

From: Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG)
Subject: RE: Del Rio closing, media, outreach discussion
To: Felte, James (CRT); Hoff, Ashley (USATXW); Iverson, Dena (PAO)
Cc: Visser, Tim (OAG); Moosy, Robert (CRT); Bradford, Aryele (PAO); Folk, Anders (ODAG); Braden, Myesha (ODAG); Clarke, Kristen (CRT); Cochran, Shaylyn (CRT); Christian, Forrest (CRT)
Sent: March 11, 2022 5:09 PM (UTC-05:00)

Thanks, Jim and team!

From: Felte, James (CRT) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 5:04 PM
To: Hoff, Ashley (USATXW) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)
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And just so everybody knows, the notification letter has been sent. Thanks all!

Jim

From: Hoff, Ashley (USATXW)
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 2:49 PM
To: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)
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We want to alert the BP Sector Chief and the agents that referred the case, along with our Del Rio Chief.

On Mar 11, 2022, at 1:40 PM, Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

Just for our awareness, who are the others in the district that will be notified?

Dena Iverson
Principal Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

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From: Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6)
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Cochran, Shaylyn (CRT) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Del Rio closing, media, outreach discussion

Thanks, everyone. This plan sounds good to me. No reason to delay from OAG's perspective, but I defer to everyone else who is closer to this.

From: Moosy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 2:30 PM
To: Felte, James (CRT) (b) (6)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Bradford, Aryele (PAO) (b) (6); Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG) (b) (6); Folk, Anders (ODAG) (b) (6); Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (b) (6); Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6); Hoff, Ashley (USATXW) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); Clarke, Kristen (CRT) (b) (6); Cochran, Shaylyn (CRT) (b) (6)
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Let's hold for a bit. Others: and reason to delay? Otherwise we will proceed. Let's say 4et?

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On Mar 11, 2022, at 2:28 PM, Felte, James (CRT) (b) (6) wrote:

That's good by me if it's good by Ashley.

Jim

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Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 2:27 PM
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[We can send the closing notification letter today, right Ashley and Jim?](#)

From: Iverson, Dena (PAO)
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Hi Everyone,

Closing the loop here after a bunch of phone conversations. We are going to follow regular practice for cases we have not previously acknowledged were opened and not do an affirmative press release or statement. The drafted release is very helpful and OPA will use the content to background any reporters about our authorities etc. (b) (5)

(b) (5). We should (b) (5), but please keep me posted on (b) (5)

(b) (5). If folks have any questions feel free to give me a call on my cell.

Thanks,
Dena

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Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2022 6:29 PM
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Sparkle/Tim/Anders/Myesha –

Attached is a draft press release from CRT, with sign-off from the USAO. Please provide your edits.

Below is a list of stakeholders that AAG Clarke could connect with on this matter. (Thank you Shaylyn!)

OPA is still flushing out the rollout plan on this, so I will follow-up once I have more information.

Best,
Aryele

- National Action Network: Al Sharpton
- Haitian Bridge Alliance: Guerline Jozef, (b) (6)
 - Note: This group may be involved in the civil class action suit that was filed last December.

- Black Alliance for Just Immigration & President. National Conference of Black Lawyers: Nana Gyamfi, Executive Director, (b) (6) (b) (6)
- ACLU Texas: Kathryn Huddleston, Staff Attorney, (b) (6), (b) (6)
- UndocuBlack Network: Patrice Lawrence, Co-Director, (b) (6), (b) (6)

From: Moossy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 9:14 AM
To: Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG) (b) (6)
Cc: Felte, James (CRT) (b) (6); Folk, Anders (ODAG) (b) (6); Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (b) (6); Hoff, Ashley (USATXW) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Clarke, Kristen (CRT) (b) (6); Colangelo, Matthew (OASG) (b) (6); Bradford, Aryele (PAO) (b) (6)
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Works for me. Jim will send a cal invite.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 9, 2022, at 8:47 AM, Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG) (b) (6) wrote:

I'm now clear in the 1-1:30 window, which looks like it works for Ashley. Can OPA join then?

