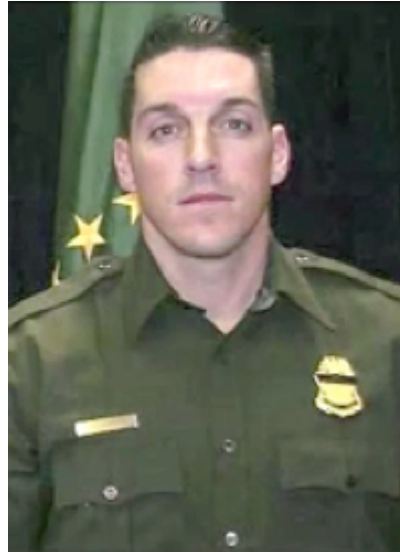




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More Details, Suspicions in Border Agent's Murder

As details continue to emerge in the ongoing investigation into the murder of Border Patrol agent Brian Terry (picture, left) in Arizona late last year, more questions and suspicions are being raised as well, reports Liberty News Network national correspondent Andy Ramirez.



Agent Terry's family, for example, was originally told by officials that eight suspects, all carrying AK47 rifles, were involved in the fire fight. The affidavit on the case, however, stated that only five suspects with just two guns were involved — and that the border agents used non-lethal bean-bag bullets before switching to real ammunition.

Now, the slain border agent's family wants answers. "I'll tell you the truth, I think my son was set up. I think he was set up!" Kent Terry, the agent's father, [told](#) KGUN, a local ABC affiliate.

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Agent Terry's stepmother, Carolyn, agreed. And she added yet another twist to the story. "I know two weeks prior to his death he was out there looking for dirty agents," she said of her stepson.

On the night of agent Terry's memorial, Carolyn had a conversation with officials that she [recalled](#) for KGUN in which they indicated that no friendly fire was involved. "So my first question was 'what about dirty agents?' And their eyes all got real wide. And they kind of looked at each other like 'we've been caught' type thing," Carolyn said.

The FBI has said only that the investigation is ongoing. And KGUN emphasized that they had found "absolutely no hard evidence" to back up the family's suspicions. But questions remain, and the Department of Justice, for some reason, is "lawyering up," Ramirez reports.

Another serious issue related to Terry's murder that emerged through whistleblowers after the slaying was an operation run by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) that was [purposefully allowing high-powered American weapons to end up in the hands of Mexican cartels](#). One of those guns, it turned out, was used to kill agent Terry.

Also troubling to observers of the case is what is going on with the suspects. Three of the four men detained that night pled guilty to misdemeanor charges and were deported back to Mexico. The fourth suspect was wounded in the fire fight and evacuated to a hospital before agent Terry. So far, it's unclear whether he will be charged with anything.

"You have several suspects, you have several murky details, you have a family not getting answers, you have the links to ATF ... and now you have a dead agent," said Ramirez. "One would hope that both the House and Senate would conduct hearings after thorough investigations to get to the bottom of this so that we don't have any more agents dying in the line of duty."



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