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Subject: *ATF S/A WILLIAM CLARK IS ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGES*

THE NPDF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOSEPH OCCHIPINTI AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT JOHN HICKEY TRAVELED TO ST THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLAND AND ATTENDED THE MURDER TRIAL OF ATF S/A WILLIAM CLARK.

AN NPDF INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE THAT S/A CLARK ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2008 TOOK PROPER POLICE ACTION WHEN HE INTERVENED IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENT BETWEEN TWO OF HIS NEIGHBORS THAT RESULTED IN THE SHOOTING DEATH OF THE MALE NEIGHBOR.

THE NPDF INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT S/A CLARK WALKED INTO A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENT AND ATTEMPTED TO CALM DOWN THE MALE ASSAILANT WHO WAS 6 FEET TALL, 260 POUNDS AND LEGALLY INTOXICATED (BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL OF 0.29%). THE MALE ASSAILANT, IDENTIFIED AS MARCUS SUKOW, WAS OBSERVED STRIKING THE FEMALE'S VEHICLE WITH AN 18" MAG FLASHLIGHT AND OTHERWISE TERRORIZING AND THREATENING THE LIFE OF THE FEMALE

WHEN THE ASSAILANT SAW THAT HIS GIRLFRIEND WAS BEING PROTECTED BY THE AGENT, AFTER SHE FLED AND ENTERED CLARK'S GOVERNMENT CAR, THE ASSAILANT CHARGED THE AGENT WITH THE LARGE MAG FLASHLIGHT AND AS A RESULT OF THE ATTACK WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY S/A CLARK.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THE AGENT WAS CLEARED OF ANY WRONGDOING BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, HOWEVER, THE LOCAL PROSECUTOR IN THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS SAW FIT TO CHARGE THE AGENT WITH INTENTIONAL MURDER, MANSLAUGHTER AND RELATED WEAPON CHARGES.

IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY REASONABLE EXPLANATION, IT APPEARED THE MURDER PROSECUTION AGAINST S/A CLARK WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED, SELECTIVE AND RETAILATORY AFTER FEDERAL AGENTS ON THE ISLAND WERE CREDITED WITH CRACKING DOWN ON MAJOR DRUG LORDS AND GUN TRAFFICKERS THAT INCLUDED SEVERAL FEDERAL PUBLIC CORRUPTION CASES.

THE NPDF OFFICIALS ATTENDING THE TRIAL WERE IMPRESSED BY THE PROFESSIONALISM OF S/A CLARKS PARTNERS, DEFENSE TEAM, AND THE NEWLY ASSIGNED NON-BIASED JUDGE AS WELL AS THE OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY.

ON OCTOBER 18, 2010, AFTER THE PROSECUTORS COMPLETED THE PROSECUTION PHASE OF THEIR CASE, S/A CLARKS DEFENSE TEAM MADE A MOTION REQUESTING, AN ACQUITTAL BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE PROSECUTION FAILED TO ESTABLISH ALL THE NECESSARY ELEMENTS OF THE CRIMES CHARGED AND THE FACT CLARK ACTED IN SELF-DEFENSE.

IN A DRAMATIC DECISION, THE PRESIDING JUDGE, THE HONORABLE EDGAR ROSS DISMISSED ALL CHARGES AGAINST S/A CLARK STATING THAT THE MEDICAL EXAMINER HAD FAILED TO PROVE THE BODY, ON WHICH THE AUTOPOSY WAS PERFORMED, WAS IN FACT THE DECEASED, MARCUS SUKOW. THE PROSECUTION FAILED TO PRESENT ANY POLICE REPORT, WITNESS TESTIMONY OR CHAIN OF CUSTODY DOCUMENT TO CONFIRM THIS NECESSART ELEMENT OF THE CRIMES CHARGED.

THIS IMPORTANT NPDF LEGAL DEFENSE CASE HAS SENT A STRONG MESSAGE THAT TRUTH AND JUSTICE CAN AND DID PREVAIL IN THEIR TWO YEAR OLD CASE. IT IS CAUTIONED THAT FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO ARE NOT PEACE OFFICERS IN THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS ARE RECOMMENDED NOT TO TAKE ANY POLICE ACTION WHEN OBSERVING TERRITORIAL FELONY CRIMES IN THEIR PRESENCE.

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