

**Phoenix Field Division  
Phoenix Group VII (SWB Group)  
Briefing Paper on: 785115-10-0004**

**Background**

1. This investigation has currently identified more than **ATF** individual connected straw purchasers. More suspects are being identified as the scope of the investigation expands.

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**ATF** To date (September 2009 – present) this group has purchased in excess of 650 firearms (mainly AK-47 variants) for which they have paid cash totaling more than \$350,000.00.

2. To date there have been five (5) notable seizure events connected with this group, and approximately 53 firearms originally purchased by this group have been recovered. Three of these seizures have been in the Country of Mexico, one recovery in Douglas, AZ, and one recovery in Nogales, AZ. The U.S. recoveries were both believed to be destined for Mexico.

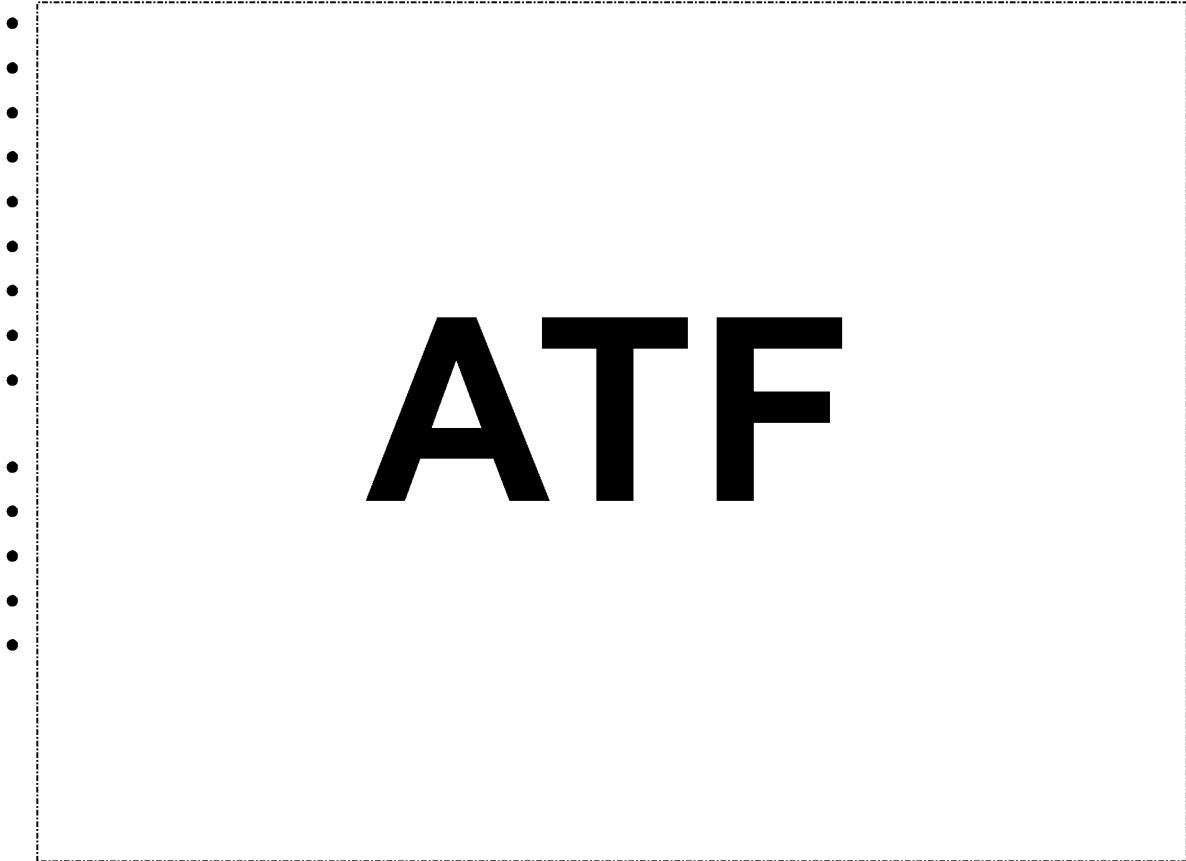
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Investigative Techniques Used to Date

6. To date in this investigation we have utilized numerous proactive, advanced investigative techniques:



Strategy

7. This investigation is currently being conducted in conjunction with the Phoenix DEA OCDETF strike force. ATF Phoenix VII is the lead investigating enforcement group. A formal OCDETF proposal is completed and will be presented on January 26, 2009, in furtherance of this investigation.



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9. The ultimate goal is [ATF] to identify and prosecute all

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Additional Resources

10. This investigation is a Southwest Border “Gunner” investigation initiated by Phoenix Group VII. Group VII did not exist in FY’09 and was newly formed FY’10 under the Southwest Border Strategy to focus on investigations involving the trafficking of firearms to Mexico. As such, Group VII currently is comprised of [ATF] Special Agents; [ATF] [ATF] and one Group Supervisor.