From: Felte, James (CRT) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 8:21 PM
To: Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG) (b) (6); Folk, Anders (ODAG) (b) (6); Moossy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6); Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (b) (6); Hoff, Ashley (USATXW) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Clarke, Kristen (CRT) (b) (6); Colangelo, Matthew (OASG) (b) (6); Bradford, Aryele (PAO) (b) (6)
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I apologize. I missed an email. I don't think Ashley is available at 1:45.

From: Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG)
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 8:15 PM
To: Felte, James (CRT) (b) (6); Folk, Anders (ODAG) (b) (6); Moossy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6); Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (b) (6)

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(b) (6); Colangelo, Matthew (OASG)
(b) (6) Bradford, Aryele (PAO)
(b) (6)
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Sounds great. Thanks, Jim!

From: Felte, James (CRT) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 8:05 PM
To: Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG) (b) (6) Folk, Anders (ODAG) (b) (6) Moossy, Robert (CRT)
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(b) (6) Colangelo, Matthew (OASG)
(b) (6) Bradford, Aryele (PAO)
(b) (6)
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Why don't we aim for 1:45?

From: Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG)
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:32 PM
To: Folk, Anders (ODAG) (b) (6) Moossy, Robert (CRT)
(b) (6) Braden, Myesha (ODAG)
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(b) (6); Felte, James (CRT) (b) (6)
Colangelo, Matthew (OASG) (b) (6) Bradford,
Aryele (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Del Rio closing, media, outreach discussion

Of these times, I could do 1:45-2:30 or after 5:30.

From: Folk, Anders (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:32 PM
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Colangelo, Matthew (OASG) (b) (6) Bradford,
Aryele (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Del Rio closing, media, outreach discussion

Thanks Robert –

I can make time between and 1-2:30 or after 5:30.

Anders

From: Moossy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:22 PM
To: Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG) (b) (6); Folk, Anders (ODAG) (b) (6); Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (b) (6); Hoff, Ashley (USATXW) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Clarke, Kristen (CRT) (b) (6); Felte, James (CRT) (b) (6); Colangelo, Matthew (OASG) (b) (6); Bradford, Aryele (PAO) (b) (6)
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Team,

We are near to signing and officially closing the Del Rio CBP matter – we are just awaiting a final draft of the closing memo from the USAO, and then our Criminal Section Chief will sign it, officially closing the matter. Likely tomorrow. A summary is below.

Perhaps some set of us could meet tomorrow and discuss the roll-out of this matter, both substance and timing. I’m free 10-11, 1 to 3:30, and after 5:30. If you want to meet, please indicate which times you are free in a reply email.

Attached is a DRAFT letter we would typically send to CBP notifying them of our action – as would be typical in a matter like this.

Please be aware that (b) (5)

[Redacted]

Given the high profile nature of this matter, I think we should discuss whether we need an outreach or media plan for our decision. (b) (5)

[Redacted]

For Media:

One option would be (b) (5)

[Redacted]

Another would be (b) (5)

[Redacted]

For Outreach: I'm not firmly recalling, but I thought DOJ did some outreach when the incident happened?

Summary of incident and summary of reasons for closing:

(b) (5)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

(b) (5)

[Redacted text block]

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(b) (5)

From: Christian, Forrest (CRT)
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 5:38 PM
To: Moossy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6)
Cc: Felte, James (CRT) (b) (6)
Subject: standard closing notification letter

Robert,

I have attached the standard closing notification letter we would send for a matter like the Del Rio incident. I have provided a draft to the USAO for their review as well.

As soon I have the final draft of the closing memo from the USAO, I will forward it to you.

Thanks,
Forrest

From: Iverson, Dena (PAO)
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To: Moosy, Robert (CRT)
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Sent: March 11, 2022 5:01 PM (UTC-05:00)

My recommendation (b) (5) .

