

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces

Investigation Initiation Form

OCDETF Investigation No.

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THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS

Operation Name

Case Attorney:

Case Agents(s):

DHS, ATF

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The attached information must be protected and not released to unauthorized individuals.

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OCDETF Investigation No.

SWAZ70496

(Assigned by AUSA Coordinator)

Federal Judicial District Initiating this Investigation: District of Arizona

Special Operations Division (SOD) Coordination: ATF
coordinating with the field to provide guidance

If yes: SOD Staff Coordinator

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Have you received any product from the OCDETF Fusion Center regarding this case? (other than the initial Rapid Enforcement Review)

DHS

Did the OCDETF Fusion Center assist you with asset seizures for this case?

DHS

HIDTA Participation: Yes No

HIFCA Participation: Yes

I. Targeted Organization (N/A if name of organization is unknown)

Name: DHS, ATF

Operation (Code) Name: The Fast and the Furious

II. Prospective Defendants (If more than three, attach "Prospective Defendants Supplement" (OCDETF Form S-2))

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III. Agency Involvement Check all boxes which apply and enter personnel commitment and agency case numbers, if available.

Note: Agency case numbers for Federal agencies must be submitted by the time of the first Interim Report (that is, within six months of the initiation of the OCDETF investigation).

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Does this investigation anticipate requesting State and Local Overtime Funding?

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If yes, please indicate funding source.

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If yes, please indicate an estimated amount for the current fiscal year. (Note-State and Local Overtime Funding must still be submitted through the separate appropriate process for approval.)

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VI. Investigative Techniques Used to Date Supervised by your District: (check all that apply)

General Investigative Techniques

Financial Investigative Techniques

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VII. REQUIRED DATABASE CHECKLIST FOR OCDETF III

Name of Agent
Agency
Telephone Number
OCDETF Operation Name
Judicial District

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The Fast and the Furious
District of Arizona

REQUIRED DATABASE CHECKS

DATABASE	DATE REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
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OPTIONAL DATABASE CHECKS

While not required for OCDETF approval, please provide information, if checks were completed.

DATABASE	DATE COMPLETED
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VIII. SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION (SOD) WORKSHEET

Date Prepared: (MM/DD/YYYY)
01/20/2010

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(If Yes) SOD Operation Name:

Communication Devices previously submitted to SOD:
(If Yes, answer the following)

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Submitted By:

Agency:
DHS

Telephone:

Date Submitted to SOD: (MM/DD/YYYY)
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COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES

(NOT Previously Submitted to SOD)

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IX. Narrative Summary (Number all pages, include investigation number and mark "Law Enforcement Sensitive")

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VIII. Approvals

Initiating District

Regional Coordination Group

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If an agency disagrees with this proposal, which has been approved by majority vote, please indicate below and attach a dissenting statement.

Dissenting Agency: _____

To be completed by the Regional Coordination Group:

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OCDETF Executive Office
Reviewed/Computer Entry:
Initials ___ Date ___

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OPERATION: THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS

A. BACKGROUND / FACTS ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION

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purchasers in December. On December 8, 2009, the SOI received a telephone call from a telephone number identified from Caller ID as belonging to Manuel Celis inquiring about AK-47 style firearms. On the same date, ATF agents identified additional straw purchaser Sean STEWARD through the SOI. During the subsequent surveillance operation, a traffic stop was initiated on a vehicle occupied by STEWARD. The occupants of the vehicle were identified as STEWARD, Manuel CELIS-ACOSTA and Alexander COLACINO. On December 9, 2009, nine firearms purchased by STEWARD on December 8, 2009, were recovered by Douglas, Arizona PD. The firearms were traced by an ICE SAC Phoenix agent on December 10, 2009. ATF agents contacted the Phoenix ICE agents in reference to the seizure.

In December 2009, ATF agents also learned that the investigation had a direct link to OCDETF Operation FLACO FEO under Special Operation Division (SOD) Operation TOMAHAWK (DEA MN #09-0121). In April 2009, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Phoenix Field Division (PFD) and the Special Investigations Unit of the Glendale Police Department (GPD) initiated an investigation that targeted Phoenix-based narcotics distribution cells responsible for coordinating large scale shipments of cocaine and marijuana from Mexico into the Arizona before being distributed throughout the United States. Based on Confidential Source (CS) information, DEA investigators determined that NOEL CONTRERAS manages a large scale cocaine-trafficking organization based in Phoenix.

In December 2004 and January 2005, Noel CONTRERAS was intercepted orchestrating large scale marijuana transactions with Mario and Eron Iturrios-Rodriguez. CONTRERAS was arrested and served three years in prison after pleading guilty to transportation of marijuana for sale. Approximately three years later, CONTRERAS resurfaced in another DEA PFD investigation named Operation EL CABALLO, a joint investigation conducted by the DEA, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Phoenix Police Department (PPD), Department of Public Safety (DPS), and Border Patrol (BP). Operation EL CABALLO targeted the Leobardo GARIBALDI-LOPEZ Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) and resulted in 39 arrests, 60 indictments, and the seizure of \$769,472 U.S. currency, 11 pounds of methamphetamine, 13,246 pounds of marijuana, 28 vehicles, and 25 weapons. Information gathered through surveillance and intercepted calls indicated that GARIBALDI-LOPEZ and his associates were utilizing a sophisticated transportation network to traffic large bulk shipments of marijuana from Mexico to Phoenix, Arizona. During the investigation, investigators identified Noel CONTRERAS as being an associate of the GARIBALDI-LOPEZ DTO. CONTRERAS was arrested subsequent to a vehicle stop where approximately 20 pounds of marijuana was seized from the vehicle CONTRERAS was driving. Information gathered in the investigation indicated that CONTRERAS was responsible for facilitating the remittance of large sums of bulk proceeds from Phoenix to Mexico.

In Operation FLACO FEO, surveillance operations and Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FINCEN) inquiries identified several Phoenix businesses and locations that investigators believe are being utilized to launder narcotics proceeds generated from the sale of cocaine in Michigan and other unidentified locations outside the state of Arizona. On May 11, 2009, GPD investigators determined from surveillance and CS information that CONTRERAS was involved in the coordination of transportation of bulk currency from Detroit, Michigan to Phoenix, Arizona. DEA and GPD investigators were able to identify a tractor trailer driven by Moises OROZCO. A traffic stop on the tractor trailer and subsequent search of the vehicle resulted in

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2. CPOT AND RPOT LINK -

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3. IMPACT OF DISMANTLING/DISRUPTING THE

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4. TARGETED ORGANIZATION

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5. PRINCIPAL TARGETS OF INVESTIGATION AND THEIR ROLES

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6. CONNECTION TO TERRORIST GROUPS, NATIONAL GANGS, AND / OR

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7. EXTENT OF PUBLIC CORRUPTION -

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B. INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES AND GOALS

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C. MANPOWER/RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

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