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All,

The weekly report is attached. Have a good weekend.

Best,  
Katie

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**From:** Ferrato, Katherine M. (ODAG)  
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**Subject:** Weekly Report Reminder

Good morning,

Please send your submissions for the weekly report to me, Ellen, Donna, and Angie by noon today. Thank you!

Best,  
Katie

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WEEKLY REPORT  
FOR  
THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

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WEEK OF  
23 APRIL 2018

ATR Antitrust Division	ODAG POC: Michael Murra (b) (6), Amelia Medin (b) (6) Component POC: COS John Elias (b) (6)		
<i>United States v. AT&amp;T et al.</i> The trial started 3/19 and will continue this week.	Date	OAG/ODAG action required?	Recommend notifying PAO?
	N/A	Situational awareness	Already aware
Antitrust Consent Decrees. On April 26, ATR will host a roundtable on the use of consent decrees.	04/26/18	No	No

ATF Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives	ODAG POC: Robyn Thieman (b) (6) Component POC: Chief of Staff Joseph Allen (b) (6)		
<p>On April 12, 2018, ATF agents in Houston, Texas, assisted by the Houston Police Department (HPD), interdicted 13 firearms, to include a Barret .50 caliber rifle, intended for delivery to Mexico. ATF observed the target of the investigation (b)(6) per EOUSA, deliver firearms to a stash house. ATF searched the stash house (via consent), located and seized the 13 firearms together with approximately 14 pounds of black tar heroin. ATF also obtained admissions from two female occupants of the stash house regarding their role in the operation. On April 17, 2018, ATF and the HPD arrested (b)(6) per EOUSA while he was enroute to deliver two 40mm grenades for distribution to Mexico. During a debriefing, Pope claimed to have trafficked \$500 thousand worth of firearms to Mexico over a 2-year period. This investigation is ongoing.</p> <p>On April 14, 2018, ATF and the Dallas Police executed a state arrest warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (firearm) on (b)(6) per EOUSA, and delivered a writ ad pros for ICE immigration detainee (b)(6) per EOUSA on the same charges. (b)(6) per EOUSA is a Honduran immigrant and self-admitted MS-13 associate (b)(6) per EOUSA is a member of a violent street gang, with prior convictions for attempted murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The charges against (b)(6) per EOUSA and (b)(6) per EOUSA were primarily the result of NIBIN correlations generated by ATF's NNCTC which linked six Dallas-area shootings, and investigative follow-up by ATF's Dallas Crime</p>	Date	OAG/ODAG action required?	Recommend notifying PAO?
	04/12/18	FYSA	No
	04/14/18	FYSA	No

Gun Intelligence Center. CGIC analysis of the correlated shootings established that they had all occurred within a one-mile radius in the west-Dallas area. Through interviews of local officers and a number of victims and witnesses, CGIC agents identify (b)(6) per EOUSA and (b)(6) per EOUSA as suspects, and then worked with local investigators to develop sufficient evidence to secure the state assault charges.			
On April 18, 2018, ATF Assistant Director James McDermond testified on a panel with FBI Assistant Director Kerry Sleeper before the House Homeland Security Committee in a hearing entitled "From Boston to Austin: Lessons Learned on Homeland Threat Information Sharing." The hearing highlighted ATF and FBI information sharing initiatives and improvements since the 2013 Boston Marathon Bombing, with particular emphasis on the critical role both ATF and FBI played in the recent Austin, Texas serial bombing investigation.	04/18/18	FYSA	No

BOP Bureau of Prisons	ODAG POC: Michael Fran (b)(6) Component POC: Deputy Director Judi Garret (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per BOP		
	<i>Date</i>	<i>OAG/ODAG action required?</i>	<i>Recommend notifying PAO?</i>
During the past week, BOP's population decreased by 56, bringing the total inmate population to 183,881. BOP's net population loss for FY 2018 is 1,736. The inmate population has declined two of the past eight weeks.	04/20/18	FYSA	No

Child Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking	ODAG POC: Michael Fran (b)(6)		
	<i>Date</i>	<i>OAG/ODAG action required?</i>	<i>Recommend notifying PAO?</i>
<i>United States v</i> (b)(6) per EO (W.D. Wash.). On April 12, defendan (b)(6) per EOUSA was sentenced to 33 years in prison for his scheme to recruit young women and teens to prostitution for his own enrichment. A jury previously convicted (b)(6) per EO of 17 felonies related to sex trafficking. As part of his sentence (b)(6) per EO must pay \$76,700 in restitution to his victims and register as a sex offender.	04/12/18		

CIV Civil Division	ODAG POC: Michael Murra (b) (6) Component POC: Alex Haas (b) (6)		
<p><b>Affordable Care Act.</b> Texas has informed CIV it plans to file for a preliminary injunction on 4/26. CIV is negotiating a June response date.</p> <p><b>Painbomb.</b> At the end of next week, or potentially the beginning of the following week, CIV will file a complaint alleging that a Colorado company is violating the FDCA for its CBD-based products, because the company claims the products cure diseases such as AIDS and Alzheimer's disease.</p>	Date	OAG/ODAG action required?	Recommend notifying PAO?
	No date specified	No	Already aware
	04/13/18	No	Already aware