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On Mar 11, 2022, at 4:55 PM, Moosy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6) wrote:

So would we (b) (5) ?

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Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 2:49 PM
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(CRT) (b) (6); Cochran, Shaylyn (CRT) (b) (6)
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Sent: March 11, 2022 2:45 PM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: 3.11.22 signed Closing notification letter to agency HPU.pdf

Attached. So to confirm, notification will occur at 4pm ET?

Jim

From: Moosy, Robert (CRT)
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 2:42 PM
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Jim, please circulate the signed notification letter to this group so all have it.

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Just for our awareness, who are the others in the district that will be notified?

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Sent: March 11, 2022 2:41 PM (UTC-05:00)

I will also call Matt Klein at 4, he's the director of CBP OPR at HQ.

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Sent: March 11, 2022 2:36 PM (UTC-05:00)

This plan sounds good to me and no reason

From: Moosy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 2:30 PM
To: Felte, James (CRT) (b) (6)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Bradford, Aryele (PAO) (b) (6); Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG) (b) (6); Folk, Anders (ODAG) (b) (6); Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (b) (6); Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6); Hoff, Ashley (USATXW) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); Clarke, Kristen (CRT) (b) (6); Cochran, Shaylyn (CRT) (b) (6)
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Sent: March 11, 2022 2:29 PM (UTC-05:00)

Yes. Of course. We just need to make some notifications in district.

On Mar 11, 2022, at 1:27 PM, Moosy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6) wrote:

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To: Bradford, Aryele (PAO)
Cc: Folk, Anders (ODAG); Visser, Tim (OAG)
Sent: March 10, 2022 8:05 PM (UTC-05:00)

I'm sorry! I thought she was in touch with you. Keep us posted. We'll stand by to review if needed.

From: Bradford, Aryele (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2022 8:02 PM
To: Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG) (b) (6)
Cc: Folk, Anders (ODAG) (b) (6); Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Del Rio closing, media, outreach discussion

Thanks. I feel like I've been spinning my wheels on this. I didn't know she connected with you before I sent that email. Feel free to disregard and I'll find her in the morning.

On Mar 10, 2022, at 7:21 PM, Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG) (b) (6) wrote:

Thanks, Aryele! Has OPA decided (b) (5)? When I connected with Dena earlier, (b) (5). It might make sense to (b) (5).

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Cc: Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG); Visser, Tim (OAG); Folk, Anders (ODAG)
Sent: March 9, 2022 9:21 AM (UTC-05:00)

Our emails crossed. If (b) (5)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] . We should just be sure that (b) (5)
[REDACTED]

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(b) (5)

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 9, 2022, at 8:59 AM, Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (b) (6) wrote:

What is the (b) (5)?

From: Moosy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 8:43 PM
To: Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (b) (6)
Cc: Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG) (b) (6); Visser, Tim (OAG) (b) (6); Folk, Anders (ODAG) (b) (6)
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Thanks. (b) (5)
[REDACTED]

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On Mar 8, 2022, at 8:28 PM, Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (b) (6) wrote:

Hi, Robert

This is CRM so all Anders, but I do want to raise the possibility that (b) (5)
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] . We should be prepared to (b) (5)
[REDACTED]

Thanks,

Myesha

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To: Moosy, Robert (CRT)
Cc: Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG); Visser, Tim (OAG); Folk, Anders (ODAG)
Sent: March 9, 2022 9:13 AM (UTC-05:00)

If we (b) (5) [REDACTED], it should (b) (5) [REDACTED]

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From: Gupta, Vanita (OASG)
Subject: FW:
To: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)
Sent: March 11, 2022 3:01 PM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: 3.11.22 signed Closing notification letter to agency HPU.pdf

From: Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 2:58 PM
To: Gupta, Vanita (OASG) (b) (6); Colangelo, Matthew (OASG)
(b) (6)
Subject: FW: Del Rio closing, media, outreach discussion

The Del Rio notification is happening at 4pm. (b) (5).

