FAST and FURIOUS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

KEY PLAYERS

FastAndFuriousInvestigation.com
Twitter: **#FastAndFurious**

From the House Oversight Committee

President BARACK OBAMA

Admitted DHS, on at least two occasions, **assisted ATF in letting guns walk into Mexico**

Admitted Fast and Furious was a mistake, vowed to hold those responsible to account

Chief Executive of the United States; **appointed Attorney General Holder**

Denied his and Holder's authorization and his knowledge of Fast and Furious during Univision interview on March 22, 2011

Assistant to the President for Homeland Security **John Brennan** led June 2010 high-level discussion in Phoenix on gun trafficking

O'Reilly shared information on Phoenix gun trafficking cases with **National Security Staff**

Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary JANET NAPOLITANO

Claimed no knowledge of Fast and Furious

Appointed on February 28, 2011 to investigate Fast and Furious, serious questions about impartiality

Testified that she has **never discussed Fast and Furious with AG Holder**, despite deaths of Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry

America's **top law enforcement official**

WHITE HOUSE Staff

Former National Security Staffer **Kevin O'Reilly** frequently communicated about Fast and Furious with Phoenix ATF official Bill Newell

Justice Department INSPECTOR GENERAL'S (IG) OFFICE

Encouraged Justice Department to pursue risky strategies in gun-smuggling investigations

Investigation used by top Obama officials as **excuse for delaying accountability** for those responsible for Fast and Furious

JUSTICE Department

Responsible for ATF, FBI, DEA, and US Attorneys; approved all ATF gun trafficking wiretaps

Failed to end Fast and Furious; stonewalling Congressional oversight by producing limited and sometimes false information

Claimed no knowledge of Fast and Furious it became a scandal

Responsible for Fast and Furious, **shifting investigative focus from gun buyers to cartels** in Fall 2009

Attorney General (AG) ERIC HOLDER

At least 7 memos in 2010 discussing Fast and Furious by name were sent to him; says he doesn't read them – hasn't said who does.

FBI/DEA/ICE

Participated in Fast and Furious but **lacked operational control**

Participated in Fast and Furious strike force with ATF Phoenix office

Informants **involved in Fast and Furious**, causing disputes with ATF

Bureau of ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & FIREARMS (ATF)

In October 2009, Phoenix ATF office launched what would become its largest gun trafficking case: **Operation Fast and Furious**

Enforces federal gun laws; **regulates federally licensed gun dealers**

Adopted reckless investigative techniques of gun-walking, failing to intercept weapons, failing to track guns

American residents who purchase weapons on behalf of Mexican drug cartels

LANNY BREUER

Head of Justice Department's Criminal Division, senior aide to AG Holder, defended former President Clinton during impeachment

Lauded Fast and Furious before scandal broke

His office **approved several Phoenix ATF wiretaps** for Operation Fast and Furious

Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Gary Grindler

Received detailed Fast and Furious briefing March 12, 2010 as acting Deputy Attorney General; currently Holder's Chief of Staff

Unanswered questions about what he did or didn't tell AG Holder about Operation Fast and Furious and why

Handwrote notes on documents **demonstrating intimate knowledge** of Fast and Furious

United States ATTORNEYS

Along with ATF and DOJ, **responsible for failing to arrest straw purchasers** and end Fast and Furious

Encouraged and approved irresponsible Fast and Furious investigative techniques

Led multi-agency Fast and Furious Strike Force, including ATF, FBI, DEA, IRS, and ICE

ATF Group VII Agents

Protested reckless gun walking techniques pushed by their bosses

Some became whistleblowers, alerting Senator Grassley and Chairman Issa to Fast and Furious

Several testified before Congress, expressing outrage and remorse over Fast and Furious

STRAW PURCHASERS

20 have been indicted as a result of Fast and Furious

Most straw purchasers get nothing more than **probation**