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Following up from yesterday's discussions:

Are we aware of any times when guns were handed off to [ATF]

See ROI 18 – we followed some guns to a residence we later learned was associated with [ATF]

See also ROI 36 – Stewart purchased 20 AK's. After a long surveillance, Phoenix PD conducted a traffic stop.

[ATF] claimed ownership of the guns. [ATF] is in the car at the time of the stop. The guns were not seized.

Did ASAC Gillette receive any complaints or feedback regarding the investigative techniques used in F&F? Per ASAC Needles, he checked with ASAC Gillette, the answer is no.

The Ombudsman indicates they have not received any communications from S/A [ATF]

OPRSO is checking to make sure they have not received any communications from S/A [ATF]

What audio exists on the video tape of the surveillance aired by CBS? The tape was reviewed. It is short, The audio on the tape is "typical surveillance audio" e.g. "They are coming out." There is no inflammatory audio. The tape ends as the surveillance pulls out of the parking lot.

Were all suspects entered in TECS? Yes, and they always have been. As of yesterday there were no hits on [ATF] (reference the letter from Grassley to CBP)

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