From: Apreza, Ernesto EOP/WHO
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: November Inter-Agency Engagement on Asylum
To: Fletcher, Brian H. (OAG); Moran, Tyler T. EOP/WHO; Olavarria, Esther M. EOP/WHO; KRISHNASWAMI, CHARANYA; ROBINSON, BRENT; KELLEY, ANGELA; SHAHOULIAN, DAVID; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per DHS; Trickler-McNulty, Claire; Sokoler, Jennifer B. EOP/WHO; JAWETZ, TOM-TSVI; Baran, Amanda; HUNTER, ADAM; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per DHS; O'Herron, Margy (ODAG); King, Jean (EOIR); (b)(6) per DHS; McNulty, Sheila (EOIR); Guttentag, Lucas (ODAG); Adkins-Blanch, Chuck (EOIR); (b)(6) per DHS; KAINE, NATHANIEL C; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per DHS; Panigrahi, Shreeya G. EOP/WHO; Tellawi, Heba K. EOP/WHO; Kelley, Jennifer A. EOP/WHO; Zengotitabengoa, Colleen Mary R. EOP/WHO; (b)(6) per DHS; Anderson, Kathryn E; EVA MILLONA; HINKEN, ANNA; Cheng, Mary (EOIR); Marta Youth -
Cc: Phonharath, Leetha S. EOP/NSC; Dhanjal, Manpreet S
Sent: November 18, 2021 12:25 PM (UTC-05:00)

Hi, all. Thanks again for a great call. Please see below for notes and next steps from the engagement. I've also included follow up materials (b)(5).

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Ernie

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Action Items:

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Ernesto 'Ernie' Apreza

c: (b) (6)

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From: Apreza, Ernesto EOP/WHO

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:08 PM

To: Apreza, Ernesto EOP/WHO; Fletcher, Brian H. (OAG); Moran, Tyler T. EOP/WHO; Olavarria, Esther M. EOP/WHO; KRISHNASWAMI, CHARANYA; ROBINSON, BRENT; KELLEY, ANGELA; SHAHOULIAN, DAVID;

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per DHS; Trickler-McNulty, Claire; Sokoler, Jennifer B. EOP/WHO; JAWETZ, TOM-TSVI; Baran, Amanda; HUNTER, ADAM; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per DHS; O'Herron, Margy (ODAG); King, Jean (EOIR); (b)(6) per DHS; McNulty, Sheila (EOIR); Guttentag, Lucas (ODAG); Adkins-Blanch, Chuck (EOIR); (b)(6) per DHS; KAINE, NATHANIEL C.; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per DHS; Panigrahi, Shreeya G. EOP/WHO; Tellawi, Heba K. EOP/WHO; Kelley, Jennifer A. EOP/WHO; Zengotitabengoa, Colleen Mary R. EOP/WHO; (b)(6) per DHS; Anderson, Kathryn E; EVA MILLONA; HINKEN, ANNA; (b)(6) Mary Cheng (EOIR)

Cc: Phonharath, Leetha S. EOP/NSC; Dhanjal, Manpreet S

Subject: November Inter-Agency Engagement on Asylum

When: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:00 PM-6:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Where: (b) (6)

Hi, all. Bumping this with a [new zoom link](#) from DHS. Below I've also included a simplified agenda. See everyone soon.

Ernie

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From: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DHS Update Regarding the Investigation of Horse Patrol Activity in Del Rio, Texas on September 19, 2021
To: Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)
Sent: November 16, 2021 9:27 AM (UTC-05:00)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Office of Public Affairs

**DHS Update Regarding the Investigation of
Horse Patrol Activity in Del Rio, Texas on September 19, 2021**

WASHINGTON — The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provides this update regarding the investigation of horse patrol activity in Del Rio, Texas on September 19, 2021. The activity under investigation, which was captured in photographs and video that circulated nationwide, occurred during the large gathering of Haitian and other migrants near the International Bridge.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) initially referred the investigation to DHS's Office of Inspector General (OIG). The OIG declined to investigate and referred the matter back to CBP's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR). OPR then immediately commenced investigative work, including its review of videos and photographs and the interview of witnesses, employees, and CBP leadership. OPR has followed customary process in its investigation of this matter.