COPS Community Oriented Policing Services	ODAG POC: Andrew Goldsmith (b) (6) Component POC: Acting Director Russ Washington (b) (6)		
<p>COPS Office Director Phil Keith will attend the 2018 IACP Policy Council Mid-Year Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on April 25-27, 2018. This Policy Council meeting will provide an opportunity for IACP committee members to discuss critical issues facing the law enforcement community, identify best practices, and enhance relationships with peers and colleagues in the field.</p> <p>COPS Office staff will conduct monitoring site visits in Pennsylvania at the Harrisburg Bureau of Police, City of York, and the Pennsylvania State Police from April 24-26, 2018 to ensure compliance with COPS funding requirements.</p> <p>The COPS Office anticipates launching the 2018 COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP), Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF) Program, and Community Policing Development (CPD) Program solicitations during the week of April 23-27, 2018.</p>	Date	OAG/ODAG action required?	Recommend notifying PAO?
	04/25/18– 04/27/18	No	No
	04/24/18– 04/26/18	No	No
	04/23/18– 04/27/18	No	No

CRM Criminal Division		ODAG POC: Zach Terwillige (b) (6) Component POC: PDAAG John Cronan (b) (6)		
		Date	OAG/ODAG action required?	Recommend notifying PAO?
<b>United States v (b)(6) per EOUSA [REDACTED], et al. (D.N.J.) (b)(5) DPP, AWP per CRM [REDACTED]</b> [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. This case is being handled by OCGS and the USAO for the District of New Jersey.		04/25/18	FYSA	FYSA
<b>Court Sealed Matter per CRM and EOUSA; (b)(6) per EOUSA [REDACTED]</b> [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]		04/20/18	FYSA	No
<b>Targeting Illicit Proceeds (TIP) Working Group Meeting.</b> On April 26, 2018, Acting Assistant Attorney General John P. Cronan will give opening remarks at a working-level coordination meeting of representatives from the FBI, the DEA, the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) and Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), Customs and Border Protection, Homeland Security Investigations, and MLARS. The discussion will focus on areas ripe for interagency support and resources that can be shared going forward in efforts to target the illicit proceeds of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel and to better utilize dark web analytics.		04/26/18	FYSA	FYSA
<b>(b)(5) DPP, AWP per CRM; (b)(6) per EOUSA; Court Sealed Matter per EOUSA [REDACTED]</b> [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]		04/12/18	FYSA	No

(b)(5) DPP, AWP per CRM; (b)(6) per EOUSA; Court Sealed Matter per EOUSA			
<p><b>Attorney Appointed to Defend District Court in <i>United States v. (b)(6) per EOUSA</i> (9th Cir.).</b> On April 17, 2018, a split panel of the Ninth Circuit appointed a special prosecutor to defend on appeal the district court's decision not to vacate the guilty verdict entered against (b)(6) per EOUSA for criminal contempt. A separate merits panel will be assigned to set a briefing schedule and decide the merits of the case. This appeal is being handled by the Appellate Section and the underlying case was handled by PIN.</p> <p><b><i>United States v. (b)(6) per EOUSA</i> (7th Cir.).</b> On April 18, 2018, the Seventh Circuit heard oral argument in the interlocutory appeal b (b)(6) per EOUSA a former congressman, who is charged with a variety of wire fraud, false statement, and tax-related counts based on his submission of false reimbursement claims to the House of Representatives and his campaign committees. The district court largely denied (b)(6) per EOUSA motion to dismiss the indictment based on Article I, § 5's Rulemaking Clause and the Speech or Debate Clause. On appeal, (b)(6) per EOUSA contends that (1) the Rulemaking Clause requires dismissal because trial would require the district court to interpret ambiguous House rules, and (2) the Speech or Debate Clause requires dismissal because his submission of reimbursement vouchers to the House was a protected legislative act. This appeal is being handled by the Appellate Section.</p>	04/17/18	FYSA	FYSA
	04/18/18	FYSA	FYSA

CRT Civil Rights Division		ODAG POC: Michael Fran (b) (6) Component POC: Acting AAG John Go e (b) (6)		
		<i>Date</i>	<i>OAG/ODAG action required?</i>	<i>Recommend notifying PAO?</i>
<p><b>Springfield Police Department.</b> On April 13, CRT notified City of Springfield officials that it was opening an investigation of the Springfield Police Department's Strategic Impact (narcotics) Unit to assess whether its officers engage in a pattern or practice of excessive force in violation of the Fourth Amendment (34 U.S.C. § 12601).</p>		04/13/18		
<p><b><i>United States v. Town of Colorado City, et al.</i> (9th Cir.).</b> On April 19, CRT filed its brief as appellee. The United States brought this action against two municipalities that straddle the Arizona/Utah border, alleging violations of the Fair Housing Act (FHA) and the Violent</p>		04/19/18		



