

El Chapo's high-powered rifle reopens fast and furious probe

"She [Hillary Clinton] has escaped prosecution more times than El Chapo," Carly Fiorina said during Thursday evening's Fox News televised debate. "She's probably more qualified for the Big House [than the White House]."

U.S. law enforcement officials have confirmed that a powerful .50-caliber rifle had been discovered in the Mexican hideout of drug kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman's that is linked to the controversial Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) clandestine gun-smuggling investigation known as Fast and Furious, news sources confirmed this week to Conservative Base.

The .50-caliber rifle is known for its effectiveness during military combat against helicopters such as Apaches and Black Hawks.

Following early January's raid in the Mexican city of Los Mochis, police and military officials discovered several weapons inside El Chapo's residence, including the Fast and Furious-linked .50 caliber rifle, said former U.S. drug enforcement agent Kevin McGinty.

"U.S. ATF agents processed the eight firearms found in El Chapo's residence and were surprised to find that one of the two .50-caliber weapons was part of the ATF gun smuggling program," said McGinty, an expert in Mexican organized crime. "Just when the Obama administration believed the Fast and Furious scandal was behind them, this case opens up the same can of worms that embarrassed law enforcement. Even more embarrassing was the fact no one – not one person – was charged and prosecuted for the political-motivated snafu," he

added.

Of the roughly 2,000 weapons smuggled into Mexico by the ATF and then sold through Fast and Furious to Mexican crime figures, 34 of them were .50-caliber rifles that can take stop a truck or bring down a police or military helicopter, according to officials.

"I think what needs to be done is for prosecutors to make a deal with El Chapo to pursue the allegation that Fast and Furious was planned and initiated by the ATF to give more credence to then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's assertion that Mexico's violence and extreme homicide rate are fault of Americans as a result of U.S. weapons being easily purchased and carried into Mexico for use by that nation's organized crime gangs," said Peter MacNeil, a police firearms instructor. "Obama and his Attorney General, Eric Holder, probably came up with the actual plan, would be my guess," added MacNeil.

One of the most tragic consequences of the Fast and Furious fiasco was the killing of a U.S. law enforcement agent, Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry by a shooter using one of the undercover operation's firearms. There were also reports that a brother of a Mexican attorney general was also killed with one of the weapons as were a number of El Chapo rivals and innocent civilians.

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, issued the following statement after U.S. District Court Judge Amy Berman Jackson ruled the Obama administration cannot use executive privilege to keep Operation Fast and Furious records from Congress.

"Today's decision will help us advance the Fast & Furious investigation into this administration's gun running operation. After allowing guns to walk, the administration's attempt to hide behind executive privilege only adds insult to

injury. While the decision doesn't give us access to all the documents, it is an important step forward. We will continue investigating until we get to the truth."

From a Judicial Watch report: The files received by JW include three electronic mails between Holder and Jarrett and one from former U.S. Attorney Dennis Burke to Jarrett. The e-mails with Holder are all from October 4, 2011, a significant date because, on the evening of October 3rd, Sheryl Attkisson (then at CBS news) released documents showing that Holder had been sent a briefing paper on Operation Fast and Furious on June 5, 2010. The paper was from the director of the National Drug Intelligence Center, Michael Walther.

In June of 2012, race-baiting Eric Holder became the first sitting U.S. Attorney General to be held in contempt of Congress for his Fast and Furious lies, including when he testified that he denied knowledge of the operation. The vote was 255-67, with 17 Democrats crossing over to condemn Holder's obvious lies.

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