Once completed, the results of the investigation will be provided to CBP management to determine whether disciplinary action is appropriate and, if so, the specific discipline to be imposed. At that time, the employees will be afforded due process, including an opportunity to respond, and any corrective actions will comport with applicable laws and regulations. The disciplinary process, which is separate from the fact-finding investigation, is subject to certain timelines established in CBP's labor-management agreement with the employees' union of the United States Border Patrol.

DHS remains committed to conducting a thorough, independent, and objective investigation. DHS will share information, as available, consistent with the need to protect the integrity of the investigation and individuals' privacy.

Set forth below is a more detailed overview of the key steps of the investigative and disciplinary processes that govern this kind of matter:

- CBP's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) is the office charged with investigating alleged misconduct of CBP employees.
- In accordance with DHS policy, OPR refers all allegations of serious misconduct against law enforcement officers to the DHS Office of Inspector General (OIG).
- OPR may share its initial findings with the United States Attorney's Office to alert federal prosecutors of the facts of the case and ensure that administrative actions do not inadvertently compromise any potential criminal investigation. Depending on the circumstances, OPR may wait to interview the subject(s) of an investigation until the U.S. Attorney makes a decision on whether or not to pursue the case.
 - *If the U.S. Attorney accepts the case*, OPR coordinates with the Department of Justice on the investigation. In most situations, OPR defers to the prosecuting entity, which generally means that it will wait for the completion of the criminal case before conducting interviews of the subjects involved.
 - *If the U.S. Attorney declines the case*, OPR continues with the final steps remaining in the investigation. The results of the completed investigation are then provided to CBP management to evaluate whether disciplinary action is warranted.
- In determining what disciplinary action to take, deciding officials are typically required to consider a number of factors, referred to in case law as the Douglas Factors (based on criteria set forth in the 1981 case, *Douglas vs. Veterans Administration*), to include an analysis of the nature and seriousness of the action; the employee's role and position, work record, and disciplinary history; the notoriety of the offense; and the consistency of the proposed penalty with discipline imposed for analogous offenses.
- The employee is issued a decision letter in which the individual is advised of the decision, which charges were sustained or not sustained, the factors considered in deciding on the chosen disciplinary action, and appeal rights, if any. For certain types of disciplinary actions, such as long suspensions and removal actions, the agency is required by law to provide at least 30 days' notice and an opportunity to respond before effectuating the discipline.
- The appeal avenues available to the employee depend on the type of discipline imposed, the employee's employment history, and the employee's bargaining unit status. Depending on the circumstances, employees have the right to the following processes: review by the Merit Systems Protection Board; review by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; a negotiated grievance procedure and arbitration; and an internal administrative grievance procedure. Which of those processes would apply depends on the circumstances.

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From: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)
Subject: Fwd: DHS statement on horse patrol investigation
To: Colangelo, Matthew (OASG)
Sent: November 15, 2021 10:51 PM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: Update Re Del Rio InvestigationS1_11.15.21.docx

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)" (b) (6)
Date: November 15, 2021 at 5:48:25 PM EST
To: "Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)" (b) (6)
Subject: FW: DHS statement on horse patrol investigation

From: Blevins, Danielle (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 5:46 PM
To: Boynton, Brian M. (CIV) (b) (6); Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG)
(b) (6); Wolfson, Paul (OASG) (b) (6)
Cc: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Iverson, Dena (PAO)
(b) (6)
Subject: FW: DHS statement on horse patrol investigation

Hi all,

I just received the attached from DHS. They want to put this out to tonight.