<p>Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, 34 U.S.C. 12601. For years, the two towns had functioned as an arm of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, a sect controlled by convicted felo (b)(6) per EOUSA, and had used their municipal governments to advance Church interests and systematically discriminate against and violate the civil rights of non-adherents. A jury found defendants liable under the FHA, and the district court later entered injunctive relief after finding that both towns had also violated Section 12601. On appeal, the towns have challenged the court's Section 12601 liability finding.</p> <p><b>United States v (b)(6) per EO et al. (D. Kan.).</b> On April 18, the jury found the three defendants guilty of conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction (18 U.S.C. § 2332), and conspiring to violate the civil rights of Somali immigrants, in connection with a plan to detonate bombs outside an apartment complex in Garden City, Kansas, because the building houses a large number of Somali immigrants and a makeshift mosque.</p> <p><b>United States v (b)(6) per EO (E.D. Okla.).</b> On April 18, defendant (b)(6) per EOUSA, a former police officer with the Savanna Police Department in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, was sentenced to 100 months in federal prison. (b)(6) per EO previously pleaded guilty to one count of violating the civil rights of a female whom he sexually assaulted during a routine traffic stop.</p>	04/18/18		
	04/18/18		

DEA Drug Enforcement Administration	ODAG POC: Mary Dal (b)(6) Component POC: COS Greg Cherundol (b)(6)			
		Date	OAG/ODAG action required?	Recommend notifying PAO?
<p><b>Largest Fentanyl Seizure Ever in New England.</b> On April 12, 2018, the New England Field Division Task Fo (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) per DEA NEF (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(F) per DEA seized approximately 40 kilograms of suspected fentanyl pursuant to an SOD supporte (b)(7)(E) per DEA investigation into th (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per DEA; (b)(6) per EOUSA Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) operating in the greater Boston, MA area.</p> <p><b>Seizure of a Significant Sinaloa Cartel Weapons Cache in Culiacan, Mexico.</b> On April 13, 2018, the DEA Mazatlán Resident Office provided actionable information that led Mexican Navy (SEMAR) personnel to conduct enforcement operations targeting Sinaloa Cartel activities in the area of Culiacan, Mexico. SEMAR personnel located two weapons stash-houses belonging to Sinaloa Cartel membe (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per DEA; (b)(6) per EOUSA. SEMAR</p>		04/12/18	FYSA	No
		04/13/18	FYSA	No

seized 59 automatic long rifles, 23 pistols, four artillery pieces of .50 caliber machine guns, an RPG launcher, three RPG's, 12 hand grenades, 57 .40mm grenades, 55,878 rounds of ammunition, and 937 magazines for various weapons (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per DEA; (b)(6) per EOUSA (in part)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. The serial numbers of the seized weapons were provided to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to determine ownership and origin.

**Top Tier La Familia Michoacán (LFM) Member Sentenced to 520 Months in Prison in an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Investigation.** On April 11, 2018, (b)(6) per EOUSA [REDACTED] was sentenced to 520 months imprisonment and ordered to pay a \$5 million fine pursuant to charges filed in the Northern District of Texas for conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute methamphetamine and conspiracy to commit money laundering. (b)(6) per EO [REDACTED] was extradited to the United States in January 2017, and arrested on July 11, 2009, in Michoacán, Mexico. On July 13, 2009, 12 officers from the Mexican Secretaria de Seguridad Publica (SSP) were kidnapped, tortured, and murdered by members of the LFM in retaliation for (b)(6) per EOUSA [REDACTED] arrest, which represented the highest single-day death toll for federal forces in Mexico. Between September 2007, and October 2009 (b)(6) per EO [REDACTED] held a leadership position within the LFM, a Mexican drug cartel and syndicate, where he coordinated the shipment of thousands of kilograms of methamphetamine into the United States through border checkpoints near Laredo, Texas, and Tijuana, Mexico. (b)(6) per EO [REDACTED] also designated plaza bosses, infiltrated police at all levels, and coordinated attacks against the Los Zetas and Arturo Beltran-Leyva organizations. In addition (b)(6) per EO [REDACTED] oversaw approximately four LFM bulk currency trafficking networks that each transported \$500,000 in bulk U.S. currency per month from the United States to Mexico. This investigation was the result of exceptional teamwork by the DEA Dallas Field Division and Mexico City Country Office with assistance from the Department of Justice Office of International Affairs, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement/Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Marshals Service, Texas Department of Public Safety, Dallas and Garland (Texas) Police Departments, Mexican Attorney General's Office of Special Investigations in Organized Crime (SIEDO), and SSP.

