

Washington, DC (July 9, 2012)—Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, issued the following statement in response to an announcement by the Department of Justice that an indictment charging five individuals involved in the death of U.S. Border Patrol agent Brian Terry was unsealed today in Tucson:

“I commend the Department of Justice for its vigorous pursuit of justice for Brian Terry’s family. I remain dedicated to ensuring that his family and the American people get the answers they deserve.”

The indictment, which was issued by a grand jury in November 2011, alleges that in December 2010 five of the defendants engaged in a firefight with Border Patrol agents, during which Agent Terry was shot and killed. The indictment also alleges that the defendants illegally entered the United States from Mexico for the purpose of robbing drug traffickers of their contraband.

The Department of Justice is offering a reward of up to \$1 million from the FBI for information leading to the arrest of four fugitives.