All the best,

Danielle

From: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 5:41 PM
To: Blevins, Danielle (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: MAIA SILVA, EDUARDO (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DHS statement on horse patrol investigation

Danielle,

Attached is a statement we'd like to put out tonight on the Border Patrol horse investigation. Our lawyers are talking, but want to flag for you as well. Let me know if any issues.

Thank you!

From: Gupta, Vanita (OASG)
Subject: Fwd: Follow up to your call
To: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)
Sent: September 25, 2021 3:55 PM (UTC-04:00)

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Moosy, Robert (CRT)" (b) (6)
Date: September 25, 2021 at 3:39:12 PM EDT
To: "Clarke, Kristen (CRT)" (b) (6), "Gupta, Vanita (OASG)"
(b) (6) "Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG)" (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: Follow up to your call

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hoff, Ashley (USATXW)" (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Date: September 25, 2021 at 3:17:43 PM EDT
To: "Moosy, Robert (CRT)" (b) (6)
Subject: Follow up to your call

Robert,

Thanks again for your call. I sure appreciate it.

I talked with Dan Altman, Director of CBP OPR about an hour ago. He is in Del Rio and I first had contact with him yesterday. (b)(5), (b)(7)(A)

I advised Altman that (b)(5), (b)(7)(A)

I will convey the same to our team, which consists of our Criminal Chief, along

with the branch Chief and Deputy in Del Rio.

I did tell Altman that we will accept reports and materials for review as we had previously discussed. (b)(5), (b)(7)(A)

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I plan to circle back with you on it.

Please let me know if you need anything further on this at present. I believe we are on the appropriate track.

As always, we are incredibly grateful for the help from the top of the Department and from CRT.

Ashley C. Hoff
United States Attorney
Western District of Texas
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

**EOUSA/USAO Travel Package
Attorney General Visit to
the Western District of Texas
Expected Travel Date: October 2021**

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V. Significant Cases

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Matter of Del Rio Border Patrol's Horse Patrol Unit – INVESTIGATION (b) (5)

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EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Tim Visser

SUBJECT: **October 7, 2021 Attorney General Visit to the U.S. Attorney's
Office for the Western District of Texas**

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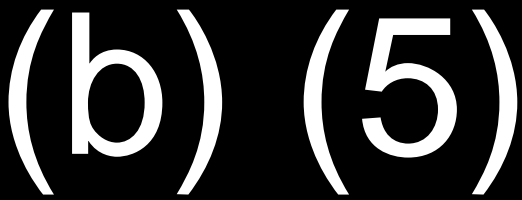