04/11/18 FYSA

No

<p><b>Court Sealed Matter per EOUSA</b></p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	04/16/18	FYSA	No
<p><b>Heroin and Cocaine Trafficking Organization Dismantled in Chicago in an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF)/ Domestic Cartel Initiative (DCI) Investigation.</b> On April 10, 2018, DEA Chicago Field Division agents along with the U.S. Marshals Service, Internal Revenue Service, and Chicago (Illinois) Police Department, arrested (b)(6) per EOUSA and eight other individuals, resulting in the dismantlement of his heroin and cocaine trafficking organization that is a faction of the Gangster Disciples gang. The eight individuals arrested were Gangster Disciples gang members. Investigators seized small quantities of suspected heroin and cocaine, a firearm, and two Mercedes Benz vehicles. Agents conducted a consent search three days later o (b)(6) per EOUSA residence in Chicago that resulted in the seizure of a firearm and approximately \$75,000 in U.S. currency. Since 2016, th (b)(6) per EOUSA organization distributed approximately four to nine kilograms of heroin and eight kilograms of cocaine per month in Chicago. In March 2017, th (b)(6) per EOUSA organization began distributing heroin laced with fentanyl. To date, this Special Operations Division-supported OCDETF/DCI investigation resulted in the arrest of 41 individuals and the seizure of three kilograms of heroin, 13 kilograms of cocaine, 100 grams of crack cocaine, three firearms, and two high-end vehicles.</p>	04/10/18	FYSA	No
<p><b>Cooperation o (b)(6) per EOUSA of FARC Membe (b)(6) per EOUSA.</b> On April 4, 2018, FARC leader and future Colombian Congressma (b)(6) per EOUSA, ak (b)(6) per EOUSA, was indicted in the Southern District of New York by DEA for 21 USC 963, Conspiracy to Import Controlled Substances. On April 9, 2018, the DEA, working in conjunction with Colombian authorities, executed four INTERPOL Red Notices in Bogota, Colombia, that resulted in the arrest o (b)(6) per EOUSA. (b)(6) per EOUSA has agreed to cooperate against (b)(6) per EOUSA. On April 17, 2018 (b)(6) per EOUSA was flown from Colombia to New York.</p>	04/17/18	FYSA	No

<b>Briefing for Senator Bill Cassidy.</b> On April 20, 2018, SOD and DEA Headquarters Office of Financial Operations personnel will present an SOD overview and Trade-Based Money Laundering briefing to Senator Bill Cassidy and staff.	04/20/18	FYSA	No
<b>Quota Federal Register notice.</b> On April 18, 2018 the Quota Federal Register notice was made available for public inspection. The official publication date is April 19, 2018. This is a proposed rule to strengthen controls over diversion of controlled substances and make other improvements in the quota management regulatory system for the production, manufacturing, and procurement of controlled substances.	04/18/18	FYSA	No
<b>MDL.</b> By April 20, 2018, DC will comply with Judge Polster's order to hand over ARCOS data in the MDL litigation.	04/20/18	FYSA	No
<b>National Take Back Initiative.</b> DEA's fifteenth NTBI is scheduled for April 28th. Sites will be set up throughout communities nationwide to allow local residents to anonymously return their unwanted, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs for safe disposal. This marks the 15th event since the initiative was launched in September of 2010. Since then, DEA has collected more than 9 million pounds—more than 4,500 tons—of prescription drugs at approximately 5,000 collection sites per event in all 50 states and several U.S. territories, typically partnering with more than 4,000 local law enforcement agencies per event. DEA will be conducting a robust advertising campaign involving television, radio, print and social media.	04/25/18	FYSA	No

ENRD Environmental & Natural Resources Division	ODAG POC: Andrew Goldsmit (b) (6) Component POC: Counsel Brandon Middleton (b) (6)		
	<i>Date</i>	<i>OAG/ODAG action required?</i>	<i>Recommend notifying PAO?</i>
<b>Supreme Court to Hear Argument in Treaty Case Involving Culverts.</b> The Supreme Court heard oral argument in <i>Washington v. United States</i> on April 18. The United States and the tribal signatories to the Stevens Treaties brought this proceeding, seeking to enjoin the State of Washington from building and maintaining culverts under state-owned roads that block passage of anadromous fish, thereby significantly degrading the fish runs and fisheries	04/18/18	FYSA	

available for tribal harvest. The State’s petition challenges the Ninth Circuit’s holding that the State has violated tribal treaty fishing rights by building and maintaining the barrier culverts, the dismissal of the State’s “equitable defenses” against the federal government, and the district court’s “overbroad” injunction requiring the State to correct many of its barrier culverts by 2030. Justice Kennedy is recused from this case.

**Update on Child Plaintiff Climate Change Case.** Proceeding on due process, equal protection, Ninth Amendment, and “public trust” doctrine theories, a group of child plaintiffs allege that the federal government has recklessly permitted carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels to cause catastrophic climate change in *Juliana v. United States* (D. Or.). The district court denied the United States’ motion to dismiss the case and motion for interlocutory appeal and the Ninth Circuit recently denied the United States’ petition for mandamus. An in-person status conference was held on April 12, during which the court set a trial date of October 29, 2018 and extended the deadline for defendants to provide expert witness statements to August 13. The court anticipates 50 days for the trial (b)(5) per ENRD

**Pesticide Applicator Indicted in the U.S. Virgin Islands.** On April 12, Terminix employee (b)(6) per EOUSA was charged in an indictment with 14 violations of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). According to the indictment (b)(6) per EOUSA illegally applied methyl bromide in multiple residential locations in the U.S. Virgin Islands, including the condominium resort complex in St. John, where a family of four fell seriously ill in March 2015. (b)(6) per EOUSA was also charged with applying the restricted-use pesticide in residential units in St. Croix and St. Thomas between April 2013 and February 2015. Terminix International Company LP and Terminix International USVI earlier pleaded guilty to FIFRA violations and were sentenced in November 2017 to pay more than \$10 million in fines, community service, and restitution.

