



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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JASON MERIDA (JMERIDA), date of birth (DOB) 09/01/1972, was interviewed at his place of residence, HC64 Box 3040, Ft. Towson, Oklahoma, cellular telephone (580) 587-2713 and (580) 513-5150. Also present was First Assistant United States Attorney DOUG HORN. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, MERIDA provided the following information regarding gifts and trips he received from subcontractors:

JMERIDA stated in May 2007, he was in the FlintCo job trailer in Durant, Oklahoma when he told MAX BENNETT he was shopping for a utility vehicle. BENNETT told him BRENT PARSONS (BPARSONS) was going to get him one.

JMERIDA met BPARSONS in McAlester, Oklahoma with a trailer to pick up the utility vehicle. LAURI PARSONS (LPARSONS) was with BPARSONS when JMERIDA arrived to pick up the utility vehicle. BPARSONS had the utility vehicle on a trailer that he was giving to JMERIDA. BPARSONS followed JMERIDA back to his residence because BPARSONS was giving JMERIDA the trailer and the utility vehicle.

BPARSONS flew JMERIDA to Pebble Beach, California to play golf. JMERIDA stated he didn't receive any big items while playing golf with MAX BENNETT, BPARSONS and DEWAYNE GIFFORD.

The next trip JMERIDA received was the first hunting trip to Acoma, New Mexico. MARK ESHENRODER of FLINTCO called JMERIDA wanting to know what gear JMERIDA needed for the hunting trip. JMERIDA stated he received Sitka clothing, Zeiss binoculars with spotting scope and case and a .300 winchester mag rifle. JMERIDA said these items "showed up" for him at the FlintCo trailer in Durant, Oklahoma. JMERIDA stated BPARSONS paid for all of the expenses, including the hunt.

JMERIDA said he also received a hunting trip to Missouri that was paid for by WORTHGROUP that had nothing to do with BUILDERS STEEL.

The next trip JMERIDA received from BPARSONS was a trip to Puerta Vallarta, Mexico. JMERIDA and his wife VALERIE MERIDA (VMERIDA) drove to Durant, Oklahoma where BPARSONS and LPARSONS picked them up in a private plane.

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VMERIDA received a Louis Vuitton purse with wallet when she boarded the plane. The trip was part of VMERIDA'S birthday and the purse was in one of the seats when the VMERIDA boarded the plane. JMERIDA stated he received a hat and shirt while in Mexico.

BPARSONS flew MERIDA and VMERIDA to Dallas, Texas for VMERIDA to have breast enhancement surgery. JMERIDA stated BPARSONS did not pay for the surgery, however, BPARSONS took JMERIDA and VMERIDA shopping in Dallas, Texas after her surgery. Another Louis Vuitton purse was purchased for VMERIDA by BPARSONS and JMERIDA received some sunglasses. JMERIDA stated VMERIDA she gave one of the Louis Vuitton purses away on Labor Day to a local Wal-Mart employee.

JMERIDA said he invited BPARSONS and LPARSONS to their home after the first CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA (CNO) Chief PYLE trail ride. Everyone rode four wheelers and BPARSONS found eighty (80) acres he was interested in purchasing. Approximately one month later, the acreage was for sale and BPARSONS purchased the land for \$100,000.00. JMERIDA said BPARSONS purchased a mule for JMERIDA'S father at that time. JMERIDA said it was to be used for BPARSONS land.

JMERIDA said BPARSONS attended the second Chief PYLE trail ride and brought several shotguns, televisions, Apple iPads/notebooks to give away. JMERIDA said he received a new television, Bose surround sound system, Bose radio and a shotgun. JMERIDA stated it was at this same auction that CNO Assistant Chief GARY BATTON received one of the new televisions and a set of golf clubs. JMERIDA stated he witnessed BATTON load the television and golf clubs into his vehicle.

JMERIDA stated he received a second Acoma, New Mexico hunting trip from BPARSONS. JMERIDA said he was given a Remington .300 winchester mag rifle and more Sitka gear from BPARSONS. BATTON went on this hunting trip with JMERIDA and BPARSONS. JMERIDA said BPARSONS took BATTON into CABELLA'S in Dallas, Texas and bought BATTON all of his gear before they flew on to Acoma, New Mexico.

JMERIDA said he also attended a Dallas Cowboys football game at BPARSONS' expense. BPARSONS flew him, his brother-in-law DAN CLAY and his wife, a few guys from Tulsa, Oklahoma that he did not know and VMERIDA to watch the football game from a luxury suite. JMERIDA said they flew into Dallas, Texas on BPARSONS' plane and had transportation to and from the game already arranged.

JMERIDA stated BPARSONS asked him if he wanted to go to Africa. JMERIDA told BPARSONS he did and JIM STEWART of Scott Rice, LLC. began getting prices for the trip. JMERIDA stated STEWART had given him a shotgun several

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years ago. JMERIDA stated he, STEWART, BPARSONS and CLAY were going on the trip to Africa.

JMERIDA said STEWART took him to SportsWorld in Tulsa, Oklahoma where STEWART bought the following weapons and gave them to JMERIDA: two (2) Kimber .375 rifles, two (2) Kimber .45 caliber handguns, one (1) Kimber .22 pistol and one (1) Stoeger Coachgun .410 shotgun.

JMERIDA said STEWART presented an outstanding invoice to JMERIDA with urgency. JMERIDA asked STEWART why it was so urgent and STEWART told him it would be on a pay application but it needed to be paid now. JMERIDA thought it was so STEWART could receive his commission.

MERIDA said STEWART told him a few weeks later that the money from that invoice went to pay for furniture given to DEWAYNE GIFFORD. JMERIDA stated he told STEWART he wanted a new recliner. JMERIDA said he never did receive the recliner or any furniture.

JMERIDA said in July 2010, STEWART and BPARSONS purchased two (2) Wolverine pistols and gave them to him. JMERIDA further stated STEWART left SCOTT RICE, LLC for employment at BUILDERS STEEL.

JMERIDA stated he shot a PF90 at a gun course that was facilitated by one of STEWART'S friends. JMERIDA told STEWART he wanted a PF90 and STEWART purchased one for him.

JMERIDA said BRYAN ADAIR of CONTECH poured the concrete at the front entrance of his and his father-in-law's driveway. JMERIDA stated MARK ESHENRODER gave him a Browning X-Bolt rifle. JMERIDA said he received a Browning .300 winchester mag from BPARSONS as a Christmas present.

JMERIDA said after the first CNO Chief PYLE trail ride he received a four-wheel all terrain vehicle from THOMPSON. JMERIDA stated he received a telephone call from ROB THOMPSON of Thompson Construction approximately four months ago. JMERIDA stated THOMPSON told him that he (THOMPSON) had been visited by two men and a woman concerning BPARSONS. THOMPSON further told JMERIDA that he needed the four wheeler back or JMERIDA needed to purchase it. JMERIDA asked THOMPSON how much he needed for payment. THOMPSON told him \$2,750.00 was still owed on the loan. JMERIDA'S father-in-law wrote a check for the amount and purchased it from THOMPSON.

JMERIDA said CLAY has a couple of the weapons that were given to him. JMERIDA further stated he would get the weapons back from CLAY and provided them to the interviewing Agent.