repeatedly receives favorable rulings from Administrative Law Judges regardless of the facts, even when perjury is established by counsels for the officers that were terminated.
- How the Federal District Courts issue decisions that ignore rulings by the Supreme Court on the case itself or based on precedent, and refuse to recuse themselves when they are in conflict of interest due to representation of previous clients, or outside employment.

FOBP has presented both reports to a number of Congressional offices including some of the most ardent supporters of increasing border security, and of law enforcement. The offices include:

Key Members and senior staffers of the House Immigration Reform Caucus, and House Appropriations, Judiciary, Homeland Security, Foreign Affairs, and Armed Service Committees.