**Dog Fighting Sentencing.** On April 18, the fifth defendant to plead guilty in a multi-state dog fighting case was sentenced today in federal court in Trenton, New Jersey, for his role in dog fighting activities that took place in New Jersey and Virginia (b)(6) per EOUSA was sentenced to 24 months in prison (b)(6) per EOUSA pleaded to one felony count of sponsoring and exhibiting a dog in a dog fight, and one felony count of unlawful possession of dogs intended to be used for the purpose of dog fighting.

Ongoing FYSA

04/12/18 FYSA

Already notified

04/18/18 FYSA

Already notified



<b>Surge Locations.</b> Since March 2017, EOIR has completed 13,444 cases. Of those, 12,200 (91%) have resulted in an order that requires the alien to depart or be removed from the United States.	Ongoing	No	No
<b>Testimony.</b> On April 18, EOIR Director James McHenry testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration at a hearing entitled “Strengthening and Reforming America’s Immigration Court System.”	04/18/18	No	No
<b>Published Decision.</b> On April 6, the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) issued a published decision in <i>Matter of Marques Conde</i> , 27 I. & N. Dec. 251 (BIA 2018), opining that the BIA’s holding in <i>Matter of Pickering</i> , 23 I. & N. Dec. 621 (BIA 2003), <i>rev’d on other grounds</i> , <i>Pickering v. Gonzales</i> , 465 F.3d 263 (6th Cir. 2006), regarding the validity of vacated convictions for immigration purposes, is reaffirmed, and the decision is modified to give it nationwide application, while declining to follow <i>Renteria-Gonzalez v. INS</i> , 322 F.3d 804 (5th Cir. 2002).	04/06/18	No	No

EOUSA Executive Office for United States Attorneys		ODAG POC: Iris Lan (b) (6) Component POC: Acting Director James Crowell (b) (6)		
		Date	OAG/ODAG action required?	Recommend notifying PAO?
<b>NAC Training</b>				
• Basic Civil Pretrial Practice Seminar		04/23/18– 04/27/18	No	No
• Courtroom Presentations Seminar		04/24/18– 04/27/18	No	No
• Public Corruption Seminar		04/25/18– 04/27/18	No	No
<b>Five Defendants Indicted for Selling Heroin and Fentanyl That Led to the Deaths of Six Individuals (WDNY).</b> (b)(6) per EOUSA of Williamsville, New York (b)(6) per EOUSA and		04/13/18	No	Already notified

(b)(6) per EOUSA, both of Buffalo, NY; an (b)(6) per EOUSA, of Lancaster, NY, were charged in a 23-count indictment with conspiracy to distribute one kilogram or more of heroin and 400 grams or more of fentanyl. (b)(6) per EOUSA was arrested on March 16, 2017, after authorities executed a search warrant at his home on Glenwood Drive in Williamsville, New York. From (b)(6) per EOUSA residence, law enforcement recovered 200 doses of fentanyl, more than \$49,000 in cash, more than \$440,000 in jewelry, and a 2009 Audi S5 Quattro. (b)(6) per EOUSA was arrested on March 16, 2017, following the execution of a search warrant at his residence on Aurora Street in Lancaster. Officers recovered 26 doses of fentanyl inside his residence. Additionally, in a separate case, a second superseding indictment charge (b)(6) per EOUSA, of Lockport NY, with distribution of fentanyl causing death, conspiracy to distribute heroin and fentanyl, possession of heroin, fentanyl, and cocaine with intent to distribute, maintaining two drug-involved premises and human sex trafficking. The charges carry a mandatory minimum penalty of 20 years in prison, a maximum of life, and a \$20,000,000 fine. *USA James Kenned* (b)(6) per EOUSA.

**Four Correctional Officers Indicted in Federal Court (ID).** (b)(6) per EOUSA (b)(6) per EOUSA, all three of Boise, Idaho, an (b)(6) per EOUSA, of Star, Idaho, have been charged with multiple counts of conspiracy to aid and abet the distribution of controlled substances, possession of firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, distribution of cocaine, and possession and transportation of contraband cigarettes. The four defendants were correctional officers employed by the Idaho Department of Correction (IDOC). The case arose out of the defendants' willingness to participate in a large-scale drug trafficking organization and to use their positions as IDOC employees to assist in illegal activity. A second indictment charges former IDOC correctional officer (b)(6) per EOUSA, former IDOC inmat (b)(6) per EOUSA, an (b)(6) per EOUSA associate (b)(6) per EOUSA, with conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act extortion under color of official right, two counts of Hobbs Act extortion under color of official right, one count of conspiracy to use a facility in interstate commerce in furtherance of unlawful activity, and two counts of use of a facility in interstate commerce in furtherance of unlawful activity. The case arose out of the defendants' scheme to smuggle contraband into an IDOC prison facility. Hobbs Act violations are punishable by up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Conspiracy to use, and using, a facility in interstate commerce in furtherance of unlawful activity is punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. *USA Bart Davi* (b)(6) per EOUSA.

