HUBBELL ATTACHMENT 44
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Investigative Activity Report

Case Title: HUBBELL TRADING POST
Case Number: Ex. 2
Related File(s): Ex. 2

Case Location: Ganado, Arizona
Report Date: February 6, 2007

Report Subject: Interview of

On February 6, 2007, [redacted] was interviewed by DOI-OIG Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] at [redacted]. [redacted] has known [redacted] for over [redacted] years and has traveled to Hubbell Trading Post (HTP) approximately once a month for those [redacted] years.

[redacted] was interviewed by NPS Special Agent [redacted] in August 2004; a few months after the search warrant was executed at [redacted] HTP in Ganado, AZ. [redacted] added [redacted] was also interviewed by NPS SA [redacted] on February 12, 2006 in Chinle, AZ.

[redacted] stated [redacted] was the one who told [redacted] to put tags on [redacted] rugs so that the weaver, date and prices could be documented. [redacted] recalled helping [redacted] over a few days several years ago with cleaning up the garage and storage area at HTP and tagging a lot of [redacted] rugs with old HTP tags so that there would be some accounting of when the rug was made, by whom, etc. [redacted] stated [redacted] told SA [redacted] this information back in August 2004 and "SA [redacted] was only writing down things [redacted] wanted to hear," [redacted] felt this was important and would help explain why there were so many rugs at [redacted] residence with HTP tags on them.

Reporting Official/Title: Special Agent
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stated NPS and shut down HTP during the search warrant and audit in June 2004. That was unprecedented for HTP and the entire investigation of has damaged the relationship between the NPS and the Navajo community.

reviewed two interview reports prepared by NPS. One was with NPS SA in August 2004 and the other was with NPS SA in February 2006. SA had not been aware had previously interviewed since SA had not placed that interview in the case file or let SA know that the interview had taken place when SA asked for all interview reports. On the interview with SA stated had left out a lot of information that had provided to . The most important things left out was how and had used old HTP tags to mark 's personal rugs; that had quite an extensive collection of Navajo rugs and jewelry at residence that were property; the number of consignments at HTP; and Malone's trading practices which do not and are not supposed to conform to standard procedures for merchandising or sales.
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Telephone:

Date of Interview:  February 2, 2006

I met with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Hubbell Trading Post, on the Navajo Indian Reservation, Ganado, AZ. [REDACTED]. I had previously spoken with [REDACTED] by telephone to schedule this interview, explaining the nature of this investigation.
I asked [Redacted] to explain the financial relationship that existed between [Redacted] and the National Park Service, and Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site in particular. [Redacted] explained that approximately 6% sales/profits from [Redacted] at HTP went into an "Interpretive Support Account" maintained by [Redacted] and controlled by [Redacted]. The National Park Service (usually [Redacted], the superintendent) would submit requests to spend money out of the account for specific items or projects, but the money remained [Redacted] to obligate and [Redacted] retained ultimate discretion over expenditures. [Redacted] clarified that the NPS is not able to claim those funds as their money.

During this interview, [Redacted] mentioned that [Redacted] had already been interviewed as a part of this investigation. I noted that I had not been aware of a previous interview conducted by personnel assigned to this case, and had not been provided a copy of any reports documenting a prior interview.
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Date of Interview: February 12, 2006

I met with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] on February 12, 2006. [REDACTED] had called me to request and schedule this interview, having learned from [REDACTED] that I'd assumed responsibility for the "Hubbell (i.e. Investigation)". I introduced myself to [REDACTED] displaying my NPS law enforcement credentials and shield as I entered [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] has known [REDACTED] for over [REDACTED] years, and considers [REDACTED] a good friend. [REDACTED] explained that [REDACTED] is a full-time dealer in Navajo textiles and Indian art, and has traveled throughout the Navajo nation for years as a part of [REDACTED] own business, buying rugs from weavers on the reservation.
As a part of that process, they used obsolete Hubbell Trading Post tags (of a design no longer being used at HTP, since they were not pre-numbered), and applied them to [redacted] rugs with their own markings or identifiers. The tags they used had been discontinued for use at the trading several years earlier, and would otherwise have been thrown away. [redacted] elected to simply use these tags to label their own rugs, as a matter of convenience. [redacted] recalled that they did not tag all of their rugs; and that since the project at the time was just to clean up the garage, only rugs in the garage got tagged (though not all of those rugs were tagged; only those worthy of display or those whose weaver [redacted] might have recalled). [redacted] noted that at this time [redacted] saw that [redacted] had literally hundreds of rugs just in the garage; with closets in the house also full of rugs and jewelry.
noted that had attempted to share virtually all of this same information when been interviewed in this case before, by Special Agent I indicated to that I was not aware had previously been interviewed, and that I had not been provided with a copy of any reports documenting such an interview. I assured him that I would make further inquiry in that regard.