

To: [redacted] **ATF**
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I spoke with [redacted] **ATF** this morning and he advised that he received a phone call about 9 days ago from the Arizona Republic. [redacted] **ATF** advised that the reporter's name was [redacted] **ATF** said that the reporter asked for him to comment on Operation Wide Receiver, his involvement in it and if ATF allowed guns to go to Mexico. [redacted] **ATF** declined the interview.

[redacted] **ATF** was concerned because he had never heard anyone mention the investigation title outside of ATF and how the reporter learned of the investigation title. [redacted] **ATF** also expressed concern over negative media coverage similar to that of the Houston based FFL, who has been the target of several inquiries over the past few months.

I checked open sources and found that [redacted] **ATF** is the reporter on the recent articles focusing on gun trafficking to Mexico from the AZ Republic. There were no mention of Operation Wide Receiver in any of his articles or any other article/website that I could find.

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