04/12/18

No

Already notified



<p><b>Truck Driver Sentenced for Alien Smuggling Resulting in Death (SDTX).</b> (b)(6) per EOUSA, of Weslaco, Texas, was sentenced to 18 years in prison followed by three years of supervised release for human smuggling, which resulted in the death of an undocumented alien trapped inside a toolbox. According to evidence, (b)(6) per EOUSA pled guilty to smuggling the victim in his tractor-trailer. The victim died after being trapped in a toolbox measuring only 30 inches long, 26 inches wide and 16 inches deep. (b)(6) per EOUSA drove his 2002 Kenworth tractor-trailer into the primary inspection area of the Falfurrias Border Patrol checkpoint shortly after midnight on October 3, 2017. He claimed to be hauling a load of watermelons from Edinburg to Houston and that no one else was with him. Upon inspection, authorities discovered one Mexican national hidden inside a small closet directly behind the driver's seat. (b)(6) per EOUSA and that undocumented alien made no mention of anyone else in the vehicle. Authorities later discovered the remains of an individual concealed in a tool compartment under the sleeper berth. When in the down position, the bed was secured with an exterior latch that would be inaccessible from inside the tool storage compartment under the bed and prevent anyone from freeing themselves. According to information presented in court (b)(6) per EOUSA specifically instructed the victim to pull the bed down hard to make sure it would latch and stay closed. Additional evidence was presented detailing the defendant's previous alien smuggling apprehensions and described the egregious conditions under which (b)(6) per EOUSA transported the aliens. <i>USA Ryan Patric</i> (b)(6) per EOUSA.</p>	04/10/18	No	Already notified
<p><b>United States v (b)(6) per EOUSA (7th Cir.).</b> On April 18, the Seventh Circuit heard oral argument in the interlocutory appeal b (b)(6) per EOUSA a former congressman, who is charged with a variety of wire fraud, false statement, and tax-related counts based on his submission of false reimbursement claims to the House of Representatives and his campaign committees. The district court largely denied (b)(6) per EOUSA motion to dismiss the indictment based on Article I, § 5's Rulemaking Clause and the Speech or Debate Clause. On appeal, (b)(6) per EOUSA contends that (1) the Rulemaking Clause requires dismissal because trial would require the district court to interpret ambiguous House rules, and (2) the Speech or Debate Clause requires dismissal because his submission of reimbursement vouchers to the House was a protected legislative act. This appeal is being handled by the Appellate Section.</p>	04/18/18	FYSA	

OARM Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management	ODAG POC: Scott School (b) (6) Component POC: Jamila Frone (b) (6)			
Nothing to report.		Date	OAG/ODAG action required?	Recommend notifying PAO?

OCDETF Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces	ODAG POC: Mary Dal (b) (6) Component POC: Acting Director Thomas Padde (b) (6)			
<p><b>OCDETF North Texas Strike Force.</b> Established in October 2017, the OCDETF North Texas Strike Force is our first strike force with a primary focus on opioids. Other components of the Strike Force's mission include violent criminal gangs, methamphetamine, money laundering, and transnational drug trafficking organizations operating from Central and South America and transporting CPOT-level illegal drugs into the United States. On April 18, Associate Director (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) per OCDEFT and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) per OCDE (detailed from DEA) and Attorney Advisor (b) (6) per EOUSA, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) per OCDEFT (detailed from USAO-OHN) attended a Strike Force meeting in Dallas and participated in a discussion about the status of the Strike Force and its planned future expansion.</p> <p>On April 19, Acting OCDETF Fusion Center Director Julius Rothstein and Attorney Advisor (b) (6) per EOUSA, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) per presented training on the OCDETF Program and the Fusion Center to Strike Force personnel as well as agents, analysts, task force officers, and prosecutors from the Dallas area OCDETF components.</p> <p><b>Alpha Bay Task Force.</b> A meeting is scheduled for April 27 at SOD to discuss (b) (7)(E) per OCDEFT</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>		Date	OAG/ODAG action required?	Recommend notifying PAO?
		04/18/18– 04/19/18	No	No
		04/27/18	No	No

<p>(b)(7)(E) per OCDEFT [REDACTED]. IOC-2 Direct (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OCDEFT (detailed from FBI) will attend this meeting.</p>			
<p>(b)(7)(E) per OCDEFT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. OCDETF Associate Director for Polic (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OCDETF will attend the TOC PCC with OAG (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OCDETF.</p>	04/20/18	No	No
<p><b>National OCDETF Awards.</b> The biennial OCDETF National Awards Program was announced in January 2018 and the OCDETF Regions recently nominated 27 cases and 18 individuals/groups for recognition.</p> <p>The OCDETF Washington Agency Representatives Group (WARG) is currently reviewing the award submissions, and will make recommendations to the Acting OCDETF Director as to those they feel most exemplify the mission and spirit of the OCDETF Program. Once agency vetting of all recipients is completed, the award selections will be announced. Districts will then schedule award presentations, which typically include the U.S. Attorney, agency SACs, as well as representatives from the OCDETF Executive Office and agency leadership. OCDETF Information Systems Chief (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per OCDETF is managing the biennial awards program.</p>	Ongoing	No	No

<p>OIG Office of the Inspector General</p>	<p>ODAG POC: Scott School (b)(6) Matt Sheeha (b)(6) Component POC: Deputy Inspector General Rob Storch (b)(6)</p>		
<p>Nothing to report.</p>	Date	OAG/ODAG action required?	Recommend notifying PAO?

