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Ken, CRM will be happy to assign a lawyer to this important undertaking. We look forward to supporting and working with ATF.
My best, Lanny

From: Melson, Kenneth E. <Ken.Melson@usdoj.gov>
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Lanny: ATF is convening a panel of law enforcement professionals to review the strategy and practices in complex firearms trafficking cases, in light of the allegations made in the Fast and Furious case. The panel will not review that case, but instead be forward looking to determine the best practices in light of the restraints and resources affecting ATF. Today, we released the following statement:

“The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) will ask a multi-disciplinary panel of law enforcement professionals to review the bureau’s current firearms trafficking strategies employed by field division managers and special agents. This review will enable ATF to maximize its effectiveness when undertaking complex firearms trafficking investigations and prosecutions. It will support the goals of ATF to stem the illegal flow of firearms to Mexico and combat firearms trafficking in the United States.”

I would like to ask for your assistance by providing an attorney from your Division who is experienced in complex gun trafficking cases to work on the panel. We are in the process of preparing a statement of work for the panel. The panel may consist of your Criminal Division attorney, a US Attorney, an ATF SAC, an ATF counsel, a senior ATF manager, and a nationally known, non-federal law enforcement officer. We have also asked the Acting IG to contribute one of the authors of the previous OIG Gunrunner report to assist. We will have a staff available to work with the panel. We would like to have a “law enforcement sensitive” report prepared for our consideration. Could you please let me know if you can be of assistance to ATF.

Thanks. Ken