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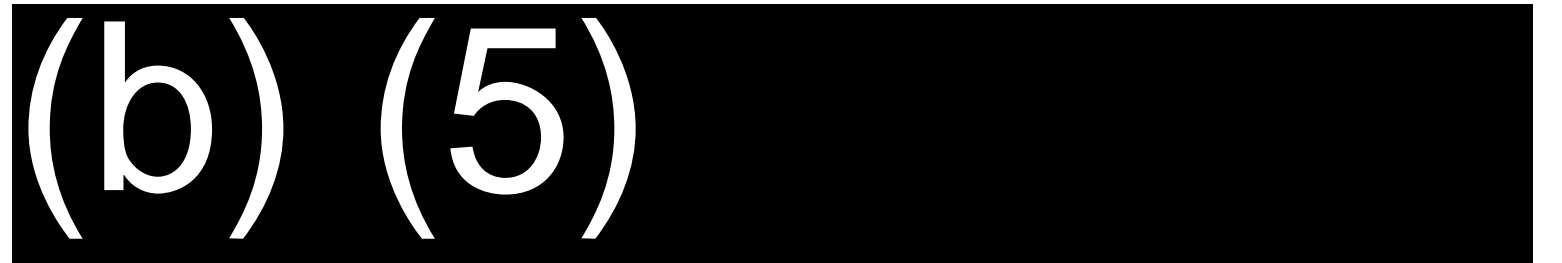
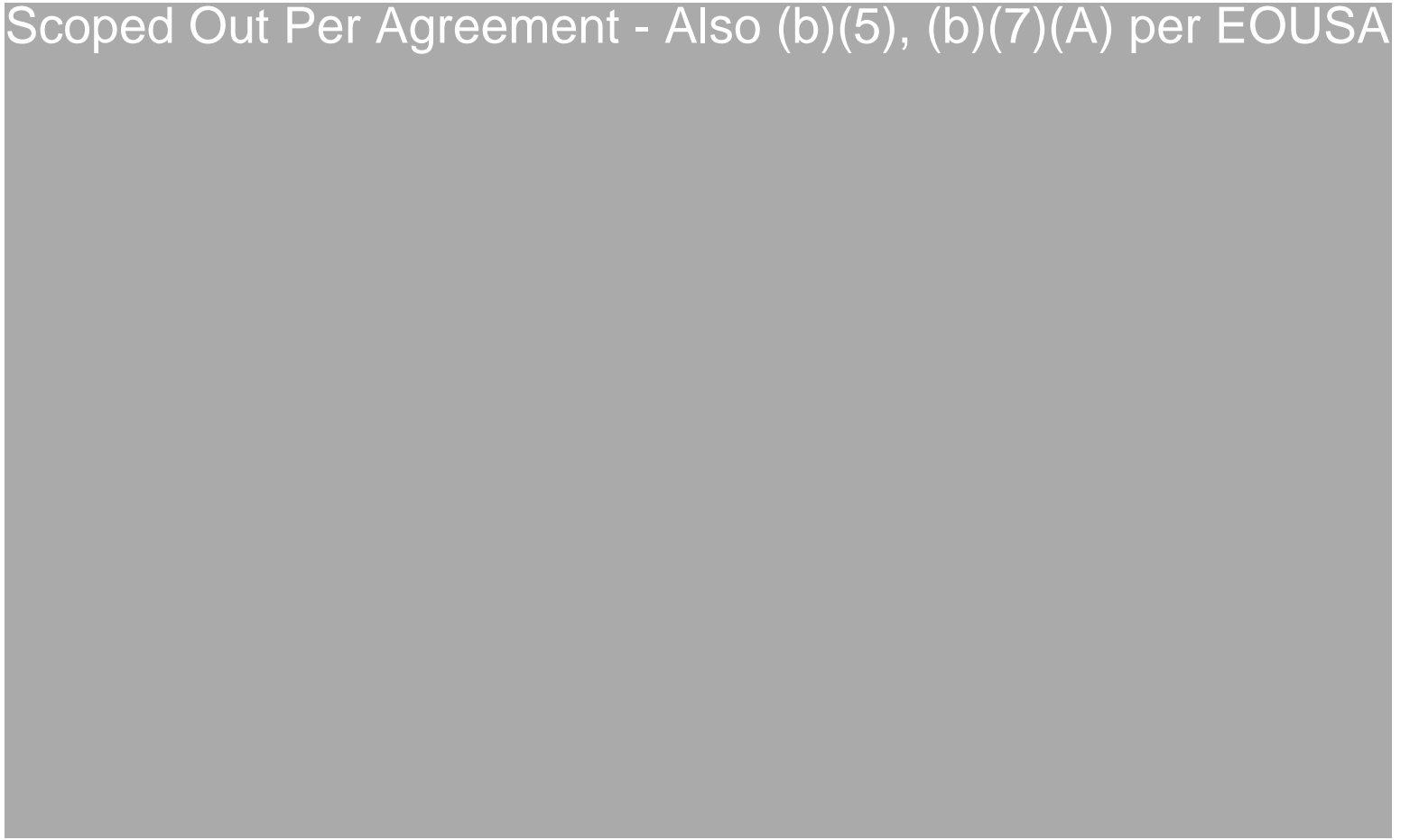
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