OJP Office of Justice Programs		ODAG POC: David Wetmo (b) (6) Component POC: Acting AAG Alan Hanson, (b) (6)		
		Date	OAG/ODAG action required?	Recommend notifying PAO?
<b>Congressional Activity:</b>				
DOJ's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) will award a \$1 million grant to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to pay salary and overtime expenses for first responders who responded to the scene for the shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in February. OPA is weighing whether to issue a press release. The event resulted in a coordinated response of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and first responder personnel from more than 18 agencies. This award will defray some of the costs incurred. (Close Hold: USA notification will occur today at 11:00 a.m., followed by Congressional notification at 5:00 p.m.).		04/20/18	No	No
<b>Meetings:</b>				
On April 20, 2018, BJA plans to post a Request for Technical Assistance/Letter of Interest for the Public Safety Partnership (PSP). This letter and associated processes have been approved by the Attorney General. The Letter will solicit interested cities (i.e., eligible jurisdictions) to apply for Technical Assistance and possible PSP participation. (The application process will close June 1, 2018).		04/20/18	No	No
On May 19, 2018, Senior LENF Executives in Compton, California, are hosting a Community Resource and Job Fair. Compton is a PSP city which has seen significant reductions in its violent crime rate (during its participation in PSP). In August of 2016, Senior Police leadership in Compton formed a Commission, comprised of selected Compton community members to help facilitate and foster "mutual understanding" between the community and law enforcement. The Commission is a 501(c)(3) organization, comprised of city leaders, Clergy members, Probation Officers, an organizational psychologist, a lawyer, a Business Chamber Executive, and a Victim Advocate from the DA's office. The Commission previously has hosted small events within the community and has decided to host a large scale event at our Youth Activities League in Compton. The event will offer educational resources as well as job opportunities and workshops on how to prepare for a		05/19/18	Possible	No

career. *OJP is flagging this event for possible interest of the AG or other Senior DOJ leadership participation.*

OLA Office of Legislative Affairs		ODAG POC: Amelia Medin (b) (6), Dan Lovelan (b) (6) Component POC: DAAG Jill Tyson, (b) (6)		
		Date	OAG/ODAG action required?	Recommend notifying PAO?
The House and Senate are in session this week.		N/A	Situational awareness	N/A
<b>Hearing.</b> The Senate Appropriations Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee will hold an appropriations hearing for the Department of Justice. The House Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee will hold a hearing on the same subject at on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. Attorney General Sessions will testify on behalf of the Department at both of these hearings.		04/25/18 (pm)		
		04/26/18 (am)		
<b>Briefing.</b> FBI Section Chief Jeff Tricoli will brief Chairman Ron Johnson (R-WI) and Ranking Member Claire McCaskill (D-MO), Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee on Russian Cyber Activity Targeting Critical Infrastructure. The Department of Homeland Security will also participate.		04/23/18 (pm)		
<b>Briefing.</b> FBI Director Wray will conduct a member roundtable with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on various topics.		04/24/18 (pm)		
<b>Briefing.</b> Bruce Swartz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, and representatives of OLA will brief staff for Congress's Helsinki Commission and Representative Chris Smith (R-NJ) on issues related to extraditions.		04/26/18 (pm)		
<b>Senate Judiciary Committee.</b> Jody Hunt (nominee to be Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division). Mr. Hunt was reported favorably to the Senate floor during the Executive Business Meeting held on April 19, 2018.		Ongoing		

OLP Office of Legal Policy	ODAG POC: Michael Murra (b) (6), Matthew Sheeha (b) (6) Component POC: COS Katie Crytze (b) (6)		
<b>Violent Crime.</b> OLP continues to help prepare for the June 2018 PSN coordinator conference.  <b>Nominations.</b> OLP is currently processing 151 judicial nominations, including 29 circuit court nominations. This week, the Senate Judiciary Committee is expected to report six nominees to the floor—John Nalbandian (6th Cir.), Mike Scudder (7th Cir.), Amy St. Eve (7th Cir.), Dominic Lanza (D. Ariz.), Kari Dooley (D. Conn.), and C.J. Williams (N.D. Iowa).	Date	OAG/ODAG action required?	Recommend notifying PAO?
	No date specified	Not at this time	N/A
	No date specified	No	N/A

OPR Office of Professional Responsibility	ODAG POC: Scott Schoo (b) (6) Component POC: Counsel Robin Ashton (b) (6)		
Nothing to report.	Date	OAG/ODAG action required?	Recommend notifying PAO?