11. In order to conduct [ATF] Group VII is totally reliant on other groups and TFO to provide additional bodies. If those agents or TFO have other investigative priorities, [ATF] If one or more of the agents in Group VII is on leave or training we have 2-3 agents [ATF] [ATF]

12. It is hereby respectfully requested that 6 additional special agents be brought in for an initial 30 day detail the purpose of aiding/assisting in this investigation, mainly in the capacity of surveillance. [ATF] [ATF] will necessitate intensive, possibly round the clock, surveillance to prevent firearms from traveling south into the Country of Mexico. [ATF]

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13. Additionally, these 6 agents will need vehicles, preferably rental vehicles enabling them to switch out vehicles so as not to get “burned,” and communication devices. These communication devices would most likely need to be in the form of either Phoenix Police Department handheld radios or Nextel push-to-Talk cellular telephones.

**From:** ATF

**Sent:** Monday, February 01, 2010 7:45 PM

**To:** ATF

**CC:** Gillett, George T. Jr.

**Subject:** Phoenix Group VII biweekly update 02-03-2010

**Attachments:** Phoenix Group VII biweekly update 02-03-2010.docx

Phoenix Group VII

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This case

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**From:** ATF (IAO)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2010 3:13 PM  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Subject:** FW: not that you can or want to talk about it

George, please see below about SIEDO. Can we share anything (what?) with them? Thank you,

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International Affairs Office  
Program Manager-Mexico  
99 NY Ave. NE, 6S-144  
Washington, DC 20226

W: ATF  
C:  
F: 202.648.7630

**From:** ATF  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2010 2:58 PM  
**To:** ATF (IAO)  
**Subject:** RE: not that you can or want to talk about it

Can you check with Phoenix and see how much I can share with SIEDO on ATF? They have noticed all of his purchases and want to know what we are doing about him.

ATF  
Analyst Chief  
ATF Mexico Country Office  
ATF extension 4468 (office  
Blackberry)

**From:** ATF (IAO)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2010 1:52 PM  
**To:** ATF  
**Subject:** not that you can or want to talk about it

**CASE TITLE:** ATF et al **CASE NUMBER:** 785115-10-0004

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F: 202.648.7630

From: <sup>8</sup> ATF

Sent: Friday, June 11, 2010 6:11 PM

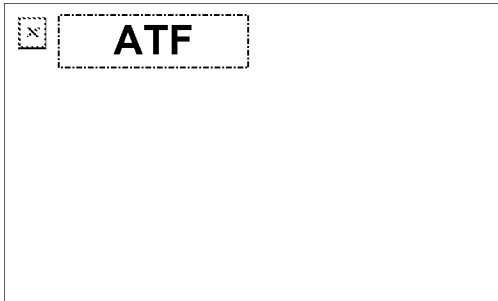
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Subject: GRIT Performance Report - June 11 2011

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I'm sorry I inadvertently missed your name when emailing the report to the managers.

ATF Acting SOO  
Phoenix GRIT





**Phoenix Gun Runner Impact Teams (GRIT)  
Performance Report  
June 11, 2010**

GRIT Performance for Reporting Period May 21 -- June 3, 2010			
	Reporting Period	Since Inception	
Number of Investigative Leads at the Start of GRIT (May 1, 2010)	ATF		
Number of New Investigative Leads			
<b>Total Leads</b>			ATF
Number of Leads Investigated			
Number of New Actual Criminal Cases Opened	ATF		
Number of Existing Investigations Supported by GRIT			
Number of Defendants Recommended for Prosecution			
Number of Referrals to U.S. LE Agencies		-	-
Number of Liaison Activities with the Gov. of Mexico		-	ATF
Number of Firearms/Other Evidence Seized/Recovered by ATF or Other LE Agencies Acting on ATF Information	ATF 0 0 0 0 0		<b>ATF</b>
Number of FFL Inspections Initiated			
Number of FFL Inspections Completed			
FFL Adverse Actions Recommended:			
Number of Warning Letters/Warning Conferences		ATF	ATF
Number of Revocations (Recommended by Division and Concurred by HQ)			
Number of Licenses Surrendered in Lieu of Revocation			
Number of Criminal Enforcement Referrals Made by IOIs to ATF LE			

**Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force)**

**785115-10-0020,**

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**785115-10-0004, Operation Fast and Furious**

**This OCDETF investigation**

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**From:** ATF  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2010 3:30 PM  
**To:** ATF Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Subject:** FW: June 14 GRIT Performance Report  
**Attachments:** June 14 GRIT Performance Report.doc

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**From:** ATF  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2010 12:01 PM  
**To:** Newell, William D.; Needles, James R.; Cook, Nancy F.; ATF  
**Subject:** June 14 GRIT Performance Report

Good afternoon. Attached is the subject Phoenix GRIT Performance report.

