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Dear Sheriff Martin:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), San Francisco Field Division, I would like to invite you to join me, DEA Assistant Special Agent in Charge Curt Fallin and NCHIDTA Director Mike Sena, to attend a private tour of the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) in El Paso, Texas on April 2, 2019. In addition to you, I am inviting approximately 20 other Chiefs and Sheriff's from Northern California to join us. Travel days are tentatively set for April 1st and April 3rd. If another FY-2019 federal government budget impasse occurs, which is not resolved by March 1st, then the trip will be postponed until further notice.

EPIC supports United States law enforcement and interdiction components through the timely analysis and dissemination of intelligence on illicit criminal organizations operating within the United States, on both sides of the U.S. - Mexico border, across the Caribbean, and from other points of origin within the Western Hemisphere en route to the United States. Every drug seizure of significance, anywhere in the United States, is documented at EPIC.

This tour will allow attendees to learn the latest trends in drug interdiction intelligence and technology. It also includes a border tour given by Customs and Border Protection (CBP). An agenda is attached. Your travel, lodging, and transportation will be paid by either DEA or HIDTA, via the submission of a travel voucher. I hope that you will join us on this trip to EPIC. Please confirm your attendance by Friday, February 8, 2019 by contacting me at (415) 436-7782 or DEA Program Manager Leroy Kemp at (415) 436-7101. Once you confirm, Mr. Kemp will provide you with vetting and funding documents that must be submitted in advance of travel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris D. Nielsen".

Christopher D. Nielsen
Special Agent in Charge

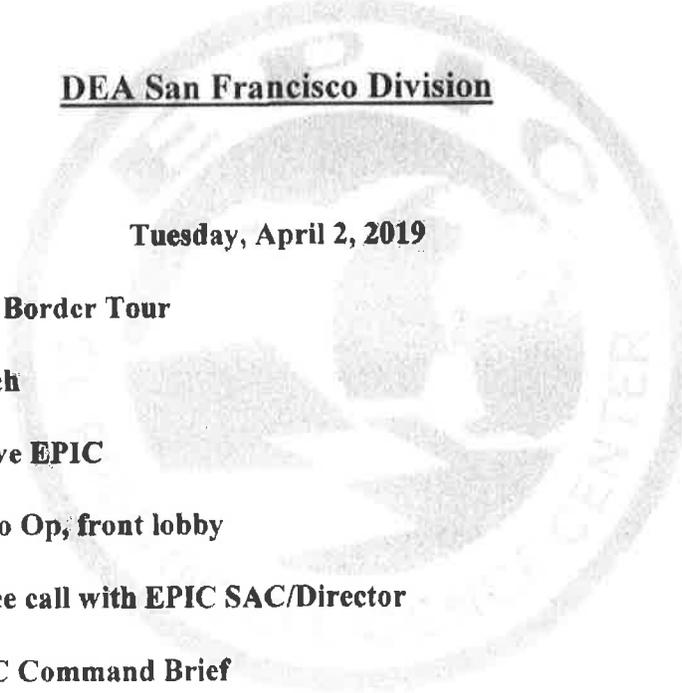
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**El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC)
Briefing Schedule**

For The Visit Of

DEA San Francisco Division

Tuesday, April 2, 2019



8:00am – 12:00pm	CBP Border Tour
12:00am – 1:30pm	Lunch
1:45pm	Arrive EPIC
1:45pm – 1:50pm	Photo Op, front lobby
1:50pm – 2:00pm	Office call with EPIC SAC/Director
2:00pm – 2:35pm	EPIC Command Brief
2:35pm – 3:05pm	General Watch Briefing
3:05pm – 3:30pm	Global Tracking Unit
3:30pm – 3:50pm	Air Investigative Unit
3:50pm – 4:30pm	Follow up Questions
4:30	Depart EPIC