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FOBP files complaint against Silvestre Reyes of House Intel Committee with House Ethics Committee seeking investigation Complaint cites conflict of House Rules and former Legacy BP training regarding ICE involvement in Reyes' relative kidnapping in Mexico

Great Lakes -- FOBP chairman Andy Ramirez has filed a written complaint with the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, a/k/a the Ethics Committee. Ramirez requests an official investigation into recent actions of Congressman Silvestre Reyes, chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and former Chief Patrol Agent of the El Paso and McAllen Border Patrol Sectors.

This matter was first exposed by Bill Conroy of Narconews.com, who reported the kidnapping of Reyes' relative in Juarez, Mexico and the questionable request for assistance from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) by his district office in El Paso, TX. This matter that is not just questionable, but appears to be completely hypocritical given his deafening silence regarding the Infamous House of Death that was known by U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton and the local ICE office (El Paso) to be taking place in Juarez, Mexico. Reyes had shown no interest regarding the death of BP Agent Luis Aguilar, and has only recently questioned why our government has not sought extradition of Jesus Navarro Montes arrested in Mexico on January 22nd.

This same office of the U.S. Attorney has also previously been identified with the highly controversial prosecution of two Border Patrol Agents, while, at the same time, protecting a known criminal illegal alien dooper.

What adds to the growing concerns about this case is that the memo that was leaked to Narconews from inside ICE, and the subsequent investigation by the Inspector General. This appears to be yet another act of retaliation against an employee by an agency—DHS—notorious for retaliation against its employees.

FOBP has identified a number of issues that are clearly contradictory and blatantly hypocritical and has attached eight exhibits for review by the Ethics Committee. Included is a letter by a nonprofit organization, CREW, to DHS Secretary Chertoff requesting review into the kidnapping and the actions by Congressman Reyes. We thank the Federal Hispanic Law Enforcement Officers Association (FHLEOA) for their support for a House Ethics Committee investigation.

Reyes, a former Chief Border Patrol agent, knows that this type of request is frowned upon by the U.S. Border Patrol. Reyes' actions raise further questions regarding his request because of the lack of jurisdiction of ICE and his past history of failing to act on matters involving agents and U.S. citizens.

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