OTJ/Indian Country Office of Tribal Justice	ODAG POC: Dan Lovelan (b) (6) Component POC: Director Tracy Toulou (b) (6)		
<b>Speeches/Travel/Meetings/Requests</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On April 16, OTJ Director presented at an in-town meeting of the Alaska Federation of Nations.</li> <li>On April 16, OTJ participated in the OSG's US v Washington moot.</li> <li>On Apr 20, OTJ will co-host with ENRD the Indian Civil Litigation and Policy Working Group.</li> </ul>	Date	OAG/ODAG action required?	Recommend notifying PAO?
	04/16/18	Situational awareness	
	04/16/18		
	04/20/18		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On April 20, OTJ will participate in an OAG meeting in preparation for upcoming appropriations hearings.</li> </ul>	04/20/18		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On April 23, OTJ will participate in the FBI-led Tribal Task Force of the Advisory Policy Board meeting.</li> </ul>	04/23/18		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On April 26, OTJ will present at the InterTribal Association of Arizona meeting in Washington, DC.</li> </ul>	04/26/18		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TAP activities: the deployment to Mescalero-Apache is scheduled to take place April 23-27. OTJ will be participating remotely in this deployment.</li> </ul>	04/23/18-04/27/18		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OTJ is participating in the development of a joint DOJ/BIA opioid training for tribal law enforcement. The planning participants meet weekly (includes EOUSA, FBI, DEA, BIA/OJS).</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OTJ continues to participate in regularly scheduled Elder Abuse Working Group meetings.</li> </ul>			
<b>Policy</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OTJ is working with CEOS, EOUSA, and FBI to update the forensic interviewing policy.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OTJ is working with DOI and FBI CJIS to develop Native American Children's Safety Act guidance. The DOI-led consultations have wrapped up; OTJ is assisting with the review and processing of comments.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OTJ is working with OLP, law enforcement components and EOUSA to develop the Department's position on bite mark evidence.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OTJ is working with the US Marshals Service to develop a new victim-witness program (at the request of USMS).</li> </ul>			
<b>Legislative or Judicial Developments</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The implications of the 10th Circuit opinion on <i>Murphy v. Royal</i> possible further court review is a matter of ongoing discussion between ODAG and several components.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On Apr 19, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs reached out to OLA and OTJ to schedule a meeting on DOJ's plans to implement the tribal set-aside from the Crime Victims' Fund. DOJ has not yet committed to participate in this meeting and there is no firm meeting date.</li> </ul>	04/19/18		

TAX Tax Division	ODAG POC: Amelia Medina (b) (6), Dan Loveland (b) (6) Component POC: Counsel Carl Wasserman (b) (6)		
<i>Nothing to report.</i>		Date	OAG/ODAG action required?
			Recommend notifying PAO?

Unmanned Aircraft Systems UAS	ODAG POC: Brendan Grove (b) (6), Mark Michali (b) (6)		
Counter-USA Legislation		Date	OAG/ODAG action required?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislative Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First, ODAG led an interagency briefing to Chairman Goodlatte, Ranking Member Nadler, and the members of the House Judiciary Committee on the Administration's legislative proposal. Chairman Goodlatte expressed his intent to work with the Administration on the legislation, and proposed certain textual changes. Many other members (on both sides of the aisle) expressed support for, or interest in, the proposal.</li> <li>Second, ODAG supported an interagency briefing on the proposal to the staff of the Senate Homeland Security Committee.</li> <li>Third, ODAG staff held multiple calls with Chairman Grassley's national security advisor to facilitate SJC's consideration of the legislation. SJC may be interested in co-sponsoring the bill in partnership with Senate Homeland.</li> <li>Fourth, ODAG discussed the proposal with Senator Tom Cotton's staff. Senator Cotton may be interested in sponsoring or otherwise supporting the legislation in the Senate.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Public Outreach: On Thursday, Brendan participated in a public panel discussion on the Administration's legislative proposal hosted by the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation. The panel featured leading figures from the commercial drone industry who expressed support for the Administration's proposal, and provided options to improve it from their perspective.</li> </ul>			Recommend notifying PAO?



USMS U.S. Marshals Service	ODAG POC: Corey Elli (b) (6) Component POC: CO (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per USMS		
	<i>Date</i>	<i>OAG/ODAG action required?</i>	<i>Recommend notifying PAO?</i>
<b>USMS Current Detention Population.</b> The detention population for April 5, 2018 was 55,679 compared to 48,885 one year ago, representing a 6,794 prisoner increase in the detention population. The current detention population represents an 164 prisoner increase from the population one week prior, on March 29, 2018. As of March 25, 2018, the projected population for FY 2018 is 54,778, which is 2,813 prisoners above the budgeted level of 51,964.	N/A	No	No
<b>USMS Investigative Operations Division.</b> From May 22 through May 24, 2018, Staff Coordinators from the USMS Investigative Operations Division's Violent Crime and Gangs Section will be presenting at a Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) street gang case coordination meeting at United States Southern Command in Miami, Florida.	04/22/18– 04/24/18	No	No
<b>FOX News.</b> Deputy Director Anderson will be participating in an interview with FOX News next Wednesday on our violent crime focused operation in Houston, Operation Triple Beam. The interview is not live, but rather will be recorded and parts may be included in the post operation press conference on Thursday, 26 April.	04/25/18		