The next report will be due on June 18. Thanks, ATF

ATF  
*Program Analyst  
Southwest Border Working Group  
Office of Field Operations  
Bureau of ATF*

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**Phoenix Gun Runner Impact Teams (GRIT)**  
**Performance Report**  
**June 14, 2010**

GRIT Performance for Reporting Period June 4 - June 10, 2010			
	Reporting Period	Since Inception	
Number of Investigative Leads at the Start of GRIT (May 1, 2010)	ATF		
Number of New Investigative Leads			ATF
<b>Total Leads</b>			
Number of Leads Investigated	ATF		
Number of New Actual Criminal Cases Opened	0		
Number of Existing Investigations Supported by GRIT			ATF
Number of Defendants Recommended for Prosecution	ATF		
Number of Referrals to U.S. LE Agencies			
Number of Liaison Activities with the Gov. of Mexico			
Number of Firearms/Other Evidence Seized/Recovered by ATF or Other LE Agencies Acting on ATF Information	ATF		ATF
Number of FFL Inspections Initiated			
Number of FFL Inspections Completed	ATF		ATF
FFL Adverse Actions Recommended:			
Number of Warning Letters/Warning Conferences			
Number of Revocations (Recommended by Division and Concurred by HQ)	-		-
Number of Licenses Surrendered in Lieu of Revocation	-		-
Number of Criminal Enforcement Referrals Made by IOIs to ATF LE	ATF		ATF

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**Phoenix Group VII**

**785115-10-0020**

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ATF Phoenix Group VII Strike Force has begun an investigation

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**Operation Fast and Furious**

This OCDETF investigation has

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**From:** ATF

**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2010 2:26 PM

**To:** Newell, William D.; Cook, Nancy F.; Gillett, George T. Jr.; Needles, James R.; Mangan, Thomas G.;

ATF

**Subject:** July 10 to July 15 2010 GRIT Performance Report

**Attachments:** July 10 to July 15 2010 GRIT Performance Report.docx

Good morning everyone,

This is the GRIT Report for July 10 – 16. If there are any amendments, additions or deletions to be made to the report, please advise me so I can make the changes prior to sending the report to BHQ.

Thanks.



**Phoenix Gun Runner Impact Teams (GRIT)**  
**Performance Report**

GRIT Performance for Reporting Period July 12 -- July 16, 2010		
	Reporting Period	Since Inception
Number of Investigative Leads at the Start of GRIT (May 1, 2010)	ATF	ATF
Number of New Investigative Leads		ATF
<b>Total Leads</b>		
Number of Leads Investigated	ATF	
Number of New Actual Criminal Cases Opened		ATF
Number of Existing Investigations Supported by GRIT	0	
Number of Defendants Recommended for Prosecution	ATF	
Number of Referrals to U.S. LE Agencies	0	0
Number of Liaison Activities with the Gov. of Mexico	0	ATF
Number of Firearms/Other Evidence Seized/Recovered by ATF or Other LE Agencies Acting on ATF Information	ATF	ATF
Number of FFL Inspections Initiated	ATF	
Number of FFL Inspections Completed		ATF
FFL Adverse Actions Recommended:		
Number of Warning Letters/Warning Conferences	0	
Number of Revocations (Recommended by Division and Concurred by HQ)	0	0
Number of Licenses Surrendered in Lieu of Revocation	0	0
Number of Criminal Enforcement Referrals Made by IOIs to ATF LE	ATF	ATF

**Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force)**

**785115-10-0004**

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<sup>19</sup>  
**From:** [ATF]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 21, 2010 9:25 AM

**To:** Newell, William D.; Needles, James R.; Cook, Nancy F.; [ATF] Gillett,  
George T. Jr.

**Subject:** July 19 GRIT Performance Report

**Attachments:** July 19 GRIT Performance Report.docx

Good morning. Attached is the subject Phoenix GRIT Performance report.

The next report will be due on July 23. Thanks, [ATF]

[ATF]

*Program Analyst*

*Firearms Operations Division*

*Office of Field Operations*

*Bureau of ATF*

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**Phoenix Gun Runner Impact Teams (GRIT)**  
**Performance Report**  
**July 19, 2010**

GRIT Performance for Reporting Period July 12 – July 16, 2010		
	Reporting Period	Since Inception
Number of Investigative Leads at the Start of GRIT (May 1, 2010)	ATF	
Number of New Investigative Leads		ATF
<b>Total Leads</b>		
Number of Leads Investigated	ATF	
Number of New Actual Criminal Cases Opened		ATF
Number of Existing Investigations Supported by GRIT	0	
Number of Defendants Recommended for Prosecution	ATF	
Number or Referrals to U.S. LE Agencies	0	0
Number of Liaison Activities with the Gov. of Mexico	0	ATF
Number of Firearms/Other Evidence Seized/Recovered by ATF or Significant Seizures by Other LE Agencies Acting on ATF Information	<b>ATF</b>	
Number of FFL Inspections Assigned	ATF	
Number of FFL Inspections Completed		ATF
FFL Adverse Actions Recommended:		
Number of Warning Letters/Warning Conferences	0	
Number of Revocations (Recommended By Division and Concurred by HQ)	0	0
Number of Licenses Surrendered in Lieu of Revocation	ATF	0
Number of Criminal Enforcement Referrals Made by IOIs to ATF LE		ATF

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Phoenix VII

**785115-10-0004      Operation Fast and Furious**

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