
From: Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG)
To: Cole, James (SMO)
Sent: 3/9/2011 11:04:41 PM
Subject: Fw: Firearms Trafficking

Fyi

From: Melson, Kenneth E. (ATF)
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 08:31 PM
To: Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG); Monaco, Lisa (ODAG)
Subject: FW: Firearms Trafficking

Just for info, USATX sent out this email to all his SACs, and our SAC sent it to the SWB ATF SACs. As I said, we learned of this before the DAG's call by way of this email. Ken.

From: Hoover, William J.
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 8:18 PM
To: Melson, Kenneth E.
Subject: FW: Firearms Trafficking

As information!

Billy

William J. Hoover
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From: Webb, J. Dewey
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 8:01 PM
To: Chait, Mark R.; McMahon, William G.; Hoover, William J.
Cc: Champion, Robert R.; Newell, William D.; Torres, John A.; Salas, Armando
Subject: Fw: Firearms Trafficking

FYI,

THE US ATTORNEY IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT SENT OUT THE BELOW MESSAGE AFTER A DOJ CONFERENCE CALL TODAY. PLEASE SEE MY BELOW RESPONSE TO HIM AND ALL THE AGENCY HEADS ON HIS EMAIL STRING.

I HAVE CC'D THE OTHER SWB SACS, IN CASE THEIR USA'S ARE SENDING OUT SIMILAR MESSAGES.

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From: Webb, J. Dewey

To: Moreno, Angel (USATXS); [REDACTED] (DHS); [REDACTED] (DEA); Powers, Richard C. (FBI);
[REDACTED] (DHS); Nelson, Cory B. (FBI)

Sent: Wed Mar 09 19:07:10 2011
Subject: Re: Firearms Trafficking

ANGEL,

AS FAR AS I KNOW, WE HAVE NEVER LET ANY FIREARMS WALK TO MEXICO IN THIS DIVISION. AND WHILE WE HAVE DISCUSSED CONTROLLED DELIVERIES TO MEXICO IN OUR JOINT CASES WITH ICE, WE HAVE NEVER MADE CONTROLLED DELIVERIES OF FIREARMS TO MEXICO.

OUR POLICY HAS ALWAYS BEEN, WE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO STOP ALL FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION THAT WE ENCOUNTER IN OUR INVESTIGATIONS.

THANKS,

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From: Moreno, Angel (USATXS)

To: Rutt, Robert P.; [REDACTED] (DEA); (DEA-US); Powers, Richard C. (FBI); Webb, J. Dewey; Saenz, Elizabeth (USMS);
[REDACTED] (DHS); Robinette, Jerry; Nelson, Cory B. (FBI)

Sent: Wed Mar 09 19:08:36 2011

Subject: Firearms Trafficking

Lady and Gents,

I just got off a telephone conference call with Deputy Attorney General James Cole and the other SWB U. S. Attorneys. DAG Cole asked us to relay to all of our agency heads the Department's position on firearms trafficking. He pointed out that he thinks we have all been doing a wonderful job and that this is a high priority for the United States. He said that there have been many issues raised recently in the press and in Congress about gun trafficking, and he wanted to make sure there was no confusion about DOJ's position. This is not a new stance, but he wanted to eliminate any doubts.

If there are going to be any operations, including undercover investigations, these WILL NOT include the firearms crossing the border into Mexico. In addition, he asked that if we became aware of any firearms going into Mexico from other operations, that we STOP them. No guns should cross into Mexico as part of one of our operations. He thanks you for your support and hard work.

If you have any question, please let me know. Thanks,

José Angel Moreno

United States Attorney

Southern District of Texas