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Two ATF “Fast and Furious” Whistleblowers Settle Cases

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Larry Alt and Olindo J. “Lee” Casa, two of the employees at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) who blew the whistle on “Operation Fast and Furious” and subsequently filed retaliation claims with the Office of Special Counsel (OSC), successfully resolved their cases through OSC’s mediation program. Under OSC’s mediation program, all mediation communications are confidential.

These resolutions follow the successful resolution last month by OSC of fellow ATF whistleblower Peter Forcelli’s retaliation claims.

“I commend the whistleblowers for coming forward,” said Special Counsel Carolyn Lerner. “I’m pleased that OSC’s mediation program was able to help the parties resolve their concerns.”

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