

From: ¹ ATF
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2010 2:09 PM
To: ATF Needles, James R.
CC: ATF
Subject: Request for assistance

ATF

Please consider this our official request for SA ATF to meet with members of Phoenix Group VII. Phoenix Group VII is a newly (Oct 2009) formed SWB Firearms Trafficking Group. SA ATF has already assisted in that he has viewed many firearms recovered in Mexico purchased here in Phoenix as part of an ongoing investigation; Operation Fast & Furious.

Whether an accepted practice of ATF or USAO in other parts of the country the USAO for the District of Arizona requires that for a Mexican recovered firearm to be charged in US Federal Court it must be viewed by a US Law Enforcement Officer/Agent. To this end SA ATF testimony is critical to charging many of these firearms. While in Phoenix SA ATF would be expected to meet extensively with AUSA ATF to review evidence, photos, and reports pertaining to this investigation as well as briefing AUSA ATF on the facts surrounding these recoveries.

Additionally as stated above Phoenix Group VII is a newly (Oct 2009) formed SWB Firearms Trafficking Group. Our group has never received any formal briefing/training from ATF on Mexican law enforcement or how things operate within Mexico with regard to the policies and practices of law enforcement/attorneys/judicial process etc. Essentially we would like a better understanding of how do things function down there and so we can better understand how can we begin coordinating our operations and investigations.

It is anticipated that SA ATF travel would be paid for under the case funds of Operation Fast & Furious as this is an OCDETF case with funds specifically allocated to travel.

Respectfully,

ATF

Group Supervisor
Phoenix Group VII

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From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2008 6:22:53 PM
To: ATF
Subject: ATF

ATF

I need a memo from you, thru me, to the SAC in regards to ATF contact with you regarding the FFLs ATF being upset with us. Apparently, the AGs Office (not the AZ AG) gave the USAO some crap about not taking our cases, and of course of late ATF has been diverting blame over here. We need to protect ourselves, and the integrity of our cases.

ATF

Supervisory Special Agent
Phoenix I Field Office (Project Gunrunner)



*"The greatest enemy of a good plan, is the dream of a perfect plan".
Carl Von Clausewitz*

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.

To: [REDACTED] **ATF**

CC:

BCC:

Subject: Fw: Gun seizure in [REDACTED] **ATF**

SentOn: 11/24/2009 12:01:38 PM

ReplyTo:

Body: Fyi -

George T. Gillett
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
ATF - Phoenix Field Division

Cell: [REDACTED]

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----- Original Message -----

From: Newell, William D.

To: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Sent: Tue Nov 24 11:59:39 2009

Subject: Re: Gun seizure in [REDACTED] **ATF**

OK, also [REDACTED] **ATF** needs to retrace guns, it appears original traces were messed up. See if he can gain access, if not I'll put our PGR rep to work.

Bill Newell
Special Agent in Charge
ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

Cell: [REDACTED]

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----- Original Message -----

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.

To: Newell, William D.

Sent: Tue Nov 24 11:57:49 2009

Subject: Re: Gun seizure in [REDACTED] **ATF**

Just spoke with [REDACTED] **ATF** is on it and will handle. [REDACTED] **ATF** will forward an e-mail update when available.

George T. Gillett
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
ATF - Phoenix Field Division

Cell: [REDACTED]

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From: Newell, William D.
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Tue Nov 24 11:51:20 2009
Subject: FW: Gun seizure in [ATF]

I know you're off but I don't want to cut you out of the loop on this since this seizure has the potential of being a "hot" issue in many ways. Please verify asap what the status of [ATF] responding is and let me know. Thanks.

Bill Newell
Special Agent in Charge
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico) Office - [REDACTED]
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-----Original Message-----

From: McMahon, William G.
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2009 9:48 AM
To: Newell, William D.
Subject: RE: Gun seizure in [ATF]

Bill,

Were you able to get one of your people down there on this seizure? I understand ICE is all over this and the info we have up here on the serial numbers is wrong. Thanks,

Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2009 11:35 AM
To: McMahon, William G.; Martin, Steve K.
Subject: Gun seizure in [ATF]

Friday's [ATF] gun seizure. [ATF]

[ATF]
Mexican Customs dog alerted. Curious to see if it was one of our dogs.

Bill Newell
Special Agent in Charge
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico) Office - [REDACTED]
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From: [redacted] **ATF**
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2009 6:51:21 PM
To: [redacted] **ATF**
Subject: RE: Mexicali Seizure

We have tentatively identified one of these guns as one of our suspect guns, haven't had time to run the rest

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted] **ATF**
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2009 2:35 PM
To: [redacted] **ATF**
Cc: [redacted] **ATF**
Subject: Fw: Mexicali Seizure

[redacted] **ATF** these are the guns. [redacted] **ATF** is going to trace them. The pgr is thinking that these are all going to sinaloa. [redacted] **ATF**
[redacted] **ATF**

SSA [redacted] **ATF**

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From: [redacted] **ATF**
To: [redacted] **ATF**
Cc: [redacted] **ATF**
Sent: Fri Dec 11 15:54:01 2009
Subject: Mexicali Seizure

This is the list of guns from the Mexicali seizure that occurred from 12/09/09 through 12/10/09. The totals are included in the heading of the attached document. We are suspecting [redacted] **ATF**
[redacted] **ATF**

These will be traced by Tijuana.

[redacted] **ATF**
Assistant Country Attache
Tijuana Field Office
[redacted]

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----- Original Message -----
From: [redacted] **ATF**
To: [redacted] **ATF**

Sent: Fri Dec 11 15